

BRE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Management of Major Public Programs in Hong Kong



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About the Speaker :

Dr. Chan Man Wai is currently Professor of Practice of the Department of Building & Real Estate of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He is a Qualified Surveyor (FRICS and FHKIS) and has many years' experience in development, construction project and facilities management.

Over the past 20 years, Dr. Chan held the following positions in the public sector in Hong Kong :

- Executive Director (Project Delivery) - West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKDA) (till Nov 2016)
- Vice President (Projects and Facilities) - Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP)
- Director of Estates - Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)
- Director of Estates - The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd)
- Executive Manager (Capital Works) - Hong Kong Hospital Authority (HKHA)

Dr. Chan had also worked in the private sector in Hong Kong and overseas for many years. He commenced his training at Vigers HK Chartered Surveyors and was later promoted to Partner of the firm before he left for North America, where he worked for a number of years before returning to Hong Kong in 1990. He then spent 7 years in the academia (till 1997) and concentrated his teaching, research and consultancy on Building Surveying, Facility & Project Management, Project Finance and Strategic Management.

Dr. Chan holds a BSc in Building Surveying, MSc in Construction Project Management, Master in International & Public Affairs (MIPA), MSc in Major Programme Management (MMPM) and PhD in Project Financing. He is the Founding President of The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management (HKIFM) and an Authorized Person (Surveyor).

About the Lecture:

The management of major programs that are considered to be expensive and transformational has always been considered a challenge for the managers and program proponents world-wide. These programs very often suffer from cost and time overruns as well as benefit shortfall; a phenomenon that according to Professor Bent Flyvbjerg of University of Oxford is the "Iron Law of Major Programs", Hong Kong probably is not the exception. Dr. Chan draws his practical experience of managing major programs over the past 20 years (a prolonged sabbatical) as well as his recent studies and researches at Oxford University in analyzing the difficulties and challenges faced by major program managers in Hong Kong. The differences between project management and program management as well as the political impact on the running of major programs over the past years in Hong Kong will also be discussed. Solutions and ways to tackle the 'Black Swan' and the Iron Law are to be explored and hopefully a 'Master Builder' to the rescue can be identified.



Date

24 May 2017 (Wednesday)

Time

6:30pm – 8:00pm

(Registration from 6:00pm)

Venue

ST111, 1/F, Core S, The Hong
Kong Polytechnic University,
Hung Hom, Kowloon

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All interested are welcome.

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