



International Conference Singapore 2006

SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2006

15 -17 October 2006 (Sunday-Tuesday)

Grand Ballroom 1, Level 4, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore

Who Should Attend

- Architects
- Consultants
- Contractors
- Developers
- Engineers
- In-house counsel & legal officers working in the construction industry
- Lawyers
- Law academics
- Project managers
- Other professionals involved in the construction industry who deal with legal, regulatory and contractual issues

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please visit our Conference Website:
www.scl.org.sg/conf2006

Invitation by the Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

The Society of Construction Law (Singapore) is proud to host this inaugural International Conference with the objective of providing a regular forum for members of the various Societies of Construction Law to meet, network as well as keep abreast of international developments in this area of law.

This 2-day Conference brings together leading construction experts from around the world including Australia, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America and Singapore, and inaugurates a possible annual conference to be rotated amongst the various international Societies of Construction Law.

The Conference Organising Committee has put together an exciting and wide-ranging discussion on various highly topical and emerging issues. This being a Conference held in Asia and hosted by Singapore, there will be a significant focus on industry issues and development in China, India and the Middle East which we believe will be of interest to our counter-parts from around the world.

We have extended preferential rates to members of our counterpart Societies of Construction Law. It is our hope that this Conference will serve as a platform for a fruitful exchange of ideas and experiences for the construction industry professionals who make up the diverse membership of the various international Societies of Construction Law.

On behalf of the Society of Construction Law (Singapore), I very much look forward to seeing you at this Conference in October 2006.

Mr. Chow Kok Fong
Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

CPD ACCREDITATION

Law Society of Singapore vMCPD Scheme:
Category: Professional Practice
Practice Area: Construction
Training Level: Update
CPD Hours: 14 Hours
Professional Engineers Board: 14 PDUs

Organising Committee

Mr Michael Hwang SC, M/s Michael Hwang (Chairperson)
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Conference Programme

15 October 2006

5.00-7.00pm **Registration of Overseas Delegates**

7.00-9.00pm **Welcome Cocktails & Networking Session-The Promenade, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel**
Enjoy standing cocktails amidst the tropical breeze along the historic Singapore River as river taxis ply the languid waters.

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8.00-9.00am **Registration of Local Delegates**

9.00-9.10am **Welcome Address**
Mr. Michael Hwang SC - Chairman, Conference Organising Committee

9.10-9.20am **Conference Opening Address**
Mr. Chow Kok Fong - Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

9.20-9.40am **Official Opening of Conference & Keynote Address by Guest of Honour**

9.40-10.00am **Morning Tea**

10.00-11.30am **A Comprehensive Examination of the Application of FIDIC Contracts**

- Opening Remarks by Session Chair
- Our panel of speakers will discuss various issues including:
 - Similarities/Differences in US and European Practice and Why FIDIC Has Not Made Inroads in the US
 - How Valuable is the FIDIC Suite for Construction of Project Financed Projects
 - FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Board

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer Session moderated by the Session Chair

Session Chair
Professor Philip Capper - Partner, Lovells, United Kingdom

Speakers

- Ms Katherine Hope Gurun - United States
- Professor Doug Jones AM - Partner, Clayton Utz, Australia
- Mr. Nicholas Gould - Vice-Chairman, Society of Construction Law (UK); Partner, Fenwick Elliott LLP, United Kingdom

11.30-1.00pm **Highlights of the Middle-East Construction Industry**

- Opening Remarks by Session Chair
- Our panelists share their views and experiences on the following topics:
 - Construction Practice Overview in the Middle East
 - Risk Allocation & Management in the Middle East
 - Dispute Resolution Models in Use in the Middle East

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer Session moderated by the Session Chair

Session Chair
Mr. Richard Harding - Keating Chambers; Chairman, Society of Construction Law (UAE)

Speakers

- Mr. Peter Shaw - Partner, Taylor Wessing Consultant, M/s Key & Dixon, Dubai, UAE
- Mr. Michael Grose - Partner, M/s Clyde & Co, Dubai, UAE
- Ms. Michelle Nelson - Senior Associate, Masons Galadari, UAE

1.00-2.00pm **Buffet Lunch**

2.00-3.30pm **Highlights of the Indian Construction Industry**

- Opening Remarks by Session Chair
- Our panelists share their views and experiences on the following topics:
 - Construction Practice Overview in India
 - Risk Allocation & Management in India
 - Dispute Resolution Models in Use in India

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer Session moderated by the Session Chair

Session Chair

Mr. Mohan Pillay - Partner, WongPartnership, Singapore

Speakers

- Mr. P. R. Swarup - Director General, Construction Industry Development Council, India
- Mr. Atul Sharma - Partner, Link Legal, India
- Mr. Sumeet Kachwaha - Founding Partner, Kachwaha & Co, India

3.30-4.00pm **Afternoon Break**

4.00-5.30pm **Highlights of the Chinese Construction Industry**

- Opening Remarks by Session Chair
- Our panelists share their views and experiences on the following topics:
 - Construction Practice Overview in China
 - Risk Allocation & Management in China
 - Dispute Resolution Models in Use in China

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer Session moderated by the Session Chair

Session Chair

Mr. Mark-Lloyd Williams - Partner, Construction and Arbitration, Herbert Smith, Hong Kong

Speakers

- Mr. Philip Nunn - Partner, Simmons & Simmons, Hong Kong
- Mr. Yang Ing Loong - Partner, Heller Ehrman LLP, Beijing, China
- Mr. Adrian Hughes - Pump Court, United Kingdom

6.00-7.00pm **Pre Dinner Drinks followed by**

7.00-10.00pm **Gala Dinner hosted by Society of Construction Law (Singapore) - The Grand Shanghai**

Relive the nostalgia of Shanghai in the 1940s in cosmopolitan Singapore. At Grand Shanghai, one of Singapore's hottest dining concepts, delegates enjoy the varied yet authentic cuisine of Shanghai while being serenaded by a 3-piece band.

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8.30-9.00am **Registration & Refreshments**

9.00-10.30am **Issues in the Oil and Gas Industry**

- Opening Remarks by Session Chair
- Our panel of speakers will discuss various issues including:

- A Mega-Project in China - The Nansha Petrochemicals Project, Guangdong Province, China
- Conversion and Construction Contracts in the Offshore Oil & Gas sector
- Issues & Problems Connected with the Construction of Off-shore Rigs

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer Session moderated by the Session Chair

Session Chair

Mr. Jon Prudhoe - Executive Director, Trett Consulting (Asia Region), Singapore

Speakers

- Mr. Michael Chia - Executive Director, Keppel FELS Limited, Singapore
- Mr. David M. Edwards CMG, Singapore
- Mr. Chris Lowe - Partner, International Finance Group, Watson, Farley & Watson, Singapore

10.30-10.50am **Morning Tea**

10.50-12.30pm **Professional Negligence Issues in the Construction Industry**

- Opening Remarks by Session Chair
- Our panel of speakers will discuss various issues including:

- Duty of Care
- Standard of Care
- Duty to Warn
- Liability to Third Parties and Economic Loss
- Design and Supervisory Obligations
- Certifications and Decisions
- Statutory Obligations

- Developments In The Liability Of Construction Professionals: The Ball Is Still Rolling

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer Session moderated by the Session Chair

Session Chair

Mr. Sundra Rajoo - Sundra Rajoo Arbitration Chambers Sdn Bhd, Malaysia

Speakers

- Ms. Nerys Jefford - Keating Chambers; Vice-Chairman Elect, Society of Construction Law (UK)
- Dr. Colin Yee Cheng Ong - Managing Partner, Dr. Colin Ong Legal Services, Brunei
- Mr. George Tan - Senior Director, TSMP Law Corporation, Singapore

12.30-2.00pm **Buffet Lunch**

2.00-3.30pm **Insurance Challenges in the Construction Industry**

- Opening Remarks by Session Chair
- Our panel of speakers will discuss various issues including:

- The Evolution and Interpretation of the Contractor's All Risks Insurance Policy
- Problems Arising under Contractors' All Risks Insurance
- Risk Management, Loss Adjusting, Technical Experts and Getting Legal Advice

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer Session moderated by the Session Chair

Session Chair

Mr. Quentin Loh SC - Partner, M/s Rajah & Tann, Singapore

Speakers

- Mr. Justyn Jagger - Director, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, Singapore
- Mr. Jeffrey Gruber QC - Essex Court Chambers, United Kingdom
- Mr. Tan Chee Meng SC - Managing Partner, M/s Harry Elias Partnership, Singapore

3.30-4.00pm **Afternoon Break**

4.00-5.30pm **The Issues and Challenges of "Mega Projects"**

- Opening Remarks by Session Chair
- Our panel of speakers will discuss various issues including:

What is a "Mega Project"? Do they have any distinguishing features? If so, what are they?

The Session will look at projects such as the Taiwan High Speed Rail project and Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit System in an endeavour to answer these questions

Panel Discussion and Question & Answer Session moderated by the Session Chair

Session Chair

Mr. Tomas Kennedy-Grant QC - President, Society of Construction Law New Zealand Inc.

Speakers

- Mr. Chris Reeves FInstCES - Director, Project Control Department, Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation, Taiwan
- Mr. Low Tien Sio - Deputy Chief Executive, Land Transport Authority, Singapore
- Pending

5.30-6.00pm **Conference Closing**

Mr. Michael Hwang SC - Chairman, Conference Organising Committee
Mr. Chow Kok Fong - Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)

For more details about each Session and the topics each speaker will cover, please visit our Conference Website at www.scl.org.sg/conf2006

1. CONFERENCE AND SOCIAL EVENTS REGISTRATION

Registrations close on Monday, 2 October 2006.

IMPORTANT:

1. Please complete each section.
2. Please complete a separate form for each delegate (except for Accompanying Persons).
3. Return this form to: Conference Secretariat, Society of Construction Law (Singapore) c/o 11 Collyer Quay #06-02 The Arcade Singapore 049317 or Fax to +65 65572751

1a CONFERENCE:

Please tick as appropriate

	PLS TICK (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	NORMAL RATES	PLS TICK (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	EARLY BIRD RATES (who register and pay on or before Friday, 14 th July 2006, 10:00 (GMT) (6.00pm, Singapore time).
All Society of Construction Law Members	<input type="checkbox"/>	S\$1,075.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	S\$975.50
Non-members	<input type="checkbox"/>	S\$1,275.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Full time Students *	<input type="checkbox"/>	S\$475.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Accompanying Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	S\$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

*Discounted fees for full time students apply to full time students studying in Singapore only. Limited places are available for such students and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis at the discretion of the Conference Organising Committee.

Note:

1. Registration Fee for Members, Non-members and Full-time Students includes Conference materials, all meals/breaks, Welcome Cocktail Reception and Conference Gala Dinner.
2. Registration Fee for Accompanying Person includes Welcome Cocktail Reception and Conference Gala Dinner only.
3. Registration of OVERSEAS delegates (except for Accompanying Persons) starts at 5.00 pm on 15 October 2006, before the Welcome Cocktail Reception.
4. Registration of LOCAL delegates (except for Accompanying Persons) starts at 8.00 am on 16 October 2006, before the Conference Opening.

DELEGATE DETAILS – Please complete all details

Name (Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Mdm): _____

Name to Appear on Badge: _____

Name and Mailing Address of Organisation: _____

Designation: _____

Member of Society of Construction Law in: _____ (pls specify country)

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1b SOCIAL EVENTS (PLS TICK ✓): Included in delegate and accompanying person registration fees.

i) Cocktail Reception

– Sunday, 15 October 2006, 7.00–9.00pm
The Promenade, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

Delegate

Attending
 Not attending

Accompanying Person

Attending
 Not attending

ii) Conference Gala Dinner

– Monday, 16 October 2006, 6.00–10.00pm
Grand Shanghai, 390 Havelock Road, Level 1 King's Centre, Singapore 169662

Delegate

Attending
 Not attending

Accompanying Person

Attending
 Not attending

2. PAYMENT DETAILS

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Credit Card

Telegraphic Transfer

Cheque Payment Details:

Cheque payments should be made payable to "Society of Construction Law (Singapore)" & arrive at our office with your completed registration form before the closing date, Monday, 2 October 2006.

Credit Card Details:

Mastercard/Visa Number: _____ Card Expiry Date: _____ (MM/YY)

Cardholder's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Kindly note that an administration charge may be charged by the paying bank for payments via credit card.

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Account Name: Society of Construction Law (Singapore) Account Number: 033-900521-5

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Equivalent substitute delegates (e.g. member for member or non-member for non-member) are welcome at no additional charge, subject to our being informed in writing at least *5 working days* in advance of such substitution. Cancellation and refunds may be made upon receipt of written notice, less handling fee and bank service charges as follows: notice received on or before 29 September 2006 – 50% refund; notice received after 29 September 2006 – no refund.

FOR REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES

For any enquiries on registration, please contact:

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