

Webinar | Friday 6 November 2026

**1.5 HRS
CPD**

CABEHK × HKICM Joint Webinar: Lessons Learnt from Recent Fire Incidents: What Construction Managers and Building Engineers Need to Know

18:00-19:30 HKT / 10:00-11:30 UKT

Live on Zoom

Medium of Language: English

Brief Content:

Recent fire incidents in Hong Kong and the UK have highlighted the importance of fire safety, regulatory compliance, and professional accountability. This joint webinar will examine key lessons from the Tai Po fire and the Grenfell Tower tragedy, exploring their implications for building design, construction practices, and emergency preparedness:

- Lessons learnt from the Tai Po and Grenfell Tower fires
- Fire safety in design, construction, and building management
- Regulatory compliance and professional responsibilities
- Risk mitigation and emergency preparedness
- Collaboration to enhance public safety

Rundown:

18:00 – 18:05 pm HKT 10:00 – 10:05 am UKT	Welcoming Remarks & Opening CABEHK Chairman – Mr. Kyran Sze & HKICM President - Cr Alfred TANG Yu-chi
18:05 – 18:35 pm HKT 10:05 – 10:35 am UKT	 Lessons Learnt from Major Fire Incidents (UK & Global Perspective) – Design, Regulation, and Professional Accountability presented by Mr. Richard Harral
18:35 – 19:05 pm HKT 10:35 – 11:05 am UKT	 Local Practices, Site Management Challenges and Lessons from Recent Hong Kong Fire Incidents presented by Prof. Dr Daron Leung WK
19:05 – 19:30 pm HKT 11:05 – 11:30 am UKT	Panel Discussion & Exchange of Views: "Comparison of UK and Hong Kong Practices – Design, Construction, Compliance & Risk Management" + Live Q&A

Speakers, Moderators & Panelists:

Keynote Presenters

- Mr. Richard Harral
Chief Executive, Chartered Association of Building Engineers
- Professor Dr. Daron Leung Wai-kwong
Honorary Safety Advisor, Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers

Moderators

- Mr. Kyran Sze MH
Board member, Chartered Association of Building Engineers, and
Chairman of CABE Hong Kong Chapter
- Cr Alfred TANG Yu-chi
President, Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers

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Presentation:

Local Practices, Site Management Challenges and Lessons from Recent Hong Kong Fire Incidents

Synopsis:

Professor Leung will review some of the serious fire occurred in Hong Kong since 1918 and also some landmark cases around the world. Then he will touch on the legal aspect in regarding the fire safety issues and the latest penalty imposed on individuals in Hong Kong. Using the Tai Po Wang Fuk Court Fire Incident as typical example to examine the potential factors leading to the fire that caused 168 lives. Finally, he will touch on some typical fire safety precautionary measures implement on construction site and some latest development in firefighting technologies.

Speaker:

Professor Dr LEUNG Wai-Kwong

Occupational Health & Safety Practitioner, Honorary Safety Advisor,
Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers

Prof. Dr. Leung is a renowned Occupational Health & Safety Practitioner in Hong Kong. He started his career in OSH in early 1981. In the past 45+ years he gained solid working experience both locally & overseas in managing safety in mega-size construction projects, conducting safety training and safety auditing, handling prosecutions cases, civil liabilities litigation & Employees' Compensation procedures.

Prof. Dr. Leung's academic training in building, civil engineering, occupational health, safety & environment and his broad experience exposure cater him to serve this versatile, multi-discipline, complex industry. He attained his Master Degree in Safety Management after returned from Canada and received his doctorate degree in 2014. All these achievements enhance him in further develop his career.

Prof. Dr. Leung is a very popular speaker in safety and health discipline. In order to share his valuable experience, he is also lecturing safety in the Universities & other organizations to nourish the young generation of OSH. He also serves as Honorary Safety Advisor for several professional bodies in Hong Kong. To recognize his works, he received his Honorary Membership from Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization in 2021. He is currently the President of The Hong Kong Federation of Occupational Safety & Health Association.



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30 October 2026

Presentation:

Lessons Learnt from Major Fire Incidents (UK & Global Perspective) – Design, Regulation, and Professional Accountability

Synopsis:

Delivered by Richard Harral, Chief Executive Officer, this CPD session will examine lessons arising from major fire incidents in the UK and internationally, with particular reference to their implications for building design, regulation and professional accountability. The presentation will consider how significant fire events have influenced fire safety standards, regulatory frameworks and professional practice across the built environment. Particular emphasis will be placed on the responsibilities of built environment professionals in managing fire safety risks, exercising professional judgement, and maintaining appropriate standards of competence and compliance. The session will provide participants with valuable insights into how lessons from past incidents can contribute to safer buildings and more accountable professional practice.

Speaker:

Mr. Richard Harral

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Chief Executive, Chartered Association of Building Engineers

Richard Harral trained as an architect. He is a Fellow Chartered Building Engineer and is currently the Chief Executive of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE), a professional membership organisation for construction professionals utilising engineering techniques to design, assess or operate buildings. He has worked in both public and private sector practice and he has extensive experience in construction and building regulation policy. Richard worked for 10 years within the Building Regulations Division of DCLG (now MHCLG) as a policy lead and then Head of Technical Policy.

Richard has been directly involved in developing new frameworks for building safety competence as a member of the Competence Steering Group (CSG) and working groups looking at competence for Engineers, Designers and Architects and Building Control Professionals. He was technical author of BSI 8670 which sets out core criteria for behavioural and technical competence for building safety in the built environment. He is chair of CPB-1, the British Standard committee on competence standards for the Built Environment and is a member of the Building Safety Regulator's (BSR) Industry Competence Committee (ICC).



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