Welcome to the sixth edition in the series of the FCCE Bulletin.

The month of June has been a busy month especially as FIDIC and the team at the Secretariat have been working hard to implement several key initiatives and bring to fruition the key strategies we developed last year and at the beginning of this year.

One key example of this is the signing at the end of last month, a five-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the European Investment Bank. We firmly believe that this agreement is important for fostering cooperation on shared objectives, in particular, in the fields of procurement and contract management.

It also gives me great pleasure to inform you of the recent meeting which took place with CHINCA. During this meeting, Chairman Fang expressed a strong commitment to continuing to work with FIDIC and to actualising the MOU signed in 2019. As the biggest users of FIDIC contracts in China, FIDIC considers CHINCA and its member firms important allies for promoting the international standards in the engineering and construction industry, both in the built and natural environment.
FIDIC Credentialing Ltd (FCL) has also been working hard in June to deliver one of its five programmes. I am pleased to announce that a few weeks ago, the FIDIC Certified Adjudicator programme successfully completed the phase 1 and phase 2 exam and assessment aspects for the certification programme. We look forward to implementing some of the other certification programmes in Q3 of 2021 and we will be keen to use the lessons learned to improve on our delivery for the future programmes.

In June, the FCL Management board and the Certification board held their respective third annual meetings virtually. Discussion centred around the work of the committees as well as on providing concrete decisions and direction to improve governance and strategies for the future delivery of the five programmes this year.

It has been very encouraging to learn that more than 700 of the 2016 and 2017 FCCE graduates have participated in the recertification activities which took place across five cities in China this year. We thank all the participants, their companies and all the stakeholders who attended or supported us through the realisation of these recertification seminars which began in May.

Finally, I am pleased that we have completed and officially launched the Chinese translated version of the FIDIC 2017 Contracts. It is available for purchase through our Beijing office in China and via the FIDIC website www.fidic.org. This should provide a good opportunity for the wider use of the FIDIC Contracts on major projects in both China and along the Belt and Road initiatives (BRI) corridor worldwide.
Record-breaking contracts webinar
The webinar which was held on Tuesday 8 June, “FIDIC contracts – the gold standard for projects”, saw more than 4,400 people register to attend it, and on the day, 1,000 people attended via Zoom with more than 600 others watching the event live on You Tube. These numbers represent an all-time record for any FIDIC event and it just shows the massive interest that there is in FIDIC contracts and their use throughout the global infrastructure sector. It is certainly something to build on as we move ahead with our Contract Users Conferences (see below) and gives us even more contacts to work with as we look to widen our stakeholder base. The webinar saw literally hundreds of questions being raised in the Q&A segment which again shows the strong interest and appetite for discussion about these flagship FIDIC publications.

Click here (https://www.fidic.org/node/33169) to read a report on the FIDIC contracts-the gold standard for projects webinar.

Official FIDIC Contract Users Conference delivered
The first official FIDIC Contract Users’ Conference in 2021 was staged online and delivered in-house under new arrangements. Taking place over four days (from 25-28 May 2021), the event targeted the Latin America and North America contract users’ community and saw attendees being updated on the application and use of the FIDIC suites of contracts in the region. Best practices were highlighted and hints and tips on FIDIC contract use were shared. The conference was attended by representatives from MDBs, private sector organisations and clients, government, consulting engineers, contractors, investors, lawyers, risk managers and other stakeholders who shared an interest in FIDIC contracts.

The next official FIDIC Contract Users’ Conference will take place from 12-13 July and the event will be aimed at the Asia/Australasia region.

More major agreements signed with MDBs
FIDIC continues to make progress building linkages with the international banking sector, including by signing two further collaboration agreements in the last month with high-profile global institutions. The European Investment Bank (EIB) and FIDIC have signed a five-year memorandum of understanding to foster cooperation on shared objectives and on effective procurement and contract management. The EIB is the largest multilateral financial institution in the world and this MoU is a big boost for FIDIC, its members, the EIB, international consulting and engineering firms and also the wider global construction sector. Similarly, we signed a major agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) that will see the international funding organisation adopt the use of six FIDIC standard contracts for the next five years. Endorsement by a key UN agency like IFAD will provide additional comfort to financial, institutional and private equity investors operating in the global market to adopt the use of FIDIC standard procurement contracts. We have now signed cooperation agreements with nearly all the major MDBs, which represents a major step forward for FIDIC and its members.
FIDIC's annual International Infrastructure Conference will be held in September

Work is advancing well for the organisation of FIDIC’s annual International Infrastructure Conference which takes place online again this year, on Friday 10 and Monday 13 September. The conference entitled; *Investing in future infrastructure - governance and leadership in a post-pandemic world*, will look at the global need for high-quality and sustainable infrastructure in the context of a world coming out of the Covid crisis. The event will consider the challenges faced by both the public and private sectors in developing successful projects and maintaining high-performing infrastructure assets in a rapidly changing world of digitisation, energy transition, climate change, geo-politics and growing societal needs. The conference will provide a platform for leading keynote speakers who will address the planning, funding and delivery of sustainable infrastructure as well as examining various aspects of leadership in business, industry and politics which are all key in achieving these objectives.

The full agenda for the event will be available shortly but you can register your interest to attend and review the information using this link.

Key move for FIDIC as China contract translations published

FIDIC published five of its key standard construction contracts in Chinese this month. The publication of the documents is the result of a major translation and publishing licence agreement which FIDIC signed last year with China Machine Press in Beijing. It has enabled FIDIC contracts and other key documents to be translated and published in Chinese in recent months. This is a key strategic move for FIDIC and the international infrastructure sector, as it will undoubtedly help to widen the dissemination of FIDIC publications in the Chinese market. Also, due to increased Chinese investment in international markets and on the Belt and Road initiatives, the publication of these translations will also provide a unified approach allowing Chinese consultants and contractors to better comprehend FIDIC contracts in their local language, thus enabling them to use them internationally. Details on the publications can be found here.

Compulsory Recertification Activities for the 2016 and 2017 FCCEs was successfully concluded

With the consent of FIDIC, the FCCE Certification Management Board held a series of three-days FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineers compulsory recertification activities from 6th May to 22nd June2021 in Wuhan, Guangzhou, Beijing, Xi’an and Chengdu, respectively.

The above activities were undertaken by FIDIC Consulting Services (Beijing) Ltd across the five cities. FIDIC certified trainers were invited to introduce the main content of the 2017 FIDIC contracts and analyze the similarities and differences between the 1999 and 2017 FIDIC contracts. More than 700 FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineers from the 2016 and 2017 graduating sets attended the activities. For more information about these recertification activities, please consult the FCS WeChat page or the FCS website.
The working meeting between FIDIC and CHINCA was successfully held

On 24 June 2021, FIDIC held a working meeting with the China International Contractors Association (CHINCA). Dr. Nelson Ogunshakin, CEO of FIDIC, and Mr. Fang Qiuchen, President of CHINCA, respectively reviewed the cooperation achievements since the signing of the MOU in July 2019. In addition, cooperation initiatives were discussed, including the recent publication of the Chinese and English version of the FIDIC contracts, the FIDIC Contract Users Conference, FIDIC’s certification programmes under FCL, infrastructure investment opportunities and the construction summit forum as well as the project management conference. Other matters were also discussed in-depth. The meeting, it is fair to conclude, achieved very positive results.
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 18

https://fidic.org/node/33183

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/](https://china.fidic.org/zh-hant/)

b. FCS WeChat link:

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