## THE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION IN JAPAN

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## ABSTRACT

There are two major arbitration institutions in Japan dealing with international arbitration cases. One is the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), the other is the Japan Shipping Exchange, Inc. (JSE). However, the number of international commercial arbitration cases conducted in Japan is very small. On the other hand, lawyers and professors put great deal of energy and time into the promotion of arbitration, the training of future arbitrators and the academic study of arbitration law. In order to find the reasons why the number of arbitration is so small in Japan, we have to make a sociological comparison between the situations in Taiwan, Korea and Japan. This article examines the possible reasons for imbalance between the small number of international arbitration cases and the capacious infrastructure for international arbitration in Japan, with the aim of figuring out the difficulties in the promotion of arbitration in Japan.

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