

THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS Construction Dispute Resolution Committee (CDRC)

Presents the Inaugural

HKIE EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING COURSE 2026

With venue provided by Supporting Organiser
School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

Your Gateway to the HKIE List of Expert Witnesses

Introduction

With the establishment of the **HKIE List of Expert Witnesses**, the Construction Dispute Resolution Committee (CDRC) is proud to launch this training programme to prepare engineers for the professional standards required for listing.

With the rise in complex construction disputes and the enactment of the Security of Payment Ordinance (SOPO), the demand for credible, impartial engineering expert witnesses has never been higher. This course is the definitive pathway to mastering this critical role, enhancing your professional standing, and contributing to Hong Kong's reputation as a leading dispute resolution hub.

“This training directly fulfils the HKIE’s mandate to promote our members’ expertise and supports the government’s initiative to strengthen Hong Kong’s position in dispute resolution.”

— **Ir Ben TC CHAN**, Chairman, HKIE CDRC

Course Objectives

This practice-oriented programme will equip participants to:

- **Understand** the legal framework and the expert’s overriding duty to the court/tribunal under the Rules of the High Court.
- **Apply** the principles of impartiality, independence, and natural justice.
- **Draft** clear, concise, and robust expert reports that withstand scrutiny.
- **Navigate** procedures for expert conferences, joint reports, and hearings, including “hot-tubbing”.
- **Perform** effectively and professionally under cross-examination.
- **Uphold** the ethical standards and professional codes of conduct.

Course Structure & Distinguished Speaker Faculty

This intensive programme comprises evening and full-day sessions, blending lectures, case studies, and a practical role-play.

Course Venue:

- **G5216 (Green Zone, 5/F)** for 14 and 16 April 2026 (7:00 pm – 10:00 pm)
- **G4702 (Green Zone, 4/F)** for 18 and 25 April 2026 (9:00 am – 6:00 pm)

At Yeung Kin Man Academic Building, City University of Hong Kong, 83 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon.

Session Date	Time	Core Topic
14 April 2026 (Tuesday)	7pm – 10pm	Legal Framework, Role, Duties & Impartiality
16 April 2026 (Thursday)	7pm – 10pm	Codes of Conduct, Engagement & Practice
18 April 2026 (Saturday)	9am – 6pm	Expert Reports, Joint Reports & Hearing Procedure
25 April 2026 (Saturday)	9am – 6pm	Role-Play (Mock Trial), Experience Sharing & Summary

Note:

The exact start and end times for each session are subject to minor adjustments; confirmed details will be provided to successful applicants prior to the course commencement.

Distinguished Speaker Faculty

Learn from a stellar line-up of practising legal professionals and seasoned engineering experts who understand the realities of the witness box.

- **Legal Expertise:**

Barristers and Engineers **Dr Solomon LAM**, **Ir M T YEUNG**, and **Ir Harrison CHEUNG** will cover hearing procedures, cross-examination, and courtroom demeanor, while solicitors **Mr Dennis WONG** (Partner of Cocking & Co.) and **Mr Hinson CHEUNG** (Partner of Pinsent Masons) will address the legal framework and expert report writing.

- **Engineering Insight:**

Highly experienced practitioners **Ir Colin JESSE** and **Ir Dr Eric LIM** will bridge the gap between law and engineering, sharing invaluable practical guidance on joint reports, conference and professional ethics.

This unique combination of talent ensures a comprehensive, practice-oriented learning experience.

Start Your Path to the HKIE List of Expert Witnesses

This course is the first formal step toward being recognised on the new HKIE List.

1. **Successfully Complete the Course:**

Achieve full attendance to receive a **Certificate of Completion**.

2. **Suitability Interview:**

Candidates who meet the experience criteria will be invited for a panel interview to assess their expertise and professional standing.

3. **Inclusion on the HKIE List:**

Successful candidates will be recommended for inclusion on the **HKIE List of Expert Witnesses**.

Note:

Successful completion of this course and passing the interview does not guarantee automatic or lifetime inclusion on the List.

Eligibility & Target Participants

Places are strictly limited to **35 participants** to ensure an interactive, high-quality learning experience.

Applicants must:

- Be **Corporate Members of the HKIE** (or Registered Professional Engineers with equivalent status); and
- Possess a minimum of **three years' relevant post-qualification experience** in the construction/engineering industry or in dispute resolution related to construction/engineering.

This course is ideal for engineers intending to serve as expert witnesses or who are involved in arbitration, adjudication, and litigation.

Note:

A limited number of places are reserved for CityUHK students in relevant disciplines

Course Fee and Application Details

Item	Detail
Course Fee:	HK\$12,000 per person (includes all course materials, tuition, and Certificate of Completion)
Language:	English (course materials in English; verbal instruction may be in English/Cantonese based on participant needs)
Registration Deadline:	31 March 2026 (Tuesday), 12noon
Notification of Acceptance:	3 April 2026 (Friday)

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the following two steps by the deadline:

1. **Submit an online application form.**
2. **Send a cheque** for HK\$12,000 payable to “**The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers**” by post to:

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
9/F Island Beverley
No. 1 Great George Street
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
(Ref: HKIE Expert Witness Training Course 2026)

Note:

Should the number of applications exceed available places, selection will be based on the applicant's relevant experience and demonstrated potential to be listed as an HKIE Expert Witness.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact the HKIE Secretariat at: **ppd@hkie.org.hk**

Important Notes & Disclaimers

- **Selection Process:** Selection will be based on the applicant's relevant experience and demonstrated potential to be listed as an HKIE Expert Witness. Successful applicants will be notified.
- **Course Viability:** The HKIE reserves the right to postpone or cancel the course if the number of eligible applicants is fewer than 20. In such an event, registered participants will be notified, and a full refund will be provided or deferment options offered.
- The HKIE reserves the right to cancel or amend the course, date, venue, content, or lecturers due to unforeseen circumstances. Participants will be notified of any changes in advance. A minimum number of enrolments is required for the course to proceed. In the event of course cancellation by the HKIE, a full refund will be provided.
- Any special requests must be made in writing to **ppd@hkie.org.hk** at least five working days before the course commencement. Charges may apply.
- Any personal data provided will be used solely for the purposes related to this course. You are required to supply the data requested below in order to register. The HKIE may also use the data to inform you about the HKIE educational and promotional activities. You may request access to or correction of your personal data by contacting the HKIE Secretariat via **ppd@hkie.org.hk**.
- **Weather Arrangements:** Evening sessions will be cancelled if Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above or Black Rainstorm Warning is in force at 4:00pm. Full-day Saturday sessions will be cancelled if such warning is in force at 7am. Make-up arrangements will be announced via email.

Main Organiser:

Supporting Organiser:

Trainers' Biographies



Dr Solomon LAM

FHKIA, MICE, CEng, MCI Arb, HKMAAL and HKIAC Accredited Mediator

Dr Solomon LAM is a practising barrister, chartered civil engineer (CEng), a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers (MICE), a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (FHKI Arb), a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), and a mediator accredited by HKMAAL and HKIAC.

Dr LAM specialises in construction, adverse possession and building management matters. He has also recently developed practice in compulsory sale cases. He is regularly instructed to appear in various level of courts, arbitrations, disciplinary boards and building appeals.

He was also the junior counsel for the Commission in the Commission of Inquiry into the Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link Project.



Ir Harrison CHEUNG
Barrister-at-Law

With over two decades of experience in the construction industry, Ir Harrison CHEUNG transitioned into a successful career as a barrister, specialising in construction-related litigation, arbitration, and mediation.

In addition to his expertise in these areas, Ir CHEUNG adeptly handles commercial contractual disputes and a wide array of general legal matters. His legal acumen extends to criminal law, where he serves as counsel on fiat and defense counsel, demonstrating his comprehensive legal capabilities.



Mr Hinson CHEUNG
Partner, Pinsent Masons, Solicitor Advocate
LLM, LLB (Hons), BSc (Surveying) (Hons)

Mr Hinson CHEUNG is a Partner in the construction advisory and dispute practice at Pinsent Masons. He is a construction disputes specialist with substantial experience in working with expert witnesses across a wide range of technical disciplines. He began his career as a quantity surveyor before qualifying as a solicitor, giving him strong technical and commercial insight into construction and infrastructure projects.

Mr CHEUNG has acted in numerous high value arbitrations and court proceedings where expert input on programming, delay, quantum, geotechnical engineering, structural engineering, materials, and building services has been central to the outcome. His experience also extends to expert evidence in defending health and safety prosecutions, including accident investigation, materials science, and structural and geotechnical engineering matters.

Mr CHEUNG is one of the handful Solicitor Advocates in Hong Kong with higher rights of audience and is listed as an arbitrator and adjudicator on leading professional panels. He is also a part time lecturer at The University of Hong Kong, teaching construction law, contractual claims, and arbitration.



Ir Colin JESSE
B.Eng FHKIE

Ir Colin JESSE has successfully managed a range of civil engineering and consulting businesses during his fifty years in the construction industry in Hong Kong and internationally. He has extensive hands-on experience in the delivery of infrastructure projects in Hong Kong and South East Asia, applying his world-class expertise to project management, delivery and procurement, expert engineering advice, mediation, partnering and alliance projects, claim dispute settlement, executive development and risk management.

He was the Chairman of the Hong Kong Contracting Association Piling Committee (HKCA) from 1989-92. Ir JESSE has had extensive involvement as an expert in a number of major Hong Kong arbitrations, mediations and high court actions.



Mr Dennis WONG

Founding Partner of Cocking & Co., Accredited Adjudicator

Mr Dennis WONG studied law and obtained his legal qualification in New South Wales, Australia in 1999. Mr WONG became a Hong Kong solicitor in 2005 and had since engaged in construction law practice at international firms in Hong Kong and China. He is also a qualified GBA lawyer and an accredited adjudicator.

Mr WONG has wide experience of various forms of commercial dispute resolution including mediation, arbitration, litigation and adjudication. In particular, he specialises in resolving complex contractual and construction disputes.

Mr WONG has handled many international and domestic arbitrations involving construction projects in Hong Kong, Macau, London, Dubai, Oman and Saudi Arabia. He is experienced in advising various stakeholders in the construction industry including governments, employers, contractors, engineers, and a variety of other clients, on construction related dispute resolution in Hong Kong. He has extensive experience in handling construction payment disputes arising from interim or final accounts, delay, extension of time, liquidated damages, variations, defects and other construction issues.



Ms Vivian WONG

Counsel of Cocking & Co. LLP

Ms Vivian WONG studied law and obtained her legal qualification in Hong Kong. She became a Hong Kong solicitor in 2011 and a solicitor of England & Wales in June 2024. She has passed the HKIAC Adjudicator Training in October 2025.

Ms WONG has a wide range of experience in both contentious and non-contentious matters relating to construction. She regularly advised and represented employers, consultants and contractors in different forms of dispute resolution (e.g. mediation, adjudication, arbitration and litigation) concerning residential and infrastructure projects in Hong Kong and overseas. She often works with experts on construction disputes and has experience in handling disputes concerning defects, extension of time, liquidated damages, delay, loss and expenses, interim or final payment, variations, bond, termination, etc.



Mr Jeffrey WONG
Managing Director, Secretariat Advisors, LLC

Mr Jeffrey WONG is a Managing Director , Secretariat Advisors, LLCt, specialising in consulting on construction projects in the area of quantity surveying. Mr Wong has analysed, and prepared construction claims for complex construction projects throughout Asia. As a result, he has extensive experience in preparing/assessing prolongation and disruption claims, valuation of variations and re-rating. In addition, he has extensive experience in preparing expert report and giving evidence on quantum matters.



Ir Dr Eric C H LIM

PhD, C Eng, FIMechE, MHKIE, MAE, MHKISC, FHKICA, FHKCI

Ir Dr Eric LIM graduated from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University of Hong Kong. He is currently a director of Safety Accident and Failure Experts Limited, which is a company providing independent technical investigations to the engineering field in Hong Kong. Up to date, Ir Dr LIM has prepared more than 3,800 independent technical reports on various aspects and he has acted and appeared in court as well as arbitration hearing on more than 180 occasions as expert witness.



Ir YEUNG Ming Tai
Barrister and Chartered Civil Engineer, HKIAC Arbitrator

Ir YEUNG Ming Tai is both a practising barrister and a professional civil engineer. He has considerable experience in preparation of contract documentation and in contract administration and handling claims by contractors in infrastructure, highways, reclamation, drainage and earthworks projects.

Ir YEUNG has practised as a civil engineer for 11 years. He commenced his legal practice in 1989 and since then has been handling mainly construction and commercial litigation and arbitration as well as personal injury cases in construction projects. He has been advising his lay clients on various stages of construction and commercial projects, ranging from drafting of terms and conditions of contracts, advising on contentious issues to resolution of disputes through mediation, arbitration or litigation.

He has been acting as a sole arbitrator and co-arbitrator in more than 180 construction and commercial disputes. He is now listed in the HKIAC panel of arbitrators, the Hainan International Arbitration Court, the Bar Association panel of arbitrators and The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers panel of arbitrators. He has also been appointed by the International Chambers of Commerce and the Chinese Arbitration Commission, Taipei as a co-arbitrator and Presiding Arbitrator respectively in international commercial arbitration.