

**CLIENT UPDATE
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**APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN
INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE**

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1. Referring to our previous [Client Update dated 2 May 2020](#) and [Client Update dated 28 April 2020](#), all appointment requests, decisions and/or approvals requiring the consideration of the Director of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (“**AIAC**”) are put on hold until an announcement is made on the appointment of a new Director of the AIAC.
2. On 16 November 2020, the Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Parliament and Law) had announced through a [media statement](#) that YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Suriyadi bin Halim Omar has been appointed as the new Director of the AIAC.
3. According to the said media statement, the appointment would take effect from **1 December 2020** onwards.
4. Given the above, it is expected that new adjudication matters which were previously registered but pending the appointment of an adjudicator, would now resume as usual from 1 December 2020 onwards.
5. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you have engaged us for adjudication matters, please contact the lawyers assigned to you if you require any further information as well.

6. As before, existing and ongoing adjudication proceedings which already have adjudicators appointed remain unaffected and would continue as usual.

As this is a developing matter, we will keep you updated if there are any changes or developments.

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