

KAAS at 30 Years: Past, Present, and Future

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The Korean Association of Arbitration Studies faces its 30th anniversary in 2020 since its foundation in 1991 and is being celebrated and congratulated across the communities in and out of the country. However, the association seems to be standing at crossroads between a negative and positive direction. As shown in the past KAAS pattern in its academic activities, the academic community tends to focus relatively more on domestic issues, expanding its domestic network rather than international network for the past years. KAAS needs to turn its face to see the other side of the world, stretching its hands to the people outside first. For this purpose, this paper suggests that KAAS should strengthen its cooperative capability through the international cooperation division. KAAS' past 30 years of accumulated know-how and its academic network will play critical roles in expanding its partners across the global academic community. This paper delivers special thanks to the institutions, including the LMAA, CAC, SIAC, HKIAC, RSP/ACRU, IDAC, and LAMC who sent cooperative works and congratulatory messages to KAAS 30th anniversary despite the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Key Words : The Korean Association of Arbitration Studies (KAAS), academic history, 30th anniversary, international cooperation, academic community

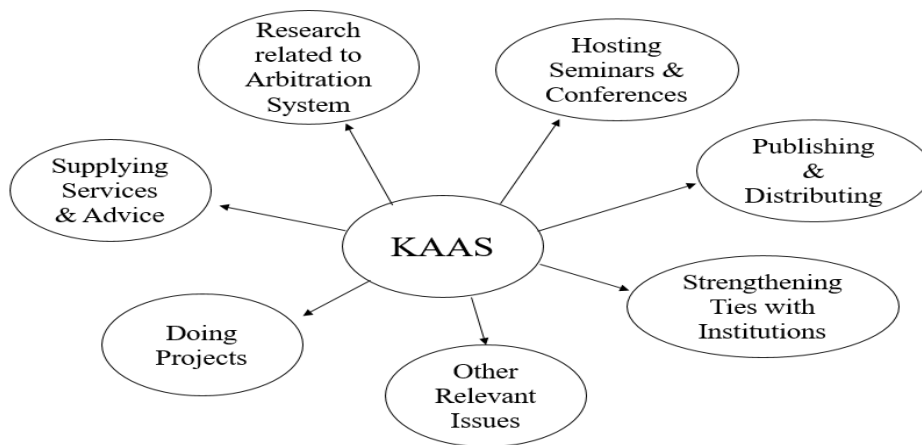
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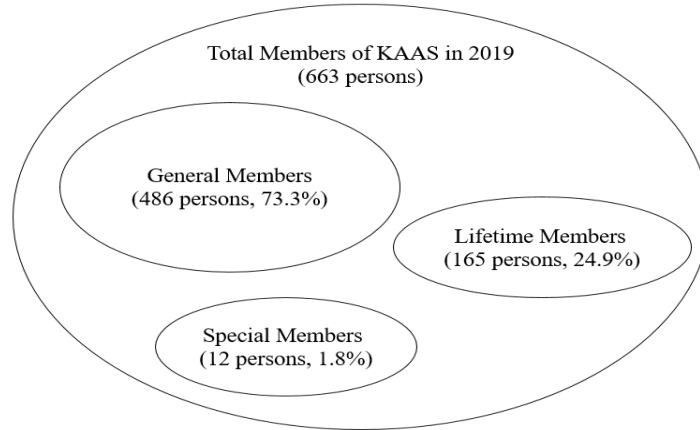
I. Introduction

The Korean Association of Arbitration Studies is an academic arbitration institution located in Seoul, Korea. The purpose of KAAS is to contribute to the academic development and improvement of the arbitration system by presenting and discussing the results of research and research in cooperation with universities, research institutes, government institutions, law companies, and related economies or industries. KAAS major programs include research related to the theory and practice of the arbitration system, hosting seminars for presentation of research results, publishing and distributing academic journals and bibliography, supplying services and advice on research and research related to the arbitration system, strengthening ties with relevant domestic institutions and promoting international cooperation, and doing projects recognized by the board of directors as necessary to achieve KAAS roles.



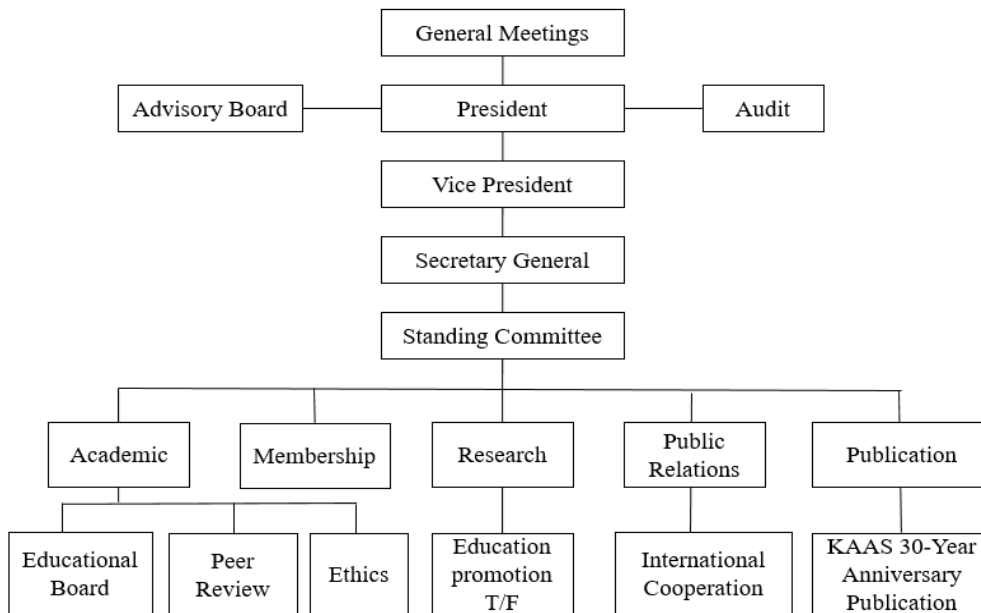
<Figure 1> The 7 Major Programs of KAAS

KAAS has 663 members as of 2019 in Korea. Most of the members are lawyers, arbitrators, professors, entrepreneurs, and government officers who are involved in arbitration, ODR, ADR, and international law. The total 663 members include 486 general members, 165 lifetime members, and 12 special members.



<Figure 2> The KAAS Membership Status in Korea

KAAS is operated by General Meetings in which the election of representatives, changes to the articles in KAAS regulations, and budget are handled. Presidency goes for 2 years after being elected by Vice President. There are five major divisions handling academic programs, membership, research activities, public relations, and publication. The two teams of International Cooperation and KAAS 30-Year Anniversary Publication were newly installed in 2020.



<Figure 3> KAAS Organization Chart in 2020

II. The Chronology of KAAS in 30 Years

1. KAAS Foundation and Presidents in Its History

KAAS was first founded in 1992 by Dr. Ton-Kak Suh of Korea National Academy of Science and he managed the association as its first and second president. 30 years have passed since then and 13 presidents changed in every second year from 1992 to 2021.

<Table 1> KAAS Foundation and Presidents in its History

No	Year	KAAS Presidents
Founded	October 20, 1992	Founded on October 20, 1992
1 st to 2 nd	1992-1996	Dr. Ton-Kak Suh (The National Academy of Sciences, Korea)
3 rd	1996-1998	Prof. Hong-Kyu Kim (The National Academy of Sciences, Korea)
4 th to 5 th	1998-2002	Prof. Ki-Ihn Chung (Hanyang University)
6 th	2002-2004	Prof. Byung-Hui Yang(Konkuk University)
7 th	2004-2006	Prof. Sang-Ho Kim (Busan University of Foreign Studies)
8 th	2006-2007	Prof. Ki-Soo Lee (Korea University)
9 th	2008-2010	Prof. Suk-Chul Kim (Gachon University)
10 th	2010-2012	Prof. Sun-Hee Yun (Hanyang University)
11 th	2012-2013	Prof. Sang-Ryul Shim (KwangWoon University)
12 th	2014-2015	Prof. Jin-Ki Yoon (Kyungnam University)
13 th	2016-2017	Prof. Chung-Kon Cho (Gangneung-Wonju National University)
14 th	2018-2019	Prof. Yong-Kil Kim (Wonkwang University)
15 th	2020-2021	Prof. Choong-Lyong Ha (Busan University)

2. KAAS History of International Seminars and Conferences

From 1998 to 2019, KAAS held 23 international seminars and conferences in and out of the country. The major issues presented and discussed in the academic activities include arbitration, UNCITRAL, commercial arbitration, trade conflicts, government policies, corporate resolutions, IPR, FTA, dispute settlements, and ADR. And the participants are from all across the world also as presenters and discussants.

<Table 2> KAAS International Academic Activities from 1998 to 2019

No	International Academic Activities
1	International Arbitration Seminar Date : October 17, 1998 Venue : Trade Tower (Seminar Room on the 49th Floor), Korea
2	Prof. Jay Siegal (Harvard University) Invitation Seminar Date : June 7, 2000 Venue : Trade Tower (Seminar Room on the 49th Floor), Korea
3	UNCITRAL Seminar on International Trade Law Date : November 6 to 8, 2000 Venue : The Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security(International Seminar Room), Korea
4	Korea-Japan International Arbitration Symposium Date : September 28, 2002 Venue : Trade Tower (Seminar Room on the 49th Floor), Korea
5	Korea, Japan, and China International Arbitration Conference Date : August 18, 2003 Venue : Beijing Arbitration Commission (Beijing, China)
6	Korea-China International Arbitration Symposium Date : April 22, 2005 Venue : Qingdao University, China
7	East Asia International Arbitration Conference Date : April 23, 2005 Venue : Qingdao University, China
8	International Arbitration Policy Seminar Date : May 13, 2006 Venue : Korea University, (Seoul, Korea)
9	Singapore International Arbitration Seminar Date : July 6, 2006 Venue : RAFFLES PLAZA HOTEL, Singapore
10	Singapore International Arbitration Seminar Date : 10.27, 2006 Venue : Grand Intercontinental Hotel (Seoul, Korea)
11	International Forum for Northeast Asia Trade Revitalization Date : August 24 to 25, 2007 Venue : Dandong Hotel, China
12	Korea, Japan, and China Commercial Arbitration International Conference Date : May 9, 2008 Venue : Seoul National University (Seoul, Korea)
13	Korea-Russia Energy Cooperation Policy Seminar & Conference Date : August 22, 2008 Venue : Oakwood Hotel (Seoul, Korea)
14	Korea-Philippines Economic Cooperation Policy Seminar & Conference Date : July 9 to 13, 2009 Venue : Century Park Hotel (Manila, Philippines)

No	International Academic Activities
15	Korea-Spain Economic Cooperation Policy Seminar & Conference Date : July 12 to 13, 2010 Venue : Autonomous University of Barcelona(Barcelona, Spain)
16	Korea-China Arbitration as a Resolution to IPR Date : July 23 to 25, 2011 Venue : Central South University of Finance and Economics Law (Wuhan, China)
17	Korea-China Commercial Arbitration Development in FTA Era Date : August 16 to 19, 2012 Venue : Dalian Maritime University (Dalian City, China)
18	Korea-Mongolia Economic Cooperation & International Arbitration Development Date : July 10 to 15, 2013 Venue : Mongolian University of Humanities (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)
19	Key Issues and Suggestions in Revising the Arbitration Act of Korea Date : July 2, 2014 Venue : Trade Tower (Seminar Room on the 51st Floor), Korea
20	Korea-China Conference by the 10th Anniversary of Korea's CISG Membership Date : October 16, 2015 Venue : COEX (Seoul, Korea)
21	KAAS 2019 Vladivostok International Conference Date : July 13 to 16, 2019 Venue : Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, Russia
22	2019 KAAS Seoul ADR Festival International Conference Date : July 27, 2019 Venue : Korea Commercial Arbitration Board, Seoul IDRC (Seoul, Korea)
23	Hanoi International Conference Date : December 19 to 21, 2019 Venue : Thuongmai University, Hanoi, Vietnam

III. The Academic Status of KAAS

1. KAAS Journal (Journal of Arbitration Studies)

The Journal of Arbitration Studies has its own unique trade law-focused specialized academic research sectors which are very exclusive to average people in Korea. So, there are no other competitive journals in Korea. There are, however, relevant or

similar many trade, economy, and law – based academic societies. The KCI IF (Korea Citation Index Impact Factor) of KAAS’ journal, Journal of Arbitration Studies, in 2 years as of the year 2019 is 0.85.

<Table 3> The Journal of Arbitration Studies KCI IF

IF year	KCI IF (2 years)	KCI IF (3 years)	KCI IF (4 years)	KCI IF (5 years)
2019	0.85	0.89	0.87	0.84

*Source: National Research Foundation of Korea

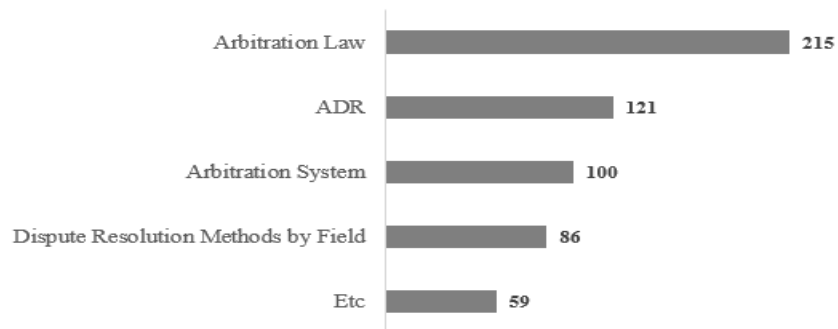
KCI Impact Factor 2019 for 2 years can be calculated in the formula(1) in which the total number of cited KAAS journal in year 2019 is divided by the total papers in the same field for 2 previous years from 2017 to 2018.

* *KCI IF* 2019 for 2 years =

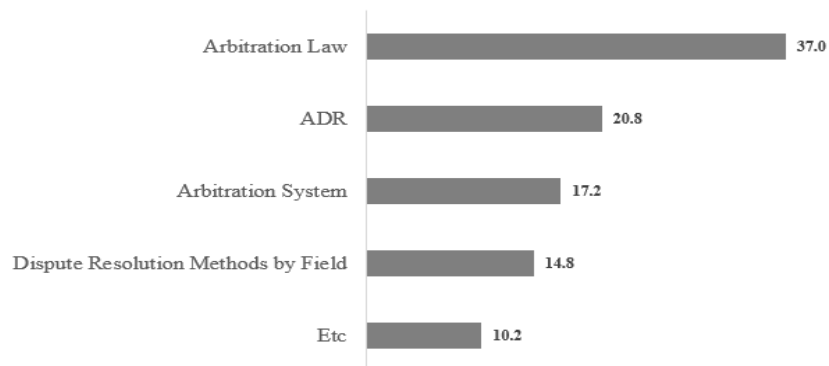
The 3-year KCI social science impact index of JAS as of 2019 is 0.89, ranking 423 out of 910 academic journals. This appears to be within the range of rankings above the average among social science journals (top 46.5%). In addition, the 4-year influence index is 0.87, which ranks 412 out of 910 academic journals, and also maintains an above-average ranking among social science journals (top 45.3%), consistently exceeding the average level among all social science journals in Korea.

2. KAAS Research Fields and Issues

In the past 30 years, a total of 581 papers of KAAS have been published. The following is an analysis of the research topics of KAAS for the past 30 years by field. Among the 581 papers in the KAAS journals, the number of papers on ADR is 121(20.8%), on Arbitration System is 100(17.2%), on Arbitration Law is 215(317%), on Dispute Resolution Methods by Field is 82(14.8%), and on other issues is 59(10.2%) respectively.



<Figure 4> The Number of KAAS Papers by Research Field



<Figure 5> The Proportion of KAAS Papers by Research Field

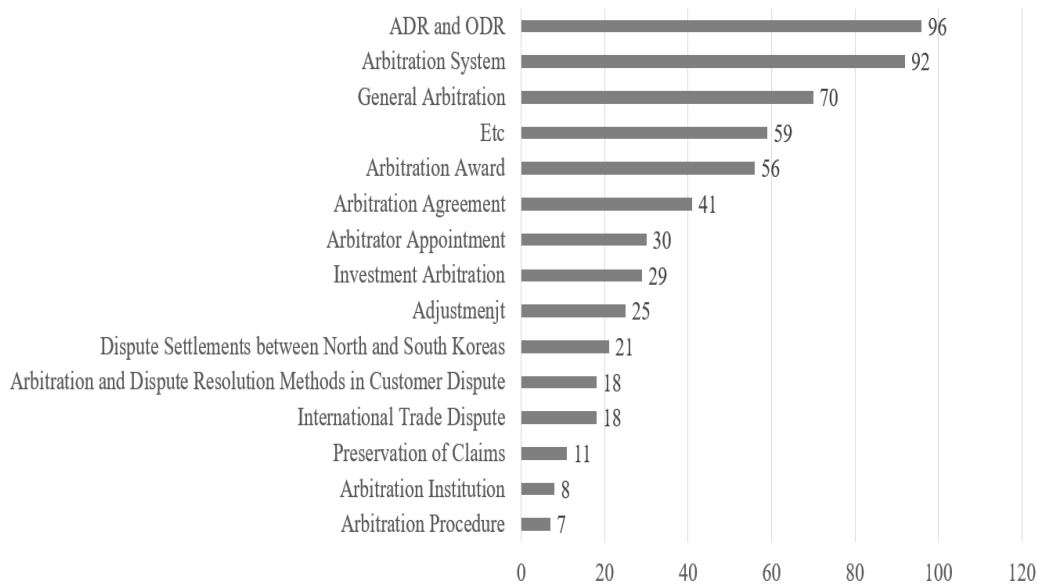
The subject of ‘Arbitration Law’ has been mostly and frequently studied by KAAS members. In the field of Arbitration Law, there are six major issues of General Arbitration(12%), Arbitration Award(9.6%), Arbitration Agreement(7.1%), Arbitrator Appointment(5.2%), Preservation of Claims(1.9%), and Arbitration Procedure(1.2%).

<Table 4> The Research Fields & Issues by KAAS Journal

Research Fields	No. of Papers	Proportion (%)	Issues	No. of Papers	Proportion (%)
ADR	121	20.8	ADR and ODR	96	16.5
			Adjustment	25	4.3
Arbitration System	100	17.2	Arbitration System	92	15.8
			Arbitration Institution	8	1.4

Research Fields	No. of Papers	Proportion (%)	Issues	No. of Papers	Proportion (%)
Arbitration Law	215	37.0	General Arbitration	70	12.0
			Arbitration Award	56	9.6
			Arbitration Agreement	41	7.1
			Arbitrator Appointment	30	5.2
			Preservation of Claims	11	1.9
			Arbitration Procedure	7	1.2
Dispute Resolution Methods by Field	86	14.8	Investment Arbitration	29	5.0
			Dispute Settlements between North and South Korea	21	3.6
			International Trade Dispute	18	3.1
			Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Methods in Customer Dispute	18	3.1
Etc	59	10.2	Etc	59	10.2
Total	581	100.0		581	100.0

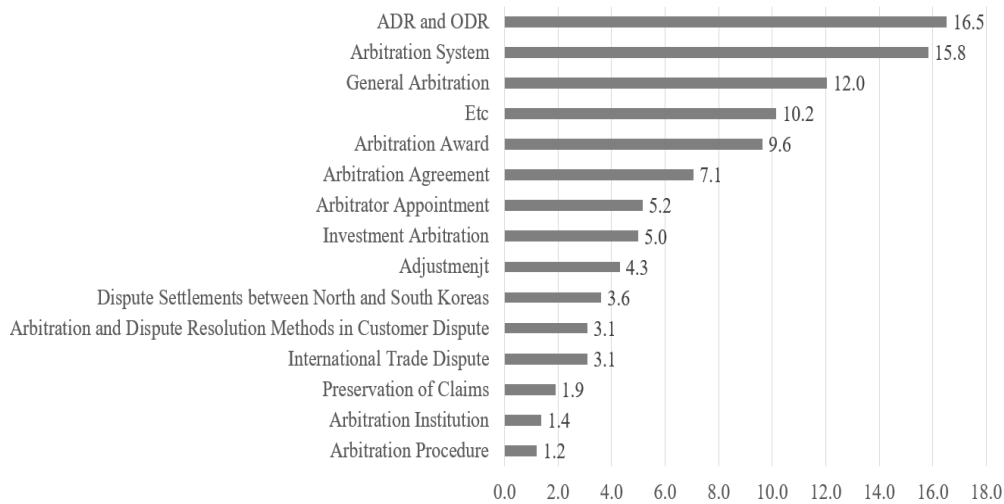
*Source: Prof. Junho Sung



<Figure 6> The Number of Papers by Issue

The mostly and frequently studied issues are ADR and ODR 96(16.5%), Arbitration System 92(15.8%), and General Arbitration 70(12.0%). The three major issues make up almost 45% of the total 581 papers. This statistics shows that KAAS journal has a

typical arbitration-focused feature also.



<Figure 7> The Proportion(%) of Papers by Issue

IV. Future Vision: Strengthening International Relationship

1. Congratulatory Message from 7 Institutions to KAAS 30-Year Anniversary Publication

KAAS contacted more than 40 international institutions and arbitration-related organizations across the world in August 2020 with no prior arrangements with them. Fortunately, seven of the institutions thankfully gave KAAS feedback and CEO's congratulatory messages to the 30-year anniversary of KAAS. They are LMAA (The London Maritime Arbitration Association), HKIAC(Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre), SIAC(Singapore International Arbitration Centre), CAC(The Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agriculture Chamber of the Czech Republic), RSPP/ACRU(The Arbitration at the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs), IDAC (The International and Domestic Arbitration Center India) and

LAMC(Lebanese Arbitration and Mediation Centre).

*The 30th Anniversary of The Korean Association
of Arbitration Studies*

August 3, 2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am so happy to introduce my academic institution titled ‘The Korean Association of Arbitration Studies’ which meets 30th anniversary of its foundation since 1990. KAAS has been playing an important role in the development of arbitration through academic research and conferences related to arbitration as the only academic arbitration research organization in Korea for over 30 years. With the increasing international transactions across the world, litigation is becoming more and more complicated and the role of arbitration is becoming greater and greater. In order to further strengthen the function of such arbitration, it can be said that above all, it is essential to consider the theory and practical tasks related to successful trade dispute resolutions. Recognizing this, KAAS has become a successful arbitration-committed academic research organization to develop Korea's arbitration. KAAS also cooperates with the Ministry of Justice for constructive policy measures to implement the Justice of Law and to resolve Trade Disputes through arbitration.

I am delivering the news of 30th anniversary of our organization to you for our potential future partnership with your organization in academic researches, exchanges of arbitration know-hows, sharing training programs, holding joint conferences and so on. And I would like to ask you to allow us to have a “Congratulation Message from your CEO or President to our 30th Anniversary Event”. We plan to include your congratulatory message in our 30th Anniversary Publication and in the Special Issues of our Arbitration Journal of October this year, which are all to be delivered to you with E-mail in the format of pdf. So, I eagerly ask you to spare a bit of time for the message with signature. Thank you so much in advance and have a wonderful day. If you have any question on this, then please contact Prof. Cheolkyu Maeng at maengcap@gmail.com with no delay. Thanks.

Sincerely,



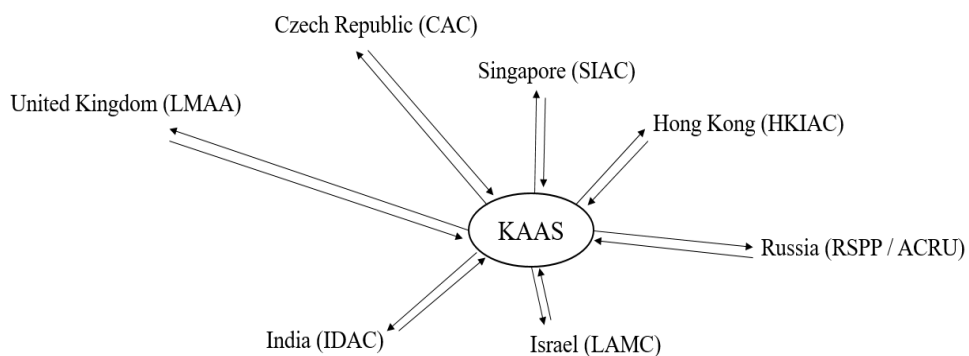
Yong-Kil Kim

Chairman of Editor

30-Year Anniversary Publication Division

<Figure 8> The KAAS Letter for 30th Anniversary Publication in 2020

The prominent institutions of Czech Republic, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Russia, and United Kingdom are everywhere in the world. KAAS plans to deliver its special thanks to them officially and hopes to keep a good relationship with them for further academic and practical cooperative works in the near future.



<Figure 9> The List of Seven Institutions Sending Congratulatory Message to KAAS in 2020

<Table 5> LMAA: The London Maritime Arbitration Association

Title of Organization	The London Maritime Arbitrators Association	CEO	Bruce Harris, CArb, FCIArb, FRSA
Contact Information	Address: The Baltic Exchange, 38 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BH		
	Website: www.lmaa.london	Phone: +44 20 7283 7701	
Major Fields	The resolution by its members, through arbitration or mediation, of disputes of any nature whatsoever involving, or related to, ships and shipping and vessels of all kinds.		

<Table 6> HKIAC: Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

Title of Organization	Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre	CEO	Sarah Grimmer, Secretary-General
Contact Information	Address: 38th Floor Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong		
	Website: www.hkiac.org	Phone: +85 2 2525 2381	
Major Fields	HKIAC is a company limited by guarantee and a non-profit organisation established under Hong Kong law. It is one of the world's leading dispute resolution organisations, specializing in arbitration, mediation, adjudication and domain name dispute resolution. HKIAC also offers state-of-the-art hearing facilities, which have been ranked first worldwide for location, value for money, IT services and helpfulness of staff.		

<Table 7> SIAC: Singapore International Arbitration Centre

Title of Organization	Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)	CEO	Chairman: Davinder Singh, SC CEO: Lim Seok Hui
Contact Information	28 Maxwell Road #03-01 Maxwell Chambers Suites Singapore 069120		
	Website: www.siac.org.sg	Phone: +65 6713 9777	
Major Fields	SIAC is ranked among the top 3 international arbitral institutions in the world and provides best-in-class arbitration services to the global business community.		

<Table 8> CAC: The Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic

Title of Organization	The Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic ("CAC")	CEO	JUDr. Juraj Szabó, Ph.D.
Contact Information	Address: Vladislavova 17, 110 00 Prague, Czech Republic		
	Website: www.soud.cz	Phone: +22 2 333 350	
Major Fields	CAC's major fields are Domestic arbitration disputes, International arbitration disputes, and Online arbitration		

<Table 9> LAMC: Lebanese Arbitration and Mediation Center

Title of Organization	Lebanese Arbitration and Mediation Center	CEO	Rayan Kouatly
Contact Information	Address: Beirut Chamber of Commerce, 1, Justinian Street, Sanaye', Beirut, Lebanon		
	Website: https://www.lamc.org.lb	Phone: +96 1 1 349616	
Major Fields	LAMC provides administration and monitoring services for arbitration and mediation proceedings in Lebanon. It caters the local and international business communities, private and public institutions and the government. LAMC's services are not confined to the conduct of arbitration and include a wide range of other ADR procedures. LAMC also acts as administrator and appointing authority in ad hoc proceedings. LMAC's key sectors are construction, civil law, banking and finance, real estate.		

<Table 10> RSPP/ACRU: The Arbitration Centre at the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs

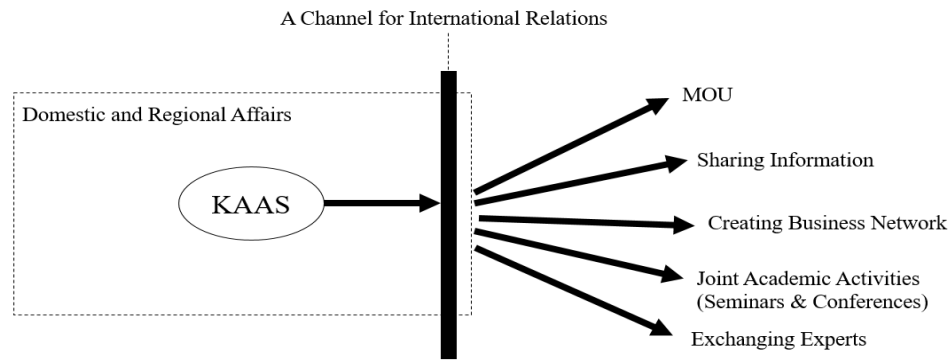
Title of Organization	The Arbitration Centre at the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP / ACRU)	CEO	Victor V. BLAZHEEV
Contact Information	Address: 17 Kotelnicheskaya Embankment 109240 Moscow Russia		
	Website: http://arbitration-rspp.ru/en/	Phone: +7 495 545 08 08	
Major Fields	A financial panel is set up to resolve disputes arising in the area of circulation of securities, from derivative financial instruments and agreements entered into during stock exchange trade. The panel is set up on the basis of the Arbitration Commission under Moscow Stock Exchange JSC and the Arbitration Court of the National Association of Securities Market Participants (NAUFOR) succeeded by the Arbitration Centre at the RSPP.		

<Table 11> IDAC India: International and Domestic Arbitration Centre

Title of Organization	International and Domestic Arbitration Centre (IDAC) India	CEO	Secretary General: Ms.Rumani Sheth
Contact Information	Head Office: 403, Tardeo A/C Market (4th Floor), Tardeo Road, Mumbai - 400034 Registered Office: 1008 Ocean, Sarabhai Road, Genda Circle - Vadodara - 390023		
	Website: www.idacindia.org		
Major Fields	IDAC India is registered in 2016 as a Non Profit Company. The institution is supported by an Advisory Board consisting of Judges, eminent legal persons and robust industry participation. The institute has 183 Arbitrators on a Pan India basis many of whom are eminent retired jurists, domain experts well versed with Indian Industrial complex		

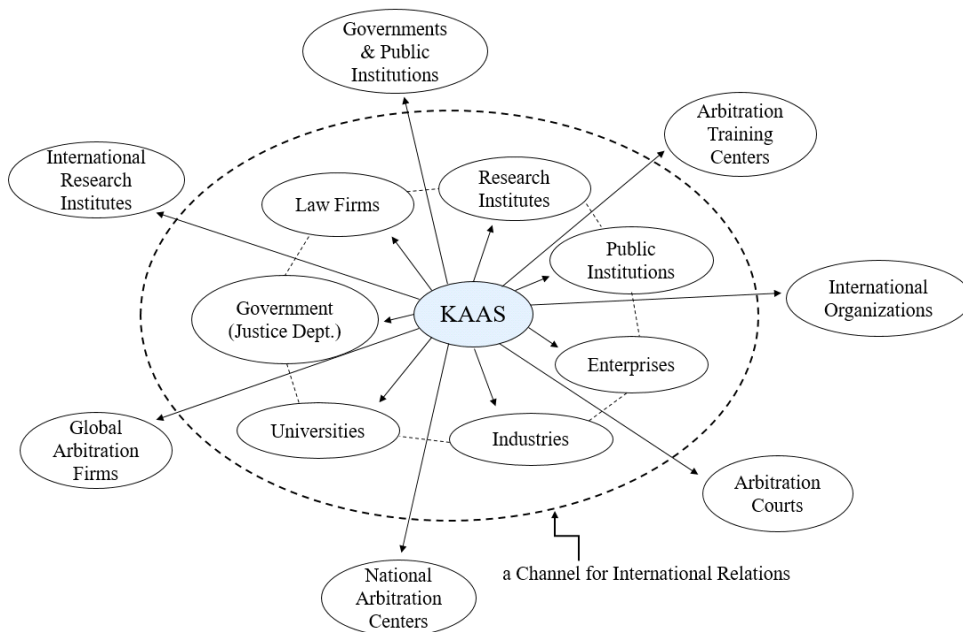
2. A Plan for Strengthening International Relationship

For the past 30 years, KAAS has conducted a lot of academic works and activities including journal publishing, project-based works, consulting, holding international conferences and so on, all of which was relatively done in a domestic or regional scope. For now it is high time to open up its door to the world and to further its pivotal roles as an authorized academic association for arbitration studies in Korea. Through establishing brand-new international cooperation department, KAAS facilitate its international programs including joining MOU, sharing information, creating business network, exchanging experts, and holding joint seminars or conferences.



<Figure 10> KAAS Vision to Establish A Channel for International Relations

For the international activities KAAS should communicate and cooperate with government or public institutions, arbitration training centers, international organizations, global arbitration firms, national arbitration centers, and arbitration courts also.



<Figure 11> Stakeholders in Domestic and International Relationships in KAAS Future Plan

V. Concluding Remarks

In the year of 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic rampant across the world, KAAS faces its 30th anniversary, which is being celebrated and congratulated in and out of the country. For now, however, the association seems to be standing at crossroads between negative and positive direction.

For the past 30 years, KAAS was committed to studying international commercial arbitration, ADR, ODR, and other relevant issues, and to establishing its academic status among Korea's domestic communities related with international dispute settlements successfully. As shown in the past KAAS pattern in its academic activities, the academic community tends to focus relatively more on domestic issues, expanding its domestic network rather than international network for the past years. KAAS needs to turn its face to see the other side of the world, stretching its hands to the people outside first.

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Finally, this paper delivers special thanks to the institutions including LMAA, CAC, SIAC, HKIAC, RSPP/ACRU, IDAC, and LAMC also as they sent cooperative works and congratulatory messages to KAAS 30th anniversary despite COVID-19 pandemic situation in 2020.

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- The London Maritime Arbitration Association, www.lmaa.london