

# CMAC 2022 IN REVIEW

The year 2022 was marked by a serial of milestone breakthroughs in the history of CMAC. The innovation-oriented development strategy has proved to buttress the expansion of our business scope, the establishment of industry connections, the formation of international and regional partnership and the recognition of our users. Recovering from the Covid-19, the world economy is now embracing more open-up initiatives. As a leading international maritime arbitration institution in Asia, we will continue broadening our offerings to users and endeavoring to promote maritime arbitration in the bigger picture.

## **1** Statistics

In 2022, a record-breaking caseload of **190** was achieved, an increase by **123.53%** over the previous year. Among them, **49** were foreign-related cases, covering 30 countries and regions, i.e. South Africa, Congo, Brunei, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Singapore, Liberia, Greece, Israel, Egypt, Pakistan, Russia, Italy, Ethiopia, Djibouti, the United States, Germany, Japan, Brazil, Spain, Canada, the Marshall Islands, the British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Ecuador, Peru, Hong Kong S.A.R. The number of mediation cases reached **51**.



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## The noteworthy highlights of our case statistics include:



The number of **foreign-related cases** increased steadily.

Cases featured by the **English-language procedure**, the application of **foreign laws**, the appointment of **off-list arbitrators** and **new types of disputes** had been on the rise, which indicated the users' growing trust upon our institution and the speeding internationalization of CMAC.



There was a sharp rise in the number of cases of which the **claim amount** exceeds RMB 10 million.



The number of **mediation cases** also sustained a substantial growth, the effectiveness of the **entrusted mediation mechanism** in collaboration with maritime courts nationwide became prominent, and the **arbitration-centered diversified dispute resolution** service was widely recognized.







#### On 18 March

CMAC and China Maritime Law Association (CMLA) jointly released the CMAC Rules as Appointing Authority in Arbitration (**CMAC Ad Hoc Arbitration Service Rules**) and CMLA Ad Hoc Arbitration Rules (**CMLA Ad Hoc Arbitration Rules**), taking the lead in providing Ad Hoc arbitration service in China, satisfying the diversified demands for dispute resolution methods from both domestic and foreign parties.



#### **On 3 September**

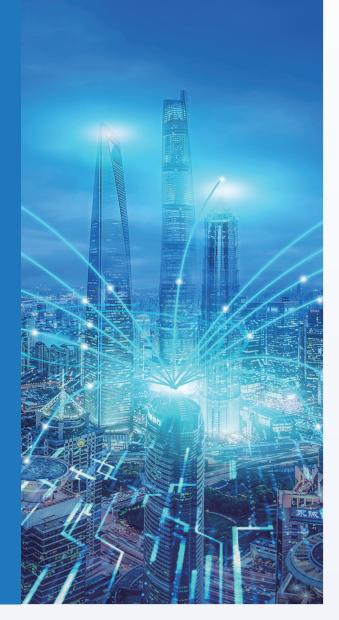
CMAC Ad Hoc Arbitration Service Rules was awarded "**Best Chinese Practice in Services**" at the 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services with CMAC being the one and only arbitration institution amongst the winners.

#### **On 1 December**

The hearing of first Ad Hoc arbitration case for which CMAC appointed the arbitral tribunal was held, a truly memorable breakthrough in the history of Ad Hoc arbitration in China Mainland.

### **3** Service Network

In 2022, the service network was further improved with more CMAC branches expanding business presence in major costal cities in China. The Northeast **Asia International Arbitration Center** of CMAC(Dalian) was inaugurated in August; The Shanghai headquarters was actively engaged in Shanghai's ambitious plan of building itself into a global economic, financial, trading, transport and innovation center and also in the integrated regional development of the Yangtze River Delta. The South China Sub-Commission and the Hong Kong Arbitration Centre have been deeply involved in the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, while Zhejiang Pilot Free Trade Zone Arbitration Center, Qingdao Arbitration Center and Hainan Arbitration Center provided constant legal services for the Free Trade Zones (Ports) where these CMAC branches are situated.







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## **4** Events

In the year 2022, CMAC successfully held 8 high-profile conferences, including "The 2022 China High-Level Dialogue on Maritime and Commercial Arbitration", "The 4th International Maritime Law Forum on Free Trade Ports (Zones)", "The 4th China Maritime Justice and Arbitration Summit", "The 1st Northeast Asia International Commercial Dispute Resolution Summit" and "The 1st CMAC CUP Essay Contest on China Maritime and Commercial Arbitration & Seminar on Career Planning and Cultivation Mechanism for Foreign-related Legal Professionals", bridging Sino-foreign collaboration.

8 High-profile Conferences





















20 Important Conferences and Exhibitions

CMAC also attended more than 20 important conferences and exhibitions in the industry last year, deepening and smoothing international and domestic exchanges, such as "Arbitration Services to Prevent and Solve Cross-border Logistics Disputes", "The 2nd Singapore-China International Commercial Dispute Resolution Conference", "ADR & Investment Summit", "Reform of Arbitration Institutions and Major Issues in Arbitration Law High-end Seminar", "The 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services-Legal Services Exhibition", "The 5th International Underwater Operations and Offshore Industry Expo", etc.



### 5 Public Legal Service

CMAC played an active role in pushing forward the process of conventionalization of *the Draft of Convention on International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships.* In 2022, the 77th General Assembly of the United Nations officially adopted *the Convention on International Effects of Judicial Sale of Ships,* the signing ceremony of which was authorized to be taken place in Beijing in 2023, whilst the Convention was suggested being referred to as "Beijing Convention on Judicial Sales of Ships".

CMAC also positively engaged in legislative amendments such as the amendments towards Arbitration Law tailoring the legal evolution of the entire industry. In the year of 2022, we released the *CMAC Ship Financial Leasing Contract, CMAC Wreck Removal Contract (2022)* and *CMAC Salvage Contract (2022)*, offering pragmatic services for enterprises.

CMAC co-organized the CMAC CUP arbitration essay competition together with 20 universities, organized a seminar on career planning and cultivation mechanism for foreign-related legal professionals.

We concluded MOUs with 8 universities to jointly foster foreign-related legal professionals.

CMAC edited and published our quarterly newsletter *China Newsletter on Maritime and Commercial Arbitration* in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, meanwhile we published a bilingual annual review, *China Review of Maritime and Commercial Arbitration,* in English and Chinese, showcasing the innovative achievements of arbitration. In the coming year, CMAC will systematically lay out and tailor our services to demands generated from the national strategies and regional plans. We adhere to coordinating CMAC, its headquarters and branches to exert the synergy of the system and improve overall quality of the services; We insist on improving case management to consolidate brand awareness, and modernizing our arbitral service by utilizing the advantages of both domestic and international practices. We commit to strengthening industrial collaboration to flourish the soil of development of arbitration; We dedicate to deepening exchanges and cooperation with the international arbitration community to engage in international communication and increase the international influence of the Chinese arbitration.





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