



Foreword

I was indeed honoured to be asked to provide the foreword for this second issue of the **DIAC Journal – Arbitration in the Middle East**. This, I do with great pleasure, particularly after having had the opportunity to see and read the scholarly first issue which was published earlier this year.

Less than a year ago, I spoke at the opening of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre and it is extremely impressive that within that short period of time we are presented with one of its valuable achievements, the Journal. It is an excellent and distinctive achievement.

I say it is an excellent achievement because despite the abundant literature produced around the world on the subject of arbitration, there is very little published on arbitration in the Middle East. It is all the more surprising that so little is written on this topic when one considers its unique nature, including culture, legal framework and background.

It is a distinctive achievement because of the quality and style it has aspired to and has certainly achieved in its first issue. It is also distinctive since its task of increasing and diffusing knowledge in the Middle East is a noble one and the desire of knowledge, like the thirst for riches, increases ever more with its acquisition.

It has been said that a wise man is strong, but with knowledge his strength increases and his power multiplies. I therefore look forward with great expectation to future issues and further knowledge of the various aspects of arbitration in the Middle East.

Finally, I wish the Centre and its Journal further accomplishments and an illustrious future.

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