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**Workshop on Effective Enforcement of Business
Contracts and Efficient Resolution of Business
Disputes Through the Hague Choice of Court
Agreements Convention
Cebu, Philippines
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(Sta. Maria Ballroom 1, Radisson Blu Hotel)
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Organized by the Department of Justice of Hong Kong, China
in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Regional Office
of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)
and the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific

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8.30-9.00 a.m.	Registration
9.00-9.10 a.m.	<p>Opening</p> <p>Welcome Remarks: Mr. Rory McLeod, Chair, APEC Economic Committee, Director, Ministry of Economic Development, New Zealand</p> <p>Introduction: Dr. James Ding, Convenor, SELI, Deputy Principal Government Counsel, Department of Justice, Hong Kong, China</p>
9.10-10.10 a.m.	<p>Overview of the Hague Choice of Court Agreements Convention</p> <p>Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General, HCCH</p>
10.10-10.25 a.m.	Questions and Answers
10.25-10.45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10.45-12.20 p.m.	<p>Implementation of the Convention: opportunities and challenges</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Julie Nind, Principal Policy Advisor, Trade and Regulatory Cooperation Team, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, New Zealand</p> <p>Panel of Experts:</p>

	<p>Ms. Thian Yee Sze, Director-General, Legal Group, Ministry of Law, Singapore</p> <p>Mr. Mike Dennis, Executive Director, Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law, USA</p> <p>Prof. Leonel Perezniето Castro, External Advisor to the Office of the Legal Counsel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico</p>
12.20-12.45 p.m.	Questions and Answers
12.45-2.30 p.m.	Lunch hosted by the Department of Justice at FERIA, Radisson Blu Hotel
2.30-3.40 p.m.	<p>Law of International Commercial Contracts</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Anselmo Reyes, Representative of HCCH Asia-Pacific Regional Office</p> <p>UN Convention on International Sale of Goods: Mr. Joao Ribeiro, Head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts: Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General, HCCH</p>
3.40-4.00 p.m.	Questions and Answers
4.00-4.20pm	Coffee Break
4.20-4.55 p.m.	<p>Conclusions and Recommendations</p> <p>Prof. Anselmo Reyes, Representative of HCCH Asia-Pacific Regional Office</p>
4.55-5.00 pm	<p>Closing</p> <p>Dr. James Ding, Convenor, SELI, Deputy Principal Government Counsel, Department of Justice, Hong Kong, China</p>