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HKIPM-HKIBIM Joint Conference 2014 on "BIM in Project Management"

The Hong Kong Institute of Project Management (HKIPM), in collaboration with the Hong Kong Institute of Building Information Modelling (HKIBIM), launched a joint half-day conference on the theme of "BIM in Project Management" at 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 2 April 2014 at the Chiang Chen Studio Theatre of PolyU, under the generous sponsorship from the Construction Industry Council (CIC). The link between BIM and Project Management had instigated the two local professional institutions (HKIPM and HKIBIM) to join force in organizing the conference to benefit the whole construction industry in a timely manner, with the Department of Building and Real Estate of PolyU as the Supporting Organization.

CIC announced 2014 as the "BIM Year" and a Grand Launch Ceremony was already held on 16 April 2014, and CIC is now working on the BIM standards for local practice. BIM has been adopted at different stages of a new building or construction project, that is, design, tendering, construction, operation and maintenance. A proper use of BIM can definitely benefit the projects in optimizing design, identifying potential clashes at early stage and consequently minimizing budget, reducing wastage and achieving time saving.

At the start of the conference, Dr Daniel Chan delivered his sincere welcome speech as the Chairman of the CPD Committee of HKIPM. Then four distinguished guest speakers from different sectors including CIC, government department, private property developer and main contracting organization, shared their direct hands-on experience and lessons learned from the application of BIM in their respective projects so far. They included the Keynote Speaker, Ir Kevin Poole as the Chairman of the Committee on Environment, Innovation and Technology of CIC; Mr Lawrence Chung as the Assistant Director of the Housing Department; Mr Anthony Wilson as the Director of Architectural Services of Chinachem Group; and Mr Kevin Ng as the Director of Chun Wo Building Construction Limited. Ir Ronan Collins gave his insightful closing remarks as the Chairman of HKIBIM towards the end of the conference.

The guest speakers provided the audience with diverse views on the application of BIM from different perspectives or angles through their presentations and sharing. The conference was found very informative, clearly presented and thought-provoking, and the audience learned a lot from these guest speakers. It was well received by over 180 registered attendees with around 140 paid delegates, which was in fact a great success.

Last but not the least, the members of the joint conference organizing committee including Ir Andrew Keung, Dr Francis Chan and Dr Daniel Chan from HKIPM, as well as Ir Francis Leung and Mr T.C. Lo from HKIBIM, should be commended for their prompt efforts in organizing the conference within three months' time with the secretariat support from the Engineering Discipline In-service Training Office of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tsing Yi Campus). Organizers:



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Welcome Speech by Dr Daniel Chan



Closing Remarks by Ir Ronan Collins



Keynote Speaker: Ir Kevin Poole from CIC



Guest Speaker: Mr Lawrence Chung from Housing Department



Guest Speaker: Mr Anthony Wilson from Chinachem Group



Guest Speaker: Mr Kevin Ng from Chun Wo Building Construction Limited

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Full house participation by industrial practitioners



Group photo of guest speakers with some members of joint conference organizing committee

From left: Mr Alex Li, Ir Francis Leung, Mr Kevin Ng, Ir Kevin Poole, Mr Anthony Wilson, Ir Ronan Collins, Dr Francis Chan, Mr Lawrence Chung, Dr Daniel Chan and Mr T.C. Lo