Welcome to this twelfth edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

December may be the final month of the year, but we are already looking ahead to the new year which is fast approaching. Before we reach the final days of 2021, we must celebrate the many new achievements as we close the year on a high note.

There have been many highlights. On 15 December, FCS organised a webinar on “Dispute Resolution under FIDIC Contracts”. This event was well attended by experts in the industry and specialists in FIDIC contracts and in adjudication, while the FIDIC Board member, Mr Liu Luobing gave the opening remarks.

At the start of the month, the FIDIC Contracts’ Users Conference was held online with the participation of FIDIC contracts experts, partners and industry professionals, during which they discussed recent global trends and challenges facing the infrastructure sector. This annual event which targets the international contract users’ community, also offered a unique opportunity to share progress on the use of FIDIC contracts across different regions, with input from MDBs, private sector organisations, governments, engineers, contractors, investors, consultants, and other stakeholders who have an interest in FIDIC contracts.

During the conference, the much anticipated and updated version of FIDIC Green book (2021 edition), also known as the Short Form of Contract was launched.
In addition, the third annual FIDIC Contracts’ User Awards was held during on the final day of the conference with many notable participants. The judging panel was chaired by Sir Vivian Ramsey, who handed out awards for the: Project of the Year, Client of the Year, Consultant of the Year, Legal or Professional services of the year, Trainer of the Year, Adjudicator of the Year and the Golden Principles Award.

Notable mention should also be made about the FCL presentations. During the second day of the conference, the role of FCL, certification and the advantages it brings to professionals were discussed. The Chair of the Certification board, Professor John Uff, moderated the discussions on the five different certifications. Each programme’s chair or member also highlighted the importance of certification and showcased the development of each of the respective programmes since the launch of FCL.

Similarly in December, the first ever FIDIC Certified Contract Manager examination was held on the 9th of December. 32 candidates from across the world participated in the assessment, showing they were confident in being tested about their knowledge and experience in administering FIDIC contracts. Positive feedback has since been received from many candidates and we believe this is a positive encouragement for the implementation of future examinations which will take place next year.

Following on from the two other certification examinations which were held this year, notably the FIDIC Certified Adjudicator and the Certified Consulting Practitioners, we are confident that we will additionally open up applications for the other two other highly anticipated programmes, i.e., the Certified FCCE and Certified Trainer certification examinations in early 2022.

So far, FCL has certified over 100 professionals working in the industry and recertified almost 700 FCCEs in China. This is a major achievement given that the company was launched in March 2021.

Much of the work we have done would not have been possible without our board members, committees, partners and other stakeholders who have dedicated their time and expertise to ensure we have a robust system and that we maintain a holistic approach to our certifications.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank all the FCCE graduates who participated in the recertification procedures this year, their companies for believing in the
programme and the partners who worked with us and demonstrate their continued trust in FIDIC throughout this process and in the course of the year.

The next online webinar will be held at the beginning of 2022. It will be part of the State of the World series and is entitled; “Going Digital: Did COVID teach us anything?” I would encourage you to participate in this free event which will offer some timely inputs on lessons learnt during this post-pandemic period.

Finally, I believe that with all the achievements of 2021, we can confidently push forward to engage more actively with you, other partners and stakeholders to be able to jointly enjoy greater success in 2022.

To this end, on behalf of the FIDIC family, I would like to wish you and all those close to you, all the best the season has to offer and happy holidays!
New updated FIDIC (Green Book) Short Form Contract is launched
The much-anticipated 2021 update of the FIDIC Green Book was launched this month. This second edition of the updated Short Form of Contract meets the current demand of the international construction industry for projects where the perceived level of risk is low and/or where construction parties need a contract form that is simple to use and does not require significant contract administration and management resources. The Green Book 2nd Edition highlights FIDIC’s key principles of balanced risk sharing while seeking to build on the substantial experience gained from the original Green Book’s use over the past 22 years.

Hard copies of the Green Book will be available for purchase from mid-January 2022 and the electronic version is available immediately for purchase on the FIDIC website. The price ranges from €40 - €195. For more information, please visit the FIDIC website via this link.

International FIDIC conference highlights global contract challenges
The official FIDIC International Contract Users’ Conference 2021 took place online and was delivered in-house by FIDIC over the course of three days, from 7-9 December 2021.

This annual event targets the global contract users’ community and gave delegates a unique opportunity to share progress on the application and use of FIDIC contracts internationally and across different regions. The event included participation of MDBs, private sector organisations, government representatives, engineers, contractors, investors, consultants, and other stakeholders who are interested in FIDIC contracts.

More information on the event could be found here.

FIDIC Contract Users’ Awards 2021 winners announced
The winners of the 2021 FIDIC Contract Users’ Awards have been announced. The awards, now in its third year, recognises excellence in the use of FIDIC contract forms for project delivery and showcases examples of good practice through collaboration from across the world. Despite the obstacles and challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, entries were received and a judging panel reviewed the submissions. A strong shortlist was compiled and comprised of a total of 21 project submissions, as well as submissions from organisations, companies and individuals. The winners were announced during an
online ceremony on Thursday, 9 December 2021, which concluded the FIDIC Contract Users’ Conference of 2021.

Click [here](#) to see the full details of the winners of the 2022 FIDIC Contract Users' Awards.

**FCS organized a webinar on Dispute Resolution under FIDIC Contracts**

On 15 December 2021, FIDIC Consulting Services (Beijing) Ltd. (FCS) organized a webinar entitled “Dispute Resolution under FIDIC Contracts”. The webinar was aimed at enhancing the knowledge of the FIDIC brand in China, promoting the use of FIDIC contracts, showcasing the benefits of Dispute Avoidance/Adjudication Board (DAAB). It also sought to engage more actively with stakeholders from the engineering, construction and infrastructure sectors.

Mr. Liu Luobing, FIDIC Board member, delivered the welcome address. He spoke about advocacy, initiatives and the latest FIDIC developments. He also gave a briefing on FIDIC certification programmes offered by FCL and shared his views on the DAAB. The three panellists included Prof. Lv Wenxue from Tianjin University, Dr. Dean Lewis from Pinsent Masons, and Mr. Zhao Dongfeng from Chang’an Law Firm, respectively provided their insights, observations and experience as related to cases requiring the dispute resolution mechanism under FIDIC contracts.

Approximately 280 participants, including FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineers (FCCEs), and other participants from the engineering, construction, infrastructure, legal services and financing sectors attended the webinar and interacted with the panellists. The webinar was a major success.
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. CEO’s update: Issue 22

https://fidic.org/node/34708

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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