



## INAUGURAL ANNUAL LECTURE 2009

### “MANAGING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS DURING TIMES OF ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY”

Jointly Presented by

**THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW (SINGAPORE) & THE NUS DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING**

Wednesday, 14 January 2009, 4.00-6.00pm

The Pod, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street, Singapore 188064

#### The Annual Lecture:-

The Society of Construction Law (Singapore) (“SCL Singapore”) and the National University of Singapore’s Department of Building are proud to launch their joint Annual Lecture. Starting this year, SCL will each year sponsor a prestigious book prize in cash for the top final year student from the undergraduate programme offered by the NUS Department of Building. This award will be presented at the conclusion of each year’s Annual Lecture.

This inaugural lecture will feature our Distinguished Speaker, Mr. Chow Kok Fong, speaking on ‘**Managing Construction Contracts During Times of Economic Uncertainty**’. The impact of the recent economic events has been analysed and chronicled in many forums. Owners and contract administrators will have to reassess the directions of their development programmes. This will involve a re-examination of the risk profile of each of their projects, the identification of new risks and how these risks are to be re-allocated. This lecture invites a discussion of some of the key contractual issues which are being confronted in this process and offers some suggestions for developing a framework for managing these issues.

#### Lecture Programme:-

3.30-4.00pm	Registrations & Refreshments
4.00-4.10pm	Welcome Address - <i>Mr. Mohan Pillay - Chairman, SCL Singapore</i>
4.10-4.15pm	Lecture Opening Remarks - <i>Mr. Naresh Mahtani, Immediate Past Chairman, SCL Singapore</i>
4.15-5.15pm	LECTURE: “Managing Construction Contracts During Times of Economic Uncertainty” - <i>Mr. Chow Kok Fong – Council Member &amp; Past Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)</i>
5.15-5.45pm	Panel discussion - <i>Mr. Chow Kong Fong, Dr. Philip Chan and Mr. Naresh Mahtani</i>
5.45-5.55pm	Award of SCL Book Prize 2008
5.55-6.00pm	Closing Address - <i>Assoc Prof Tham Kwok Wai - Head, NUS Department of Building</i>

#### Distinguished Speaker:-

#### **Mr. Chow Kok Fong - Chartered Arbitrator and Past Chairman, Society of Construction Law (Singapore)**



Chow Kok Fong is a Chartered Arbitrator and Chartered Quantity Surveyor and holds degrees in law, building and business administration. Until October 2008, he was Chief Executive Officer of Changi Airports International, a group with airport investments and operations in China, India, the Middle East and Europe. Prior to joining Changi, he was Managing Director for the International Operations at Capitaland Commercial, Director of Projects at City Developments Ltd and Chief Executive of the Construction and Industry Development Board (now the Building and Construction Authority). Kok Fong has published 8 books including *Law and Practice of Construction Contracts* which has gone into its 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, *Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication* which has been reviewed in both the UK and Australia and *Construction Contracts Dictionary*. He is currently on the Board of the Singapore Mediation Centre and Chairman of the Construction Adjudicators Accreditation Committee. For several years he served as adjunct associate professor at the National University of Singapore and the Nanyang Technological University. He is the Founder President of the Society of Project Managers and Past Chairman of the Society of Construction Law.

<b>REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE: <u>7 January 2009</u></b>	<b>FEES</b> (includes refreshments & materials, if any)
<b>Full Time Students of NUS Department of Building, SCL (Singapore) Members</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Guests of SCL Members, Members of SCL (Malaysia), Members of SCL (UK), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Institute of Engineers Singapore (IES), Institution of Structural Engineers (Singapore Division), Law Society of Singapore, Lighthouse Club Singapore, Singapore Contractors Association Ltd (SCAL), Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb), Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP), Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV)</b>	<b>S\$60.00</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>S\$80.00</b>



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Please return the registration form below, together with your cheque, if applicable, made payable to “**Society of Construction Law (Singapore)**”, “c/o INTELLITRAIN PTE LTD, 3 Raffles Place #07-01 Bharat Building S048617” or **Fax to (65) 63299699**.

**REGISTRATION, REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY**

1. Places are limited and can only be allocated in order of priority upon receipt of registration and any payment due.
2. We regret that we generally do not issue invoices or accept payments at the event.
3. Refunds for cancellation are not possible after the registration closing date.
4. Members registering to attend 'free of charge' are required to give 7 days' notice of cancellation or an admin charge of \$30 will be levied.
5. We reserve the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the event.

**For further enquiries, please contact the SCL SECRETARIAT**

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**Registration is required by Closing Date, 7 January 2009.**

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