



ADDRESS TO SCLHK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr. Peter Berry
THE NEW STANDARD FORM OF BUILDING CONTRACT
Wednesday, 25 May 2005

The New Standard Form of Building Contract has been finally published with the blessing of the PCICB after more than 7 years hard work by the Joint Contracts Committee and replaces the 1965 version and modernises not only the content in the light of current law and practice, but also the wording and presentation. The JCC have attempted to produce a document that, as far as practical, expresses the rights and obligations as between Employer and Contractor in “neutral” and achievable terms. Peter Berry who acted as a consultant to HKCA, looking after the interests of the contractors, will in his talk give an overview of the main initiatives in the Contract from the contractors’ point of view, including what is included in the Contract documents, the Contractor’s design responsibilities and “fitness for purpose”, Variations, the BQ, Substantial Completion and defects liability, extensions of time, notices and money claims, interim and final payments and dispute resolution.

Peter Berry has been a professional QS with the RICS since 1959, and became a Fellow of the CI Arb in 1992, He is an accredited Mediator with the HKIAC.

Peter worked for the Architectural Services Department, QS Branch from 1966 to 1990 and then was transferred to the Works Branch, HKG Secretariat as the Principal Assistant Secretary (D2) from 1990 until he retired from Government in 1997 where, amongst other things, he was involved in the reviews of the GCC and the D&B forms and the drafting of Practice Notes on the GCC (1985/1996 editions). Since his retirement Peter has carried out consultancy work and since April 2001 has been retained by HKCA to advise on construction and contractual policy matters.

Peter is ideally placed to talk on the New Standard Form of Building Contract.

Venue: Harcourt Suite, The Hong Kong Club, 1 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong

Date / Time: Wednesday, 25th May 2005; 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Cost: Members – No charge; Non-members - HK\$100 incl. refreshments

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Priority will be given to members, thereafter places will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. Please register by returning the registration application slip below and your cheque to Membership Administration, Society of Construction Law Hong Kong, 38/F, Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong. For enquiries please contact Primrose Law on +852 2525 2381, fax +852 2524 2171.

Lawyers please note that an application for CPD accreditation has been made for the event to the Law Society of Hong Kong.

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