

## Project Final Report for Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme (“PASS”)

### 1. Project Details

- 1.1 Project Reference No.** : PS214001
- 1.2 Project Title** : Benefits of Adopting Dispute Resolution Mechanism for Construction Industry in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area
- 1.3 Grantee** : The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
- 1.4 Collaborating Organisation(s)** : (i) Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
(ii) The Hong Kong Mediation Council
- 1.5 Implementation Agent(s)** : We Boost Consulting Limited
- 1.6 Sponsoring Organisation(s)** : Nil
- 1.7 Consultant(s)** : Nil  
Nil
- 1.8 Project Co-ordinator** : (Name) Ir PONG Jeremy  
(Post title) Member of Construction Dispute Resolution Committee
- 1.9 Deputy Project Co-ordinator** : (Name) Ir KWONG Anthony  
(Post title) Member of Construction Dispute Resolution Committee
- 1.10 Project Period (duration)** : from 01/06/2022 to 31/08/2023 (15 months)
- 1.11 Major Beneficiary Sector(s)** : Building and construction-related services
- 1.12 Approved PASS Grant (HK\$)** : 656,000

## 2. Project Implementation

### 2.1 Project Summary

*(Please give a summary of the project including objectives, deliverables and target professional service sectors within 100 words.)*

The project aims to arouse the awareness and enhance the knowledge on dispute resolution mechanism for the construction industry by organising one international conference and two seminars. An e-final report with the summary of activities will be posted on the website to provide a development pathway for local building and construction-related services engineers on dispute resolution.

### 2.2 Project Deliverables

*(Please compare the actual results achieved with the agreed targets for each item.)*

Agreed Targets		Actual Results Achieved <i>(Please submit copies of all relevant supporting materials, e.g. proceedings, attendance records.)</i>	
<i>Date / Deliverables (with quantity)</i>	<i>Beneficiaries (estimated no. of local / non-local participants)</i>	<i>Date / Deliverables (with actual quantity)</i>	<i>Beneficiaries (actual no. of local / non-local participants)</i>
01/08/2022 – 31/08/2022  One 1-day international conference (hybrid)	300 participants (including 285 Hong Kong engineers (150 join onsite and 150 join online); and 15 non-local engineers join online)	<b><u>Completed:</u></b>  16/08/2022  One 1-day international conference (hybrid)	331 participants (including 316 Hong Kong engineers, 15 non-local engineers)  (For total participants: <b>110.3%</b> of the target met)  (For Hong Kong professionals: <b>110.9%</b> of the target met)
01/10/2022 – 15/10/2022  1st half-day seminar  15/2/2023 – 28/2/2023  2 <sup>nd</sup> half-day seminar	400 Hong Kong engineers in total (200 per seminar, including 100 join onsite and 100 join online)	<b><u>Completed:</u></b> 22/11/2022  1 <sup>st</sup> half-day seminar  29/03/2023  2 <sup>nd</sup> half-day seminar	426 participants (including 417 Hong Kong engineers and 9 other participants)  (For total participants: <b>106.5%</b> of the target met)  (For Hong Kong professionals: <b>104.3%</b> of the target met)

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<i>Date / Deliverables (with quantity)</i>	<i>Beneficiaries (estimated no. of local / non-local participants)</i>	<i>Date / Deliverables (with actual quantity)</i>	<i>Beneficiaries (actual no. of local / non-local participants)</i>
01/05/2023 – 31/08/2023  One e-final report	Browsers on internet	<b>Completed:</b> 23/08/2023 One e-final report uploaded	Browsers on internet

## 2.3 Project Promotion and Dissemination

(Please compare the actual means used / outcomes with the agreed activities for each item.)

<b>Agreed Activities</b>		<b>Actual Means Used / Outcomes</b> (Please submit copies of all relevant supporting materials, e.g. posters, leaflets, invitation letters, publications, website printouts, dissemination e-mails, newsletters, feedback surveys and analysis.)
<b>(a) For Project Promotion:</b>		
To issue invitations to local building services and maintenance professionals by email/eDM		- Email invitations with the e-leaflet of international conference and two seminars have been issued to the local professional bodies of building and construction-related services
To distribute promotion leaflets for the seminars and international conference by email/eDM		- E-leaflets for the international conference and two seminars have been designed - Email invitations with the e-leaflet have been issued to the local professional bodies of building and construction-related services
To promote the seminars and international conference through HKIE and collaborating organisations' network		- The e-leaflet of international conference and two seminars has been posted on the official website of HKIE-CDRC ( <a href="https://cdrc.hkie.org.hk/hk/en/training-career-development">https://cdrc.hkie.org.hk/hk/en/training-career-development</a> ) - Promotion of international conference and two seminars on HKIE Facebook & IG - Promotion of two seminars on HKIE eNewsletter
<b>(b) For Dissemination of Project Deliverables:</b>		
To conduct a feedback survey at the end of the international conference and seminar for assessing the effectiveness of events		<u>International Conference</u> No. of Response: 178 with 173 professionals Overall Satisfactory (1-5): 4.34  <u>1<sup>st</sup> Seminar</u> No. of Response: 104 with 92 professionals

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	<p>Overall Satisfactory (1-5): 4.09</p> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar</u> No. of Response: 83 with 78 professionals Overall Satisfactory (1-5): 4.28</p>
<p>To provide video recording services for the international conference and seminars</p>	<p><u>International Conference</u> The conference has been recorded. The video has been edited into 12 sections and uploaded to YouTube. (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlgm3CwNiTVmkjAxdDv2YVAdSU6a8swVu">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlgm3CwNiTVmkjAxdDv2YVAdSU6a8swVu</a>)</p> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> Seminar</u> The seminar has been recorded. The video has been edited into 5 sections and uploaded to YouTube. (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlgm3CwNiTVm3y8-wbiRlXag-yXKC54yT">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlgm3CwNiTVm3y8-wbiRlXag-yXKC54yT</a>)</p> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar</u> The seminar has been recorded. The video has been edited into 6 sections and uploaded to YouTube. (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlgm3CwNiTVnONfXGLxBIPC9_hvuNtY3g">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlgm3CwNiTVnONfXGLxBIPC9_hvuNtY3g</a>)</p>
<p>To collect local representative cases on Construction Dispute Resolution Mechanism Cases</p>	<p>Three cases on construction dispute resolution mechanism have been collected and published on the e-final report for reference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Folkes v. Chadd (1783) – the admissibility of opinion evidence in Common Law Judiciary</li> <li>2. Van Oord UK Limited &amp; SICIM Roadbridge Limited v. Allseas UK Limited (2015) – the importance of parties having full understanding of the obligations under the contract and reliance</li> <li>3. Court of Appeal’s Decision on Building Design Partnership Ltd v. Standard Life Assurance Ltd (2021) – sampling as scientific discipline</li> </ol>

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E-copy of the final report of the international conference and seminars will be uploaded on HKIE's website by batches	E-copy of final report and speakers' materials has been uploaded to HKIE-CDRC official website. Final Report: ( <a href="https://cms-api.siaa.group//PS214001%20HKIE-CDRC%20e-final%20report_Aug_1693475916587.pdf">https://cms-api.siaa.group//PS214001%20HKIE-CDRC%20e-final%20report_Aug_1693475916587.pdf</a> ) Speaker's materials: ( <a href="https://cdrc.hkie.org.hk/hk/en/training-career-development">https://cdrc.hkie.org.hk/hk/en/training-career-development</a> )
Notify HKIE's members and all collaborating organisations	Email notification has sent to all enrolments and participants (includes both HKIE's and collaborating organisations' members) of events for the release of e-final report.

### 3. Achievements and Grantee's Evaluation of the Project

#### 3.1 Number of participants and eligible beneficiaries

Project Deliverables	Eligible Number of Beneficiaries (if known)
(i) One-day International Conference	316 Hong Kong engineers
(ii) Two Half-day Seminars	426 Hong Kong engineers

#### 3.2 Feedback from participants / users / professional services sectors

Feedback survey has been conducted after the conference and seminars, the overall rating is above 4 with satisfactory level. Some participants commented the network and voice quality of Zoom could be improved.

#### 3.3 Dissemination of project deliverables to relevant professionals

The conference and seminars was recorded and edited as videos based on different speakers and sections, and uploaded to HKIE-CDRC YouTube channel for further dissemination. All speakers' materials and e-final report has been uploaded to HKIE-CDRC official website for public sharing. Email notification to the event attendees, which includes the member of HKIE and collaborating organisations has been sent out.

### 3.4 PASS and other objectives reached *(May choose more than one)*

- ☒ Increasing the exchanges and co-operation of Hong Kong's professional services with their counterparts in external markets
- ☐ Promoting relevant publicity activities
- ☒ Enhancing the standards and external competitiveness of Hong Kong's professional services
- ☐ Others

Please elaborate on how the objective(s) was/were met:

The events invited the speakers with different regions (includes local, the Mainland, UK, Malaysia) and professional backgrounds to share the best and latest practices of construction dispute resolution mechanism. Attendees can exchange and obtain the latest knowledge from the speakers' speech and Q&A session. With the hybrid mode (Onsite + Zoom), the event also received the enrolment and attendance of overseas participants, which created the chance of professional knowledge exchange with the counterparts in external markets.

### 3.5 Overall achievements of the project

The conference and seminars invited 18 speakers from local, Mainland and overseas to deliver the speech, and attracted more than 750 engineers to attend the events. Speakers shared their knowledge, rich experience and latest practices, and discussed several classic and representative cases on the handling dispute in the construction industry, which are valuable and enlightening for the attendees on adopting dispute resolution mechanism on the construction projects.

All events was summarised into the e-final report and uploaded to HKIE-CDRC website, together with the speakers' notes for public sharing. All sharing sessions was recorded and published on HKIE-CDRC YouTube Channel for review. These materials will be the valuable assets for local, even surroundings areas engineers for understanding and adoption of dispute resolution.

**The Project Final Report is prepared by the Grantee.**