

# SCMA BANGKOK SEMINAR 2024

20 March 2024, Wednesday

9:30am - 1:45pm

Hilton Bangkok Grande Asoke

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA), together with Joseph Tan Jude Benny LLP (JTJB LLP) and JTJB International Lawyers Co Ltd, would like to invite you to a seminar addressing:

- Developments in the application of force majeure clauses in view of the unpredictability of climate change
- Assessment of war risks coverage given the recent attacks on shipping in the Red Sea
- Application of SCMA procedural rules to assist with resolving international disputes arising from shipping and international trade sectors

To confirm your attendance, please click on [this link](#). Should you have any enquiries regarding this Seminar, please contact us via email at: [mail@scma.org.sg](mailto:mail@scma.org.sg).

We wish to thank the following supporting organisations: Bangkok Shipowners and Agents Association (BSSA), Thai National Shipper's Council (TNSC), Thai Logistics ADR Centre (TLAC), the Thai Freight Forwarders Association (TIFFA) and Thai Shipper's Association (TSA).

## Programme

9:15am Registration with Morning Coffee/Tea

9:45am Welcome Remarks

9:50am Using SCMA Arbitration Rules for Dispute Resolution

10:15am Re-thinking the Force Majeure Clause: What is the Impact and Unpredictability of Climate Change and Frequency of Trade Disruption on the Application of Force Majeure Clauses? Perspectives from Singapore and Thailand law

10:45am Networking Coffee Break

11:15am Panel Discussion on the issue of War Risks

12:15pm Q&A

12:35pm Networking Lunch

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# Speakers' Profiles



**Ms Bernice Yeoh**

Executive Director, SCMA

Ms Bernice Yeoh has been the Executive Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) since May 2022. Before her current appointment as Executive Director of the SCMA, Bernice was with the Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) for 16 years, holding positions as Senior Director (Strategy & Policy) and Director (International Maritime Centre). She was involved in developing Singapore as an international maritime centre, particularly in maritime services including maritime insurance, and maritime law and arbitration.



**Mr John Sze**

Managing Partner, JTJB

Mr John Sze is the Managing Partner of JTJB, a Singapore headquartered regional law firm with a particular specialisation in shipping, international trade and international arbitration.

John has over 20 years experience in advising clients on the shipping and trade matters, and regularly acts as lead counsel in disputes before the Singapore Courts and in arbitrations seated in Singapore, Hong Kong and London.

He has also provided expert witness on Singapore shipping law in US and UK court proceedings. John's involvement in Thailand started in 2006 when he was seconded to JTJB Thailand and helped to establish JTJB International Lawyers Ltd. He continues to work closely with JTJB Thailand on many shipping, international trade and arbitration cases.



**Mr Naiyachon Tatchong**

Managing Partner,  
JTJB Thailand

Mr Naiyachon Tatchong has been the Managing Partner of JTJB International Lawyers since August 2015 and he has practised as a lawyer for more than 18 years. Naiyachon graduated with a LLB and LLM from Thammasat University. Furthermore, he has been listed as a panel arbitrator of Thailand Arbitration Centre (THAC).

Naiyachon has focused on Shipping, Maritime and Transportation practices, Naiyachon's areas of work has generally been in the area of Business and Commercial Dispute especially in construction disputes, shareholder disputes, labour disputes, intellectual property disputes and trade competition disputes in both Local Thai Court and International Arbitration.

Naiyachon has been recognised as a Recommended Lawyer by Legal 500, Distinguished Practitioner by Asianlaw, Thailand Top 100 Lawyers by Asia Business Law Journal and Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation.



**Ms Jolene Tan**

Counsel, JTJB

Ms Jolene Tan is a Counsel at JTJB and is part of the shipping and admiralty team. She has experience with commercial dispute resolution and routinely acts for and advises various stakeholders in charterparty, cargo and crew disputes.

Jolene has acted for commodities companies in matters involving trade financing and has also advised and acted for judicial managers and liquidators of Xihe Holdings on various shipping matters involving almost 100 vessels, following the collapse of Hin Leong Trading and Ocean Tankers (Pte) Ltd.

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**Ms Sirasa Supawasin**  
Vice-President (Legal) &  
Director, Precious Shipping  
PCL (Thailand)

Mr Srinivas Kavi serves as the Assistant Vice President of Risk Management at Precious Shipping, dealing with insurance and claims. With a tenure dating back to 1995, Srinivas has gained extensive experience in handling charter party-related disputes. His expertise extends to managing arbitration cases, participating in mediations and court proceedings, and resolving a wide range of disputes. He is also actively engaged in managing marine hull and cargo claims as they arise.

Furthermore, Srinivas is a member of the ESG group at Precious Shipping. In his leisure time, he enjoys reading about Indian Philosophy, which keeps him busy on the weekends.



**Mr Juthathawat Pengsri**  
Vice-President (Marine  
Insurance Department),  
MSIG Thailand

Mr Juthathawat Pengsri is a law graduate of Thammasat University. He obtained his LL.M. in Maritime Law in UK. His marine passion developed when he started working in a maritime legal consulting firm. This led him to insurance industry where he gained his DipCII. After enjoying years of marine underwriter, he shifted back to work with the shipowners to handle H&M, P&I and FDD insurance for Thoresen Shipping.

In his 17 years of working experience, he found time to share Marine Insurance and his marine passion at the Ramkhamhaeng University and to various training / speaking engagements. He is currently Vice President at MSIG Insurance (Thailand). He is also a member of Marine Insurance & Logistics Committee, Thai General Insurance Association (TGIA).



**Mr Bhaskar Nigam**  
Head of Loss Prevention,  
Shipowners Club

Mr Bhaskar Nigam is currently the Head of Loss Prevention (Singapore) for the Shipowners' Mutual P&I Club. He spent more than 10 years at sea and has extensive experience in container shipping. During his time at sea, he has, on numerous occasions, transited piracy affected waters such as in the Singapore Straits as well as the Indian Ocean High Risk Area. Upon moving ashore in 2012, he worked with multi-purpose and heavy-lift vessels, engaged in carriage of project cargo for the oil and gas industry in Australia.

He joined the Shipowners' Club in 2013 and in his current role is responsible for developing and implementing the Club's strategy for Loss Prevention and to work with Members through loss prevention exercises and initiatives.



**Mr Jack Marriott-Smalley**  
Head of Southeast Asia  
Pacific, NorthStandard

Mr Jack Marriott-Smalley is responsible for ensuring members within my region receive first class service from the club, whether it be a successful outcome to a challenging claim or finding an underwriting solution to a gap in cover, Jack provides members with the support they need to trade. After joining the club as an Underwriting Assistant in 2011, Jack moved to Singapore in 2014, and was appointed Regional Underwriting Director in 2017 responsible for the underwriting of the Club's Asian membership.

In addition to overseeing service delivery in Southeast Asia, Jack also takes an active role in the management of the Singapore War Risks Mutual. Having worked across several of the club's business classes, Jack is passionate about providing members with a one stop shop of insurance solutions to respond to the challenges they face when trading globally.

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