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The Organisers are much to be congratulated on taking the necessary initiative to run the Symposium and especially for fielding such a high class team of international and local speakers. I have little doubt that all participants will enjoy a very valuable couple of days.

In this fragmented industry of ours, good Project Management is one of the keys to achieving built ‘products’ which give value for money, since attitudes to cooperation, quality, cost efficiency, environmental awareness and site safety depend so much on the lead given by the project management team. Construction Industry Review Committee (CIRC) report recommendations of 2001, which are ultimately about achieving better value for money, also highlight the need to achieve value in construction procurement, of which the project management component is a major part. It is particularly appropriate, therefore, that Dr. H.K. Cheng, the Chairman of the Housing Authority, is the lead keynote Symposium Speaker, given the already proactive stance of the Authority towards the thrust of the CIRC recommendations.

I wish the Symposium every success and expect the delegates to learn a lot.

Professor M. Anson
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As Director of the Research Centre for Construction and Real Estate Economics, I am delighted to introduce the second international symposium held under the auspices of the Centre. I extend a warm welcome to speakers and delegates and thanks to the organizing committee for bringing this symposium to fruition.

Project management is one of the major specialisms found within the Centre and forms the focus of our most popular Master of Science programme, currently being delivered in Hong Kong, Chongqing, Shenzhen, and available in CyberU on-line format. It is appropriate, therefore, that this symposium should feature international project management.

A great deal of effort and attention has gone into providing you with some informative insights into international project management. This is a discipline whose importance can only increase under the pressures of economic efficiency and international benchmarking of construction performance.

I trust that speakers and delegates will find the symposium a rewarding and stimulating experience.

Professor Bill Seabrooke
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