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### Around the Task Groups and Working Commissions

#### W113 - Law and Dispute Resolution

#### Hong Kong Meetings

CIB Working Commission W113 recently held a series of meetings at some of Hong Kong's leading built environment research and education providers to discuss key legal developments and future challenges in the region. W113 coordinator Paul Chynoweth visited the territory as the guest of W113 Commission member Dr. Sai On Cheung of Hong Kong City University. Dr. Cheung leads the University's Construction Dispute Resolution Research Unit which works closely with W113 in the areas of conflict management and dispute resolution within the construction industry. The legal implications of the sustainability agenda were also discussed in the context of the work of CIB Task Group TG69 on Green Buildings and the Law. During his visit to the University Paul Chynoweth also presented a guest lecture to its staff and postgraduate research students on the emerging tradition of legal research within CIB.

Meetings also took place between W113 representatives and academic and industry contributors to the University of Hong Kong's Centre for Infrastructure and Construction Industry Development, which sponsors two W113-affiliated study groups in the areas of procurement and payments. (See separate [News Article](#).) During the series of meetings the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering hosted a successful postgraduate research seminar on the subject of legal research for its postgraduate students. The visit cemented existing links between CIB Working Commission W113 and its existing partners in Hong Kong as well as identifying a range of issues for future law-related research projects by the Commission and its related Task Groups and study groups.



*Guest Lecture: W113 Coordinator Paul Chynoweth addresses the Construction Dispute Resolution Research Unit, City University of Hong Kong. Dr. Sai On Cheung, the Centre Director who hosted the event, is seated in the front row of the audience.*



*Research Meeting: Construction Dispute Resolution Research Unit, City University of Hong Kong. W113 Coordinator Paul Chynoweth, TG69 Coordinator Julie Adshead and Centre Director Dr. Sai On Cheung with postgraduate researchers Alice Cheung (left), Ronnie Chow and Karen Pang (far right).*



*Industry Meeting: University of Hong Kong's Centre for Infrastructure and Construction Industry Development. Facing the camera (left to right): Professor Mohan Kumaraswamy (HKU), Paul Chynoweth, Dr. Thomas Ng (HKU), Sam Chan (Senior Engineer, Hong Kong Highways Department), Gary Soo (Barrister and Secretary General, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre).*



*Postgraduate Research Seminar: Department of Civil and Engineering, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. W113 Coordinator Paul Chynoweth with Dr. Xueqing Zhang (in white jacket) and postgraduate researchers after the seminar.*

**Additional Information**

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