

Regional News for May 2010

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Contract Forms Commonly Used in China *Denny Mak*

6 May 2010: 80 members/guests attended the “Contract Forms Commonly Used in China” held in Function Room, The Hong Kong Productivity Council, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon.

This seminar discussed various forms of construction contract commonly used in China including international standard forms such as FIDIC, EPC and domestic form covering various fields like building, engineering, surveying, services and consultancy. The difference between principle of contract laws applied in China and international construction were also addressed. A topic about the approvals, filing and licenses for major projects attached interesting questions raised by audiences.

The speakers Ellen Zhang and Helen Chang come from Pinsent Masons offices in China. They have extensive experience in the reviewing and drafting construction contracts including adapting international forms of contract to be China compliant.



Both speakers gave very interested topics on construction contract principle and procedure applied in mainland China

Audiences were interested in raising questions in order to understand the difference in contract law used between the Chinese form and international contract form



Beijing Visit 2010

Denny Mak

9 - 15 May 2010: Led by Chairman Eric Lo, Senior Vice Honby Chan and Vice Chair Miranda Lui attended the International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum organised by the China International Contractors Association (CHINCA) on 11 & 12 May. Do not think they could spend some days for tour, they had a hectic schedule of meeting old friends and new contacts. During the other days they called on other esteemed organisations including Tsinghua University, China Overseas Engineering Group Co. Ltd., China Harbour Engineering Company Limited, CHINCA, Beijing Society of Surveying and Mapping and Shui On Land. This also shows that ICES members are professional in programme management that they achieved the targets for visiting those large organisations within such few days.

We would report separately to UK head office in formulating future plan for development in China.

During our visits, we discussed with heads of these organisations about the future cooperation opportunities such as arrangement of CPD and training in there, the possibility of their provision of speakers and the arrangement of joint functions.

The heads of these organisations were also keen to join ICES. In view of their qualifications and seniority we would be pleased to recommend their joining. This would also help us in promoting ICES in their organisations as well as in China.

HKIS Annual Conference 2010

Denny Mak

4 Sep 2010: The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) has invited ICES to be one of the supporting organisations of the HKIS Annual Conference which will be held on Saturday, 4 September at Conrad Hong Kong. This conference is a significant event which will attract a number of audiences from government officials, property developers, academia and professionals.

International Construction Law Conference 2010

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Dec 2010: The Society of Construction Law Hong Kong will present a biennial construction law conference in Hong Kong on 5 – 7 December at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. This year the conference entitled “Internal Construction Law Conference 2010” will bring together leaders in construction law from across the world. ICES was invited to support this event. There will be a registration discount specially for our members of HK\$750.



Society of Construction Law Hong Kong
香港建築師學會

International Construction Law Conference 2010

5 - 7 December, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre



Preliminary Conference Programme

Sunday, 5th Dec
Evening Registration
Cocktail Reception

Monday, 6th Dec
Keynote Address
Morning Session: Procurement and Conditions of Contract, including topics such as:
• NEC, J1010 and other forms
• WTO Issues
• China Procurement Law
Afternoon Session: Dispute Avoidance and Resolution, including topics such as:
• Dispute Systems
• Dispute Resolution Trends
Evening Gala Dinner

Tuesday, 7th Dec
Introduction
Morning Session: Time and Programme Issues
Afternoon Session: China – Home and Abroad, which may include a Mass Casualty Session

Call For Sponsors

The Conference will bring together leaders in Construction Law from throughout the world and will be one of the largest events that Hong Kong has ever staged on this subject. It will offer participants an opportunity to exchange ideas and information on emerging trends and developments in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution.

We now invite interested sponsors for the International Construction Law Conference 2010. In general, the Conference will be composed of presentations and panel sessions, which will be made up of international experts in Construction Law. The Society is now in the process of identifying speakers.

If you would like to support the Conference as a sponsor, please submit your expression of interest to the Society of Construction Law of Hong Kong (c/o Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre) by email ad@hkiac.org, fax (852) 2504 2171 or tel (852) 2509 2281.

Coming Events

12 June 2010: “Demarcate the Race Course for the Eastern District Dragon Boat Race”. The Region was invited to demarcate, check and monitor the race course of this social event.

13 & 16 June 2010: Dragon Boat racing on 13 and 16 June in Chai Wan and Stanley respectively; training sessions were provided on Sundays in May.

19 June 2010: Half day seminar on contract management held in The Hong Kong Productivity Council, jointly organized with ICES, ICE and the Lighthouse Club

21 June 2010: “GPS Technology in Structural Deformation Monitoring” to be held in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University which is also a joint organizer.

24 June 2010: Topic about selection of procurement method to be given by Steve Tennant, Fellow of the Institution, in The Hong Kong Productivity Council.

See our Hong Kong Region website for further information.

Harry Glennie

Alan Cheung

It is with deep sadness to note the passing away of our fellow member Mr. Harry Glennie on 22 May 2009. The funeral was held on Friday 11th June in London.

Harry had dedicated considerable time in serving the Institution; he visited the Hong Kong Region and joined the Region AGM in 1996.

Harry was a very kind old gentleman; our condolence to Harry's family.