FCCE BULLETIN
Welcome to this third issue of the FCCE Bulletin.

The month of March has been a busy one for FIDIC. At the start of the month, FIDIC Credentialing Limited was launched. The first State of the World (SOW) report since 2015 was also launched and the SOW webinar on the report was a great success. These are important milestones in the work that FIDIC is doing and demonstrates the growing interest in the services we provide and in the value those services have to the infrastructure industry.

As the month comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all the FCCEs, our regional partners and stakeholders to get actively involved in these initiatives by visiting our websites and signing up to our relevant programmes, webinars or conferences. April will be another busy month as the FIDIC Board meeting will be held at the end of the month, as well as a host of events and webinars which you will be updated on in this or in the future newsletter. Stay tuned for more.
FCL will launch a FIDIC Certified Adjudicator programme later this year

The FIDIC Certified Adjudicator programme is one of the certification programmes which is being offered by FCL from 2021 onwards. Given the great importance which FIDIC attaches to increasing the number of Adjudicators who are listed on its roster, it is vital to that Adjudicators and Dispute Avoidance experts practicing globally can apply to become certified. The aim is for this certification to be available to Adjudicators in China and around the world who wish to be listed as FIDIC Certified Adjudicators.

Stayed tuned as FCL is in the process of finalising all the aspects of this programme. In the meantime, you are encouraged to check the FIDIC Certified Adjudicator programme page (https://china.fidic.org/adjudicators/) on a regular basis. For those who are interested in finding out more, please fill out the EOI form here or contact the FCS office. The FCS team will be able to provide you with any help or information you may need.

Combating corruption in the engineering and construction sector

This webinar took place on 23 March 2021 and comprised of experts from around their world who provided their inputs which were based on their professional and industry experience. Trends around the world and nationally to address the phenomenon of corruption were considered.

Another past webinar of note was the launch of the State of the World report under the theme of “Time to Invest”. This event was well attended by various industry experts and senior management professionals who shared their views on the global infrastructure spending and the investment trends. It was predicted that in the future and as a result of the global pandemic, more focus will be given to developing artificial intelligence (AI) technology to meet the industry’s growing demands and to better match the demands of various business models. To address these challenges, the SOW report offers three recommendation. To read up more about it, click on this link.

FIDIC’s new webinar on dispute resolution and litigation at the end of March

FIDIC held a webinar at the end of March to consider how the industry is tackling the issue of litigation and how FIDIC contracts can help bring the industry together. The event was free. For more information on this, click on the link below.

https://fidic.org/events/dispute-or-not-dispute
Training update – new FIDIC Academy
The FIDIC Board at its meeting approved our plans to invest in a new learning management system (LMS) to enable digital delivery of both real time and on-demand training for members, their firms and to widen the number of stakeholders who are interested in enhancing their skills and capabilities based on the FIDIC Body of Knowledge (FBOK). The Board also approved the plan to bring all our training activities under a new brand called the FIDIC Academy. Clients will benefit from the new platform, including improved accessibility to the training information and registration process, a quicker registration experience and better learner engagement.

New: The latest FIDIC Covid-19 bulletin published
FIDIC’s latest bulletin to update member associations during the current global pandemic has just been published this month. Bulletin 2: Internal Business Cycle Challenges and Best Practices focuses on the new and evolving challenges faced by consulting engineering firms with respect to their internal business cycle and the resulting best practices. The information presented in this latest bulletin was gathered from senior industry leaders and is intended to be used by senior industry leaders as they continue to face the challenges of work-life during the pandemic. Bulletin 2 covers a wide range of areas including business volume, business profitability, staff recruitment and on-boarding, project execution, client relationships and business-related best practices.

Publication of the FIDIC Suite of Contracts by CMP in March 2021
China Machine Press will be producing the official Chinese-language translated versions of the 2017 edition of the FIDIC Rainbow Contracts suite. From the end of March 2021, these books will be available for purchase in hard copy, but also online as a soft copy.

All FCCEs as well as those interested in this updated version of the contracts who wish to get their hands on a copy, should contact the FCS office (Tel: 010 – 56950858; email: fcee@fidic.org, fcs@fidic.org). The FCS office will happily provide you with further information and details about payment.

Efforts continue to promote the 2016 and 2017 FCCE CPD recertification programme
In March, as entrusted by FIDIC, the FIDIC China team went to Xi’an, Chengdu, Wuhan and Guangzhou to engage in extensive exchanges with FCCEs and other relevant partners about the future development prospects of the FCCE, FCCE’s practical experience in the project, and the implementation of FCCE CPD activities.
FIDIC plans to hold FCCE CPD recertification programme activities in Xi’an, Chengdu, Wuhan, Guangzhou and Beijing from April to May this year. FCS will be issuing FCCE CPD recertification notice in the near future. For more information please contact the FCS office (010-56950858; fcce@fidic.org, fcs@fidic.org).

FCS future activities
This year, FCS will assist FIDIC and FCL to fully promote the FCCE programme across China. In the near future, a series of activities will be held to help more individuals and organizations to understand the role and development prospects of FIDIC, and to strengthen practical and in-depth exchanges and cooperation with various stakeholders in various fields.

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: Issue 15

https://fidic.org/node/32589

b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

https://fidic.org/events
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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