



中国海事仲裁委员会

CHINA MARITIME ARBITRATION COMMISSION

CMAC 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW





2023 was truly a year of milestone for China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC). Led by the 18th Committee, CMAC has forged ahead with fortitude and enterprise, persisted in institutional reform and arbitration innovation and made abundant achievements.

01 | Dispute Resolution Statistics

In 2023, CMAC's caseload hit a record high. CMAC received a total of **1124** new filings, which represents a **491.58%** increase from 190 in 2022. Of those cases, **1064** were domestic cases, **39** were foreign-related cases, and **23** were Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan-related cases. The parties involved were from **32** jurisdictions.

The highlights of 2023 statistics include:

- ★ A sharp increase in the number of claims with the amount over CNY 100 million.
- ★ Diversified dispute resolution mechanisms, such as court-entrusted mediation and mediation-arbitration (Med-Arb), have been widely recognized by users, and have shown potential to bridge gaps in standalone dispute resolution strategy.
- ★ A trend of increase has been witnessed in new types of maritime disputes, such as disputes arising from offshore engineering, renewable energy trade (photovoltaic equipment) and transfer of vessel equity.
- ★ A remarkable inclusion of commercial disputes, in particular financial services disputes, has contributed to CMAC's record-breaking caseload.
- ★ The first ad hoc arbitration in which CMAC acted as the appointing authority was successfully concluded in June. The redacted arbitral award has been published with the consent of all parties.

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Foreign-related Cases

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Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR
and Taiwan-related Cases

23

Domestic Cases

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Jurisdictions Involved

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02 | Rules and Case Management

In June, CMAC launched the Report on the 1-Year Anniversary of 2021 CMAC Arbitration Rules: Achievements and Prospect (The Report), the CMAC Guidelines on Tribunal Secretary, and the CMAC Guidelines on Case Manager. The Report aims to enhance the transparency and quality of arbitration management, and the Guidelines standardize professional services.

CMAC formally launched the Ad Hoc Arbitration Guidelines for China Pilot Free Trade Zone in Fujian, Zhejiang, and Dalian respectively, taking the initiative to experiment with ad hoc arbitration in China's Pilot Free Trade Zones under the current legal framework.

CMAC has always kept close relationships with other alternative dispute resolution institutions and adjudicative bodies in order to facilitate more outreach efforts of promoting ADR services.

CMAC also actively engaged with China's Supreme People's Court (SPC) to develop the "one-stop" diversified international commercial dispute resolution platform that integrates litigation, mediation and arbitration, enabling both Chinese and foreign parties to participate in the whole process of international commercial dispute resolution online.



03 | Service Network and Capacity Building



New branches were set up in China's major coastal cities, including CMAC Maritime Silk Road Arbitration Centre in Xiamen, and CMAC Greater Bay Area Arbitration Center (South China Sub-Commission) in Guangzhou.

To further improve our service performance, CMAC offered training programs that cater to both novice and experienced arbitrators, focusing on skill development, ethics, procedures and the practical aspects of dispute resolution.

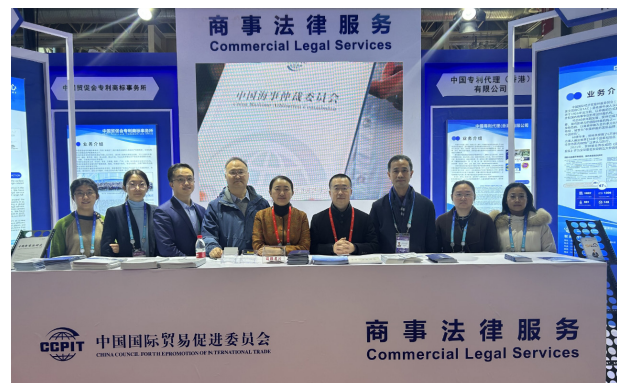
04 | Events and Outreach Programs

Throughout the year, CMAC organized or co-organized a mix of events ranging from hybrid events to virtual webinars to reach a wider audience, such as the 3rd China High-level Dialogue on Maritime and Commercial Arbitration, the 1st High-level Symposium on Maritime Silk Road International Economics and Trade Arbitration, the 5th China Maritime Justice and Arbitration Summit Forum, the 5th International Maritime Law Forum on Free Trade Port/Zone, and the 2nd Northeast Asia International Commercial Dispute Resolution Summit.

Hosts

5 High-profile Conferences





CMAC was invited to attend and/or speak at over 20 high-profile events, such as the 7th International Mediation Summit Forum, the signing ceremony of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships (also known as the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sales of Ships).

CMAC was part of the exhibitors at the 1st China International Supply Chain Expo (CISCE), the 2023 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), and the 6th China International Import Expo (CIIE), to extend our reach to new users and market segments.

CMAC also took part in the filming of the second season of the documentary series 'Arbitration in China'. And to better enhance information flow within the law and maritime sectors, CMAC published China Newsletter on Maritime and Commercial Arbitration (Volumes 9-12), a quarterly newsletter covering important news and events of CMAC, latest news of the shipping and legal industry.

05 | Global Collaborations

In 2023, external networkings and cooperations were more extensive, and the outcome was more productive.

CMAC has been officially admitted as an observer to UNCITRAL as a non-governmental organization in its Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and VI (Negotiable Multimodal Transport Documents).

CMAC delegations made marketing trips to Russia, Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR, Malaysia and Singapore, and received visits from Malaysia, Brazil and Russia. By signing MOUs with different counterparts, we have deepened collaborations and generated greater awareness of CMAC in the Asia-Pacific region.

Receiving Visits From Foreign Delegations



Making Marketing Trips to Other Countries and Regions



Signing MOUs for Partnership



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Public Legal Services

CMAC actively engaged in making proposals for the amendments on PRC Arbitration Law and PRC Maritime Law.

CMAC played an active role in promoting the pilot work of international arbitration center construction in Shanghai and Beijing so as to build China into a new destination for international arbitration.

CMAC organized the 2nd CMAC Cup Essay Contest in International Maritime and Commercial Arbitration. To extend our warmest congratulations to all prize winners, the Awards Ceremony and a Seminar on Career Planning and Cultivation Mechanism for Foreign-related Legal Professionals was held in Xiamen on 8 November.

The MOUs with Renmin University and other 7 prestigious universities will help jointly foster foreign-related legal professionals.

The 2nd CMAC Cup Essay Contest



The MOUs Signing with 8 Universities for Forstering Foreign-related Legal Professionals



Plans for the Year 2024

While celebrating our past achievements, we sincerely thank all the support from you and look forward to more in the coming year. In the upcoming 2024, CMAC will continue to grow from strength to strength and to work towards achieving its vision to become a leading international arbitration institution for maritime and trade related matters.



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