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# VIRTUAL 2 DAY COURSE ON UNDERSTANDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS - FAILURES AND REMEDIES

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**SPEAKER :**  
**Ir. LAI SZE CHING**

**12 & 13 DECEMBER 2023,  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY  
9.00AM - 5.30PM**

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# SYNOPSIS

Dispute in business is inevitable, and the construction industry is no different. Disputes arise within the construction industry for all sorts of reasons, with several possible ways by which to resolve them. However, although these disputes are often resolvable, they inevitably bring many challenges and legal issues that have to take into consideration.

In order to avoid the disputes, we have to understand what are the traps and pitfalls in construction contracts. Even if we may not be able to avoid the disputes completely we may be able to reduce some of them. This course will explore the common problems that exist in construction projects and to seek for possible solutions to overcome them before the disputes escalate.

The traps and pitfall that we seek to explore include:

- 1.What are the duties and liabilities of Engineers/Architects and Quantity Surveyors in administering construction contracts?
- 2.Are Engineers/Architects liable to the Contractors for under or no certification?
- 3.Does Contractor entitled to extension of time for delays caused by the Employer?
- 4.Under what situations are Contractors entitled to claim for loss & expense for the delay?
- 5.What if the late completion is due to concurrent delay by both the Contractor and employer?
- 6.When a project is practically completed?
- 7.Can the Contractor claim for the variation order which is only issued verbally?
- 8.Can the Employer terminate a contract when then contractor is progressing slowly and behind the schedule of the program of work?
- 9.Is retention sum trust money?

This seminar will provide a detailed analysis to the above problems and their related issues.

## ABOUT THE COURSE LEADER

**Ir. LAI SZE CHING**, graduated as a Mechanical Engineer from the University of Malaya. He also holds LL.B degree from University of London and LL.M from University of Malaya, majoring in Construction Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Arbitration Law, Remedy and Civil Procedure. In addition, he also holds a Certificate of Legal Practice from Qualifying Board of Malaysia and Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (CIarb UK). Ir Lai is a Fellow Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), Malaysian Society of Adjudicators, Malaysia Institute of Arbitrators (MIarb) and Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AiADR). He is also a Fellow Member of the Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) and Honourable Fellow Member of Asean Federation of Engineering Organisation (AFEO).

Ir. Lai has more than 30 years working experience in the field of construction, property development and contractual claims. He is currently the Managing partner of an Adjudication & Arbitration Chamber and the Managing Director of a consulting firm specialised in project management. He has authored many articles on ADR, Arbitration and Construction Law and had conducted talks on ADR, Law for Engineers and on Construction Law to local companies and Universities.

Being an accreditator of Engineering Accreditation Council Malaysia, he is also actively involved in the accreditation of local engineering programmes. Ir. Lai has also been appointed as the Student Ambassador for the External Law Programme of University of London. He is currently empanelled as Arbitrator, Mediator and Adjudicator in the panel of Asian International Arbitration Centre, Malaysia (AIAC). He is also empanelled as Adjudicator and Arbitrator in the panel of AiADR and as Arbitrator in the panel of Mlarb and IEM.

## COURSE SCHEDULE & OUTLINE

Day 1		Day 2	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 10:45	The Nature of Construction Contracts Common Breaches. Contractor's Obligations	09:00 - 10:45	Valuation of Variation Defects
10:45 - 11:00	Tea Break	10:45 - 11:00	Tea Break
11:00 - 13:00	Employer's Duties Duties of Architects/Engineers/QS	11:00 - 13:00	Termination of Contract
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	Delays Delay Analysis	14:00 - 15:30	Retention Sum Professional Negligence
15:30 - 15:45	Tea Break	15:30 - 15:45	Tea Break
13:45 - 17:00	Practical Completion Variation Orders	13:45 - 17:00	Professional Négligence in Construction Adjudication
17:00 - 17:30	Q & A	17:00 - 17:30	Q & A

## WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM THE COURSE

- Project Directors
- Contract Managers / Executives
- Project Managers / Engineers
- Project Architects
- Site Managers / Site Agents
- Quantity Surveyors
- Site supervisors
- Developers
- Contractors and sub-contractors

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Virtual 2 Day Course on  
Understanding Construction Contracts - Failures and Remedies  
12 & 13 December 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)**

**Closing Date: 1 December 2023**

No	Name(s)	Email	Membership No.	Grade	Fee (RM)
SUB TOTAL					
+ 6% SST					
TOTAL PAYABLE					

**PAYMENT DETAILS :**

Cash RM \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque no. \_\_\_\_\_ for the amount of RM \_\_\_\_\_ (non-refundable) .

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