

HKIA Board of Practices Resolving Construction Claims through Mediation

<i>Date</i>	27 May 2010 (Thursday)
<i>Time</i>	6:30 - 8:00pm
<i>Venue</i>	HKIA Premises, 19/F, One Hysan Avenue Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
<i>Language</i>	English
<i>CPD Credits Hours</i>	1.5
<i>Admission Fee</i>	HKIA Membership No. (HK\$50 per seminar) HKIA Student Membership No. (Free Admission) Non-HKIA Member (HK\$150 per seminar)

About the seminar

Mediation is a process by which the parties to a dispute are assisted by an independent third party, the mediator, to resolve their dispute. One of the fundamental distinctions of this approach is that the parties retain control over the process and in particular settlement of the dispute. This can be contrasted with arbitration or court proceedings, where the appointed third party determines the dispute and imposes a settlement on the parties.

The importance of mediation in resolving construction dispute is increasing quickly. Not only that it becomes part of the dispute resolution mechanism under the new private standard form, the Hong Kong Court also actively promotes the use of mediation through the introduction of Practice Direction 31 early this year.

In this seminar, two leading practitioners will share their practical knowledge and experience in construction mediation. It is particularly suitable for those who engage in construction contract administration or those who wish to expand their professional practice and become an architect-mediator.

About the speakers

Mr. Damon So

He is a Partner with the Projects, Engineering and Construction group of Hogan Lovells, an international law firm. He initially qualified as a Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer. He later qualified as a solicitor specializing in construction law. Damon has since undertaken a wide range of construction related legal work, acting for employers, professionals, main contractors, sub-contractors and insurers in respect of building and civil projects. He has had occasion to consider many of the issues and disputes which typically arise in respect of such projects and to use different forms of alternative dispute resolution including mediation. He has also spoken widely on such topics.

Mr. Sunny Yeung

He is an Architect with many interests. Trained in Architecture, Law, Dispute Resolution and Arbitration, he is also an accomplished musician playing the flute and the Shakuhachi (the Japanese bamboo flute). Sunny Yeung has worked in China, Hong Kong and Australia, developing an impressive depth of experience and ability in all facets of the practice of architecture, project management and estate management with particular experience in arbitration, dispute resolution and expert testimony. While practising as an architect, Sunny was in charge of a number of award winning projects in Hong Kong and in Australia. He lectures on the subjects of construction and arbitration law and holds adjunct associate professorship with various Universities in Hong Kong. He was the recipient of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators Annual Award in 2001. Sunny is an experienced Mediator and has been an assessor of the General Mediation Assessment programme of the Hong Kong Mediation Council.

