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Hong Kong Institute of Project Management (HKIPM) and PolyU (Department of Construction Management and Intelligence) Joint CPD Seminar

Seminar Title

A Lawyer's Perspective - Why and How do Construction Claims Fail?

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- Chartered Association of Building Engineers - Hong Kong Chapter (CABE-HK)
- Australian Institute of Building - Hong Kong Chapter (AIB-HK)
- BRE Departmental Alumni Association (BRE DAA)

Date, Time and Venue

Date: 1 December 2026 (Tuesday)
Time: 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm (registration starting at 6:15 pm)

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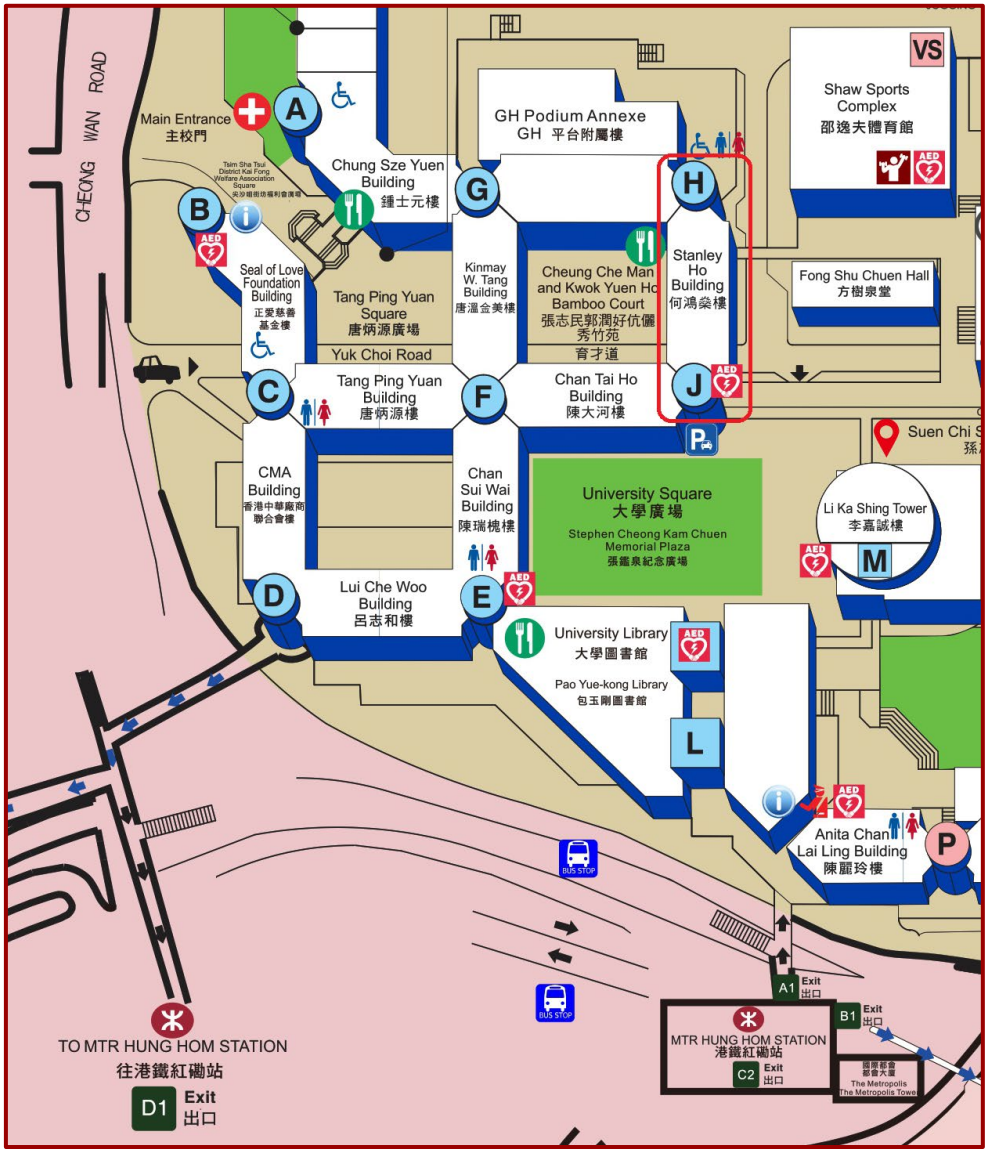
Venue: Room HJ-305, 3/F, Block J, PolyU Campus, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong



Language

Cantonese (supplemented with English terminology)

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Highlights of the Seminar

The seminar is aimed at construction professionals who wish to understand why many seemingly strong claims end up failing. It will give concrete tools and strategies to protect our contractual rights and increase the chance of success if a dispute arises.

Key takeaways:

(1) **Seven reasons claims fail**
- See how procedural errors and missing cause-and-effect links can weaken a claim.

(2) **Turn complex contract language into everyday site actions**
- Learn how to apply contract clauses to daily work so our rights are always protected.

(3) **Identify "Claim killers" early**
- Recognize the pitfalls that can arise from pre-tender stage all the way through to the final account.

(4) **Know which records win disputes**
- Discover the key categories of project documentation that are most persuasive in Court or Arbitration.

(5) **Link on-site events direct to contract**
- Master techniques for connecting what happens on-site to the exact contract provisions that support your claims.

(6**) Dispute handling and the winning formula**
- Implement a 5-step resolution process and embrace the three non-negotiable elements of success.

By the end of the seminar, the audience will have a practical, step-by-step roadmap for building stronger claims, protecting your contractual rights, and navigating disputes with confidence.

Brief Biography of Guest Speaker

Mr William Tong is a Hong Kong Solicitor, Chartered Construction Manager and Accredited Adjudicator with over 30 years of working experience in the construction industry. His credentials include a Juris Doctor, a PCLL, a Graduate Diploma in Construction Law, an MA in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, an MSc in Construction and Real Estate (Distinction) and a BSc in Construction Management (First Class Honours). He is also an NEC4 ECC Accredited Project Manager.

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As a Specialist Construction Lawyer, William provides pragmatic advice in contract management, claims and dispute resolution. He is a sought-after trainer, delivering bespoke seminars and workshops on construction law and adjudication under Hong Kong's Construction Industry Security of Payment Ordinance (Cap. 652), equipping industry professionals to navigate the statutory regime with confidence.

Beyond private practice, he has lectured for the Vocational Training Council (VTC) and the Planning Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government, and previously served as a Prosecutor for the Department of Justice. His work centers on dispute avoidance, equitable risk allocation, and practical training in the statutory adjudication regime to help parties secure swift, cost-effective payment outcomes.

Registration

Prior registration is required but attendance is free of charge. Registrations will be processed on a first-come first-served basis because of limited seats. **Please complete the online registration form below before 4:00 PM on the closing date of 19 November 2026 (Thu).** Successful applicants will be notified via email on or before 27 November 2026 (Friday) in case of over-subscription. Confirmed participants will be given a QR code to access the PolyU campus at the entrance gate by email nearer the time. If the Black Rainstorm Signal or the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above is hoisted, the seminar will be cancelled.

Online Registration Form

https://forms.gle/reBZJ1piY7Fm3dpB8

CPD Hours

e-CPD attendance certificates with 1.5 hours will be issued within one month after the event date to each participant who attended the seminar

Enquiries

For any enquiries, please contact Cr Anthony S.S. Lai, Chairman of CPD Committee of HKIPM, by phone at 9252-1515 or via email to anthonylai669@gmail.com