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“A coming challenge for all countries is the development of reliable skilled arbitral structures outside the established centres to serve a rapidly developing world commercial community and in which all countries feel they have some part to play”, the Hon. Justice Allsop of the Federal Court of Australia said yesterday at the Inaugural AMTAC Address.

AMTAC has the following objectives:

- To support and facilitate international and domestic arbitration and mediation;
- To promote to Australia and the Asia Pacific region maritime and transport scholarship, affairs and dispute resolution; and
- To establish registers of arbitrators, mediators and expert with experience in maritime and transport matters.

AMTAC, which is a Commission of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, has been established with the support of the Federal Attorney General's Department and comes at a time when approximately 12% of world trade by volume either comes into Australia or out of Australia by sea.

AMTAC Foundation Members, who were announced by AMTAC's Chair, Mr Peter McQueen, at the Inaugural Annual Address, are as follows:

Associated Marine Insurers Agents Pty Ltd
Attorney General's Department
Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors
Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration
Australian Federation of International Forwarders
Australian Logistics Council
Australian Marine Safety Authority
Australian Maritime College
Australian Shipowners Association
Company of Master Mariners of Australia Limited
Department of Transport and Regional Services
Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers Australia/New Zealand Branch
Lumley Marine and Logistics
Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand
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