



Welcome to Moot Shanghai 2017!

We are pleased to announce that Moot Shanghai is scheduled to be held from Tuesday March 21, 2017 to Friday March 24, 2017, a week before the official commencement of the Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot. 24 competing teams will be selected through registration requirements and corresponding standards, each of which plays at least four rounds (two rounds as Claimant and the other two as Respondent) in the general rounds. Top eight teams from general rounds will be promoted to eliminating rounds, and the Grand Final will be held on Friday March 24, 2017.

General Requirements

The competing teams successfully registered for Moot Shanghai 2017 should be the ones that are officially registered for:

- (i) The 24th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot(Vienna); **OR**
- (ii) The 14th Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot (HK).

Selection Standards

(i) Two or more qualified teams representing the same country/district are allowed to register for Moot Shanghai 2017.

(ii) With reference to the latest publicly disclosed Vis Moot official data for the 22nd Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna), Moot Shanghai 2017 will adopt a quota system to set the list of 24 competing teams and distribute the proportions of teams to represent respective country/district accordingly. By illustrating the country/district scale of Moot Shanghai 2016, the quota examples of Moot Shanghai 2017 are:

- a) Brazil 2;
- b) China PR 1;
- c) Germany 3;
- d) India 2;
- e) Japan 1;
- f) New Zealand 1;
- g) Singapore 1; and
- h) The United States 4.

(iii) If, within a certain country/district, the amount of signed teams exceeded quota, the ones register later will be temporarily put on 'Waiting List' for further decision; and

If, within a certain country/district, the amount of signed teams failed to reach quota, corresponding satisfactory teams on 'Waiting List' will have the opportunity to fit up.

An advisory committee composed of 9 senior lawyers and professors from international arbitral institutions, international law firms, academic institutions and etc., who are neither coaches nor alumni of the teams requesting for registration will make the final decision through secret voting.

(iv) The above quota system provides 15 spots for the teams to be invited. The above-mentioned advisory committee will be asked to make the final decision on the invitation for the teams requesting for registration from all the jurisdictions to fill in the rest 9 spots through secret voting.

Moot Shanghai 2017 welcomes teams to complete registration by December 31, 2016, and the final list of 24 teams will be determined no later than January 7, 2017 after comprehensive consideration of teams' qualification under the aforementioned selection standards.

The number of a selected team members will be limited to five participant students and one accompanying team coach. Such members will be invited to attend the Grand Final and the Award Banquet to be held on March 25, 2017 for free and tickets will be available for the registered team members. The tickets must be presented for admission to the banquet. Lost tickets will not be replaced. Additional team members and accompanying persons are also invited, but will be subject to USD 100.00 per person.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your queries.

We look forward to welcoming you in Shanghai in 2017!

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