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Seminar on “New Engineering Contract NEC3 from E&M and Subcontractor Perspective”

The New Engineering Contract Version 3 (NEC3) is a family of contracts that facilitate the implementation of sound project management principles and practices based on a spirit of mutual trust and co-operation. Both Dr Andy K.D. Wong and Dr Daniel W.M. Chan, Associate Professors of the Department of Building and Real Estate of PolyU, were invited by the Technical Committee of the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors (HKFEMC) as the two guest speakers, to deliver a half-day technical seminar on the development and applications of NEC3 at the lecture theatre TU201 of PolyU at 9:30 am – 12:30 pm on Saturday, 1 December 2012.

Dr Andy Wong first shared with the seminar attendees: (1) the rationale of NEC3 development; (2) the core clauses, optional clauses and components of contract documents; (3) the roles and duties of various contracting parties under NEC3; and (4) the comparisons between NEC3 and the common standard forms of contracts in Hong Kong of those crucial provisions.

Dr Daniel Chan has gained abundant experience in both research projects and consultancy work on relational / collaborative contracting in general, and NEC / target cost contracting (TCC) in particular, over the past decade since 2002. He then shared with the audience: (1) the highlights of research findings on benefits, difficulties and success factors for NEC/TCC contracts; (2) the management and assessment of risks under NEC/TCC contracts; (3) case studies on some NEC/TCC completed projects in Hong Kong and the United Kingdom for illustration; and (4) the future development trend of NEC/TCC contracts.

The seminar was very informative and well received by over 120 attendees comprising the senior representatives from the HKFEMC member organizations and some senior government officials. It was ended with some interesting questions and insightful answers.
Full house participation by industrial practitioners

Responses to questions from the audience during the panel discussion session by the two guest speakers

Souvenir presentation to Dr Andy Wong (R) by Ir Dr Otto Poon (L), President of HKFEMC

Souvenir presentation to Dr Daniel Chan (R) by Ir Dr Otto Poon (L), President of HKFEMC

Group photo of the two guest speakers with the council members of HKFEMC