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Proust Questionnaire

Name: Trina Tan

Age: 25

Hometown: Singapore

Current City: Singapore

Current Employer: DWF LLP

Education: University of Nottingham

How did you get involved in international arbitration? Assisted in an SIAC arbitration under the Expedited Procedure rules

What is your favourite virtue? Kindness

What are your favourite qualities in another person? Empathy

What is your chief characteristic? Cheerfulness

What is your main fault? Impatience

What is your favourite occupation? Dog-sitter

What is your idea of happiness? Dinner parties with my family and friends, filled with laughter, good food and wine

What is your idea of misery? Monotony – I love trying and learning new things

If not yourself, who would you be? Content curator at a publishing house

Where would you like to live? I've lived in Singapore, Jakarta, New York and Nottingham, and strive to be a global citizen. I would love to live in London – it has a very vibrant, diverse and artistic community.

Who is your favourite prose author? Milan Kundera

Who is your favourite hero/heroine in fiction? Anne Frank – although she's not fictional!

Who is your hero in real life? My parents

What historical person do you most dislike? People who put their political interests over the interests of the general public; people who commit crimes against humanity (Adolf Hitler, Khmer Rouge)

What is your favourite name? The nicknames my friends call me by

What do you hate the most? Insincerity, duplicity

What is your natural talent? Keeping spirits up!

What is your favourite arbitration-related decision? *A co and ors v D and anor* [2018] SGHCR 9 – a very memorable decision to me. This was part of a highly contentious dispute which involved multiple litigation and arbitration proceedings. In this particular proceeding, my team successfully resisted an application for a stay of proceedings in favour of arbitration under Section 6 of the Singapore International Arbitration Act and/or for the purposes of case management.

Who is your favourite arbitrator? Any arbitrator who is fair, balanced and even-handed.

Who is your mentor? My colleagues – Oommen Mathew, Charis Tan and Kate Lan

What is your motto? Always act with kindness and integrity

What do you hope to contribute to Young ICCA? Bringing arbitration to young practitioners around the world