

**Dr. Christopher To**

**Why do I want to run for President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.**

The simple answer is that I want to make our organisation the premier organisation in the world for arbitration, adjudication, mediation and other forms of dispute resolution (collectively known as “ADR”). Having been involved with a leading international arbitration centre for sometime now and a active member of the East Asia Branch of the institute, I am convinced that global out-reach and training are crucial for our continual success. In fact, we have the best training programmes in the world run by people like you who have contributed a lot of your valuable time and energy (often on pro-bono basis) to assist in making the programmes what they are today, you should be proud, as I am indeed proud of what we have achieved.

Looking forward, I am of the view that we need to capture the increasing demand for ADR services and position ourselves as the organisation that caters for the needs of legal and non-legal professionals who have an aspiration to be involved in ADR in some way or form.

Most people know of me as a person of action and one who likes to work with others to make things happen. I do not confess that I am perfect, on the contrary I truly believe that life is a continuing learning process where one makes mistakes along the way with the ultimate satisfaction that at the end of the day you are bound to achieve some success in some way or form.

Using this same philosophy, I hope to work with you to make our institute “Great” and above all an institute that has foresight and vision to excel for the betterment of not just from our roots in the United Kingdom but from a global perspective.

The simple answer is that we need to now grasp the opportunities and position ourselves as the body that commands the respect and standing of the ADR global community. In order to achieve this and with your support and assistance I will focus on 5 areas (of equal importance and of no particular order) namely:

**Young Practitioners**

I hope to work with our younger members so that they can feel that they are part of the community and can be proud of being associated with the institute. One day they will lead us to new heights and I believe it is crucial that we work hand

in hand with them to achieve the needed success in the future. With their energy and can-do spirits I am confident the institute will be in good hands going forward.

### **Pathways to success**

I hope to continue working with members and the secretariat to further enhance our training capabilities so that those who have gone through our training will see the added value which will stand them in good stride in their professional careers. For those who simply want a qualification that is of high standing, the institute would be the place for them to pursue such credentials.

### **Global interaction**

Many branches are doing excellent work within their own jurisdiction, being a global brand, I strongly believe that we need to work together for the benefit of the organisation as a whole. I hope with your support, I would like to see more interaction with various branches whereby branches will jointly work on various projects together thus creating signature events and programmes that have an impact locally and globally.

### **People – Our members**

People make the organisation a success, by working with all stakeholders including the secretariat, I would put forward initiatives that would add value to our members so that they feel that the institute is looking after their needs and that they do in some way or form have a say in shaping the institute going forward.

### **Community relations**

Communities are our life blood to achieve greater success. I hope with your support we can venture to new uncharted territories by spreading the good words of ADR and the institute so that those unfamiliar with us, will benefit from you and the institute's wisdom and knowledge.

Working together and striving for success is something that I have strong aspirations for our members and the institute. With your support and guidance ideas could become realities.

Finally, I would like to thank you and the institute for assisting me in my career development of which I am truly grateful and proud of being associated with such an esteem group of individuals and a institute that provide qualify training we can all be proud of.

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