

KYOTO/OSAKA 2011

The theme for the Kyoto/Osaka Conference was "Innovation".

Innovative business and transaction structures that take into account taxation, international trade and other aspects of cross-border investment are constantly evolving.

We in CBIC foresee substantial opportunities for the exchange of experience and skills in the context of interesting conference program topics in cooperation with other IPBA committees.

CBIC was involved in the planning of a number of programs such as:

- 1. "INNOVATIVE CROSS-BORDER INVESTMENT TECHNIQUES - What's Happening and Future Directions" - A Joint Session with Taxation Committee;**
- 2. "M&A Negotiation Trends and Practices in U.S. and Asian Private Target, Public Target and LBO Deals" (Part 2) - A Sequel to Original Program in IPBA Singapore Conference; and**
- 3. "Innovative Due Diligence Techniques - Is That Possible and How Can We Improve?"**

Regional/Local Conferences: Mid-Year 2010 Stuttgart Conference

The CBIC leadership was actively engaged in the planning and presentation of a special seminar for the **Mid-Year 2010 Stuttgart Conference on 16-18 October in Stuttgart, Germany, on "Asian Counterparts in Corporate Transactions - Asian and European Perspectives."**

SINGAPORE 2010:

The Singapore Annual Conference 2010 was IPBA's 20th Annual Conference and the most well attended conference in IPBA's history. The CBIC sponsored or co-sponsored four very well-attended programs:

- **M&A Negotiation Trends and Practices in U.S. and Asian Private Target, Public Target and LBO Deals.**

As a continuation of the CBIC's ongoing series of M&A seminars, this program featured a panel of top quality speakers who dealt with two main topics: "What are the deal-breakers?" and "What is market?"*

- **Clean Development Mechanisms: After Copenhagen.**

The program was jointly organised jointly with the Environmental Law and International Trade Committees and drew upon experiences from the Copenhagen Conference in summarizing the role of Clean Development Mechanisms in addressing Climate Change. Cross-Border Law Reforms - Change in Investment Climate. This program was organised together with the International Trade Committee and focused on recent regulatory and investment climate changes in various jurisdictions providing a comparison of different approaches as adopted by different countries/regions.*

- **The Resurgence of Nuclear Power in an Era of Climate Change.**

Jointly organised by the CBIC and the Environmental Law, International Trade, and the Energy & Natural Resources Committees, this program dealt with the benefits and difficulties of using nuclear power as an alternative to carbon intensive energy production technologies, highlighting the resurgence of nuclear power in the U.S., Canada, Sweden, and India. The program also dealt with bilateral nuclear technology exchange agreements.

MANILA - 2009

The CBIC sponsored or co-sponsored three programs at the Manila Conference which was attended by some 450 delegates:

- **Trade Law Risk in International Mergers & Acquisitions**
- **Dealing with Corruption and Illegal Matters Affecting Cross-Border Investment** (*presented in cooperation with the International Trade Committee*)
- **Privatization of Enterprises in Asia.**

LOS ANGELES - 2008

The CBIC was the most active committee at the Los Angeles Annual Conference (attended by some 700 delegates), sponsoring or co-sponsoring five programs:

- **The Global Investment Race for Energy and Resources** (*presented in cooperation with the Energy & Natural Resources Committee*)
- **Go West, Good Investor, Go West . . . to the West Coast**
- **Investment Arbitration under Bilateral Investment Treaties: Lessons Learned from the Latin American Experience** (*presented in cooperation with the International Trade and Dispute Resolution & Arbitration Committees*)
- **M&A Execution in China: What Every Deal Team Needs to Know**
- **M&A Due Diligence in Asia**

BEIJING - 2007

The CBIC presented a half-day program in cooperation with the Banking, Finance and Securities Committee on Public and Private M&A in the Asia-Pacific Region and China, with speakers from China, Japan, Malaysia, and Canada.

SYDNEY - 2006

The CBIC presented programs dealing with various aspects of cross-border investment in the era of Bilateral and Multilateral Investment Treaties and Free Trade Agreements.