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Foreword by the FIDIC CEO

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Dear FCCE Alumi, welcome to this first edition of the FCCE Bulletin. This will be a regular, once a month news bulletin to provide you with some key insights and updates on the activities of the FCCEs who completed the Pilot Programme between 2016 and 2019. It is also for those who are looking to embark on the great adventure of completing the new and improved FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineering certification programme which we aim to commence in 2021.
Hello to all the FCCE Alum! FIDIC is pleased that this FCCE bulletin has been created for all those who participated in the FCCE Pilot Programme and have since gone on to accomplish even greater things in their careers and on professional projects. FIDIC believes in the FCCE programme, not only because of the standards it has set, the professionalism it has promoted but also the commitment of all those who were an integral part of the process. It for this reason that we consider it vital to continue this programme from 2021 onwards, not only in China but around the world. The FCCEs graduates from 2016 – 2019 remain the trailblazers and we consider them the frontline representatives of this programme who we hope will continue to inspire a new generation of FCCEs globally.

**FIDIC launches its first ever FCCE bulletin**

FIDIC is delighted to launch this first bulletin which will be part of a monthly series focusing on the FCCEs, their experiences and professional worklife in China and beyond. This is an important step going forward as the wealth of knowledge and experience which the FCCEs can share with the world are valuable assets that should be harnessed. This bulletin also provides a chance to showcase this as well as to inform on what FIDIC is doing, not only around the world, but in China as well.

**The FCCE Pilot Programme ends**

After running for over ten years, the FCCE Pilot Programme came to an end in November 2020. At the closing-out meeting, the Chairman of the FCCE Certification Management Board, Mr Gregs Thomopulos, was pleased to note that significant progress that had been made over that period and thanked the past and present FIDIC and CNAEC leadership for their roles in making the programme a success. He was pleased to inform that the FCCE programme would continue in China from 2021, and it would also be open for others around the world. Mr Chen Xiaoxing, the Vice-Chairman of CNAEC, China’s national Member Association, was in attendance and said the Pilot Programme was a remarkable achievement. He also went on to express CNAEC’s continuing support for the FCCE Programme.
FIDIC’s first Asia subsidiary company opens in Beijing China:
It was a long time in the planning but the FIDIC’s subsidiary company, FIDIC Consulting Services (Beijing) China (FCS) officially opened its offices to the general public on 18th August 2020. This official launch was attended by many important high-level industry dignitaries who presented their congratulations to FIDIC on this auspicious event. This launch has a two-fold significance. It is the first FIDIC subsidiary to be opened in China and it will also be the first representative office in Asia, thereby marking an important new chapter in FIDIC’s history.

The FCCE Chinese Trainers meeting
Following on the recent requests from the Chinese Trainers to meet, a discussion session was organised to consider the way forward both for the future FCCE Programme and the CPD course requirements that should be undertaken.

The feedback provided by the Trainers was very positive and many offered their advice on how the FCCE programme could be further enhanced in the future. Actualising many of these proposals will form part of capacity-building efforts of FIDIC and FCS going forward.

2016 & 2017 FCCE CPD recertification programme
The Pilot Programme is proud to celebrate over 1,400 FCCE graduates who completed the programme in 2016. The next step would be to undertake a Continued Professional Development (CPD). As a FIDIC subsidiary specialising in certification, FIDIC Credentialing Limited (FCL), has been mandated to develop a comprehensive framework for advancing the

Update on FIDIC 2017 Editions translation into Chinese
FIDIC is proud to announce that the FIDIC’s Rainbow Suite of contracts, including the Red Book, Yellow Book, Silver Book are being translated into Chinese. These documents remain the pre-eminent standard form of contracts between employers and contractors working on the international scene. These second editions were published in 2017 and have been updated with some key changes for the contracts which also includes dispute avoidance. These documents will be made available for purchase in the near future. All FCCEs as well as those interested in this updated version of the contracts wishing to get their hands on a copy, should contact the FCS office. They will happily provide you with further information and details about payment. This is the only official translation that is approved by FIDIC. It is on sale and available for purchase from 2021 onwards, both in an online and hard copy versions.
New FCCE Roll out programme 2021
Plans to roll out the new FCCE programme in 2021 are ongoing. Many professionals, including consulting engineers have expressed a strong interest in taking part in this programme. The framework for setting up an international programme are not without its challenges. These are currently being ironed out to ensure that the process is as smooth and as accessible as possible for all those wishing to participate in the programme. The global pandemic has impacted on some of these consideration and as the in-class option may not be the best option in Q1, it is important to find alternatives that are affordable and practical. Discussions with various experts and stakeholders have further highlighted the need to ensure that the same standards are maintained, a revised fees structure is considered and the participation of others, not only consulting engineers, is promoted.

FCS future activities
Establishing a FIDIC subsidiary in China has been an important step for further strengthening our partnership both with China and regionally. It is expected that in the near future, the FCS will be organising various events staring in Beijing which will help to raise awareness of the role of FIDIC as well as further engage with the local stakeholders. In 2019 and 2020, FIDIC signed a number of significant MOUs with key stakeholders such as AIIB, CAIEC and CAEC.

Message from FCS General Manager
In my capacity as General Manager of FCS, it is my firm belief that....

FIDIC Global news and events
For further information on the conference, events and training being organised by FIDIC, please consult the links provided below:

a. The CEO’s update:

https://fidic.org/node/31337
b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

- https://fidic.org/events

c. Information about upcoming training courses:

- https://fidic.org/online-fidic-training-courses

Website and social media links

a. FCS website link: https://china.fidic.org/zh-hant/
b. FCS Wechat link:....

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