

The "Northeast Asia International Commercial Dispute Resolution Forum" was successfully held in Shenyang

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On the afternoon of November 15, 2025, the "Northeast Asia International Commercial Dispute Resolution Forum" was successfully held in Shenyang. The forum brought together legal experts and scholars from many countries, as well as heads of relevant industry associations and arbitration and mediation institutions in Liaoshen to discuss the practice of commercial dispute resolution in Northeast Asia, and build a "dispute resolution bridge" for enterprises, law, arbitration and mediation institutions in the region.

Focus on regional cooperation and empower dispute resolution

In his opening speech, lawyer Zhou Jiaqing, director of Beijing Hylands (Shenyang) Law Firm, pointed out that in the context of the deep evolution of the global economic pattern, it is crucial to strengthen international commercial legal cooperation and build an efficient dispute resolution mechanism. This forum focuses on the proposition of this era, gathers the wisdom of all parties, and seeks a new chapter in the development of regional legal cooperation.

He said that as a participant in the construction of the Northeast Asia Regional International Commercial Dispute Settlement Center, Hylands Law Firm strives to gather the professional strength of the Northeast Asian legal professional community, advocate and strive to build an international commercial dispute resolution service platform based in Northeast China, radiating Northeast Asia, and connecting the world, and providing foreign-related enterprises with diversified dispute solutions integrating litigation, arbitration and mediation. As a central city in Northeast Asia, Shenyang is based on national strategy, relying on its own industrial and scientific and technological innovation advantages, and facing the broad market of Northeast Asia, which is not only of great strategic significance for the revitalization of the entire Northeast region, but also for deepening cooperation between China and Northeast Asian countries. In the future, the center will promote the "Northeast Asia Regional International Commercial Dispute Settlement Forum" to be held regularly in Shenyang to jointly promote the construction and improvement of the business environment based on the rule of law in Northeast Asia.



China Practice: Construction and Innovation of Yanbian Northeast Asia International Commercial Dispute Settlement Center

In his keynote speech, lawyer Shen Suran, a consultant expert of the Yanbian Northeast Asia Regional International Commercial Dispute Settlement Center, systematically introduced the construction process, operation mechanism and innovative achievements of the center. She pointed out that since its inauguration in October 2022, the center has formed a "one-stop" multi-dispute resolution platform, integrating multiple resources such as courts, judicial bureaus, arbitration commissions, and lawyers to achieve a full-process foreign-related civil and commercial dispute resolution mechanism.



International perspective: Experts from the United States, Japan and Malaysia analyze the bankruptcy and mediation system

1. United States: Chapter 11 Synergy Mechanism for Bankruptcy and Mediation

Eric D. Schwartz, a partner at Morris Nichols Law Firm, systematically introduced the Chapter 11 restructuring process under the framework of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and its collaborative practice with the mediation mechanism under the title of "In-depth Study of the U.S. Bankruptcy and Mediation System". He pointed out that the Chapter 11 restructuring process provides a

"breathing room" for companies to continue operating under the protection of the court and restructure their debts, which is one of the core mechanisms of the U.S. bankruptcy system. Under this framework, Delaware has become the preferred location for bankruptcy reorganization for many businesses due to the efficiency and predictability of its professional bankruptcy courts, significantly improving procedural efficiency. In addition, mediation, as an important method of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), plays a key role in bankruptcy cases. Its confidentiality, flexibility and low cost advantages make it an effective way to handle complex debt disputes, which not only helps maintain the commercial relationship between the parties, but also enhances the overall effectiveness and fairness of the bankruptcy process.



2. Japan: The pluralistic mediation system is in line with international standards

In "Introduction and Analysis of Japan's Mediation System", Naoyuki Sumita, a partner at City-Yuwa Law Firm in Japan, elaborated on the three major systems of civil mediation in Japanese courts, the private certification ADR mechanism, and the "persuasion" of settlement in litigation. He stressed that with the official implementation of the Singapore Mediation Convention in 2024, the enforcement of international commercial mediation agreements in Japan will be more convenient and provide cross-border enterprises with a more efficient dispute resolution channel.



3. Malaysia: Local practice of judicial administration and mediation

Da Ri Xing, Managing Partner of Malaysia Da Ri Xing Law Firm, introduced Malaysia's judicial management system and mediation mechanism with the title of "Malaysian Bankruptcy and Reorganization Cases and Their Mechanism Analysis". He pointed out that Malaysian courts actively encourage parties to reach settlements through mediation before litigation, and have professional institutions such as the Malaysian International Mediation Center and the Asian International Arbitration Centre to provide low-cost and high-confidentiality dispute resolution services for enterprises.



1. Retreat strategy: legal procedures and tax optimization

In "In-depth Analysis of Tax Issues and Risk Avoidance in Japanese Bankruptcy Procedures", Hiroyuki Kaneko, representative partner of Kaneko International Accounting Partners, systematically analyzed the three paths for enterprises to exit the Japanese market - dissolution and liquidation, bankruptcy reorganization and equity transfer, and compared the tax treatment and time cost under various methods. In particular, he reminded that the Sino-Japanese tax treaty can provide preferential tax rates for dividend distribution, and enterprises should plan in advance to control the tax burden.

2. Corporate investment in Germany and Cambodia: social observation and legal navigation

In "Corporate Investment in Germany and Cambodia: Social Observation and Legal Navigation", Du Rui, senior consultant of Hylands Law Firm, analyzed that the German market is characterized by strict regulations and strict standards, and enterprises need to focus on compliance requirements such as packaging law, battery law, and portrait rights. Cambodia, on the other hand, has the advantages of relatively loose laws and low labor costs, but it needs to pay attention to key issues such as land ownership, project quality and RCEP rules of origin.

Forum Summary: Building a New Ecology for Dispute Resolution in Northeast Asia

The forum successfully integrated "international vision" and "regional focus", and experts from many countries conducted in-depth exchanges on commercial dispute resolution in Northeast Asia, showing the diverse characteristics of various countries in bankruptcy, mediation and other systems.

Northeast Asia has frequent commercial exchanges, and the need for dispute resolution is becoming increasingly prominent. We have created this high-end legal exchange platform to build a "dispute resolution bridge" for enterprises and legal institutions, where the legal experience of

different countries can converge and collide, and finally condense into commercial dispute resolution wisdom that fits the regional characteristics of Northeast Asia.

Experts at the meeting called for the establishment of a regular exchange mechanism, such as holding regular seminars, conducting cross-border legal research, and jointly building a "Northeast Asia Commercial Dispute Resolution Think Tank" to promote the implementation of the concept of synergy. In the future, we hope to build an efficient regional cooperation network with all parties to help enterprises prevent risks, resolve disputes flexibly, and let the law truly escort economic and trade cooperation in Northeast Asia.

The successful holding of the "Northeast Asia International Commercial Dispute Resolution Forum" is an important practice of the internationalization strategy of the Northeast Asia Regional International Commercial Dispute Settlement Center. In the future, the center will continue to promote the integration and cooperation of the Northeast Asian legal professional community starting from this forum, attract more top international legal experts and regional industry experts to contribute their wisdom, and jointly escort the prosperity and development of regional economy and trade.

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