

2009 Activities of COPA and LARC Study Groups

○ COPA activities included:

- (1) Research Report: a report to the Ministry of Construction, PRC based on a Research project on payment issues.
- (2) Publications – Conference and Journal papers on Payment problems, including Security of Payment issues by Gary Soo (Joint Co-ordinator, COPA), Wu Jin, Teresa Cheng and Mohan Kumaraswamy etc.
- (3) Public Seminar on 01 June 2009, by Philip Chan (Joint Co-ordinator, COPA) at HKU on "Managing Payment Disputes through legislation and contract – a comparative analysis" ,.
- (4) Invited Talk at the Hong Kong Construction Assn. Conference on 29 Oct. 2009, by Philip Chan (Joint Co-ordinator of COPA) on Security of Payments issues.
- (5) Presentation of a paper by Philip Chan at the 2008 COBRA Conference in Dublin entitled, "Statutory adjudication and the standard building contract in Singapore – Is the Final Payment referable to statutory adjudication? "
- (6) Publication of a book by Thomson Reuters [Sweet & Maxwell] in Dec 2008 entitled, "Statutory Adjudication in Singapore – the Act, the standard forms and the determinations"
- (7) Ongoing research on non-payment issues.

○ LARC activities included:

- (1) Ongoing work on Legal aspects of Partnering and related issues; e.g. Mohan Kumaraswamy (Joint Co-ordinator, LARC) was a member of the Task Force of the Hong Kong Construction Industry Council, that drafted Guidelines on Contractual Partnering
- (2) Publications – Conference and Journal papers on LARC related issues, by Jim Mason (Joint Co-ordinator, LARC); and by Mohan Kumaraswamy and other CICID members at HKU.

- (3) Meeting of the CICID Construction Law Task Force held at The University of Hong Kong on 09 Dec. 2009 - with Dr. Paul Chynoweth, the Co-ordinator of CIB W113 on 'Law and Dispute Resolution'. Updates on CIB W113, and the affiliated LARC and COPA Study Groups were exchanged. Relevant developments and ongoing initiatives in the UK and Hong Kong were reviewed, while future directions and activities were identified
- (4) Initial steps taken towards creating a new CIB Task Group on Ethics and the Law. The new task group would have a strong link with LARC given the "backbone" role that adherence to an ethical code could provide to partnering arrangements. The new Task Group is to be launched at the CIB 2010 Conference in Salford, UK.