

Partnering in Asia and Africa in Major Infrastructure Projects

The UN sponsored China-Asian African Legal Consultative Organisation Exchange and Research Program (CAERP) (<http://china-aalco.mfa.gov.cn/>) and the Asian Academy of International Law (AAIL) are organising a seminar entitled “Partnering in Asia and Africa in Major Infrastructure Projects” in Hong Kong on 22 September 2017. The objective is to provide information on how to structure a successful public private partnership (PPP) for infrastructure projects, through the sharing of the experience in China and Hong Kong PPPs focusing on aspects of finance, contractual and legal risks. The seminar will be attended by representatives from about 40 Asian and African countries after their study tour in Beijing. The seminar will provide a unique business opportunity for companies and their advisors interested in major infrastructure works to network with experts and representatives from these countries under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Who should attend? Stakeholders in the construction industry, their legal and financial advisors and government officials involved in PPP.

22 September 2017
Seminar: 2pm-6pm
Refreshment: 6pm-7pm

Registration Fees:
HK\$800 Non-member
HK\$500 member

Venue:
Room 1501-02, 15/F
Hong Kong Club Building

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About the organiser:

The Asian Academy of International Law Ltd (AAIL) is an independent and non-profit making body, set up in Hong Kong to further the studies, research and development of international law in Asia. The AAIL provides a platform for discussions on international law issues and to research in developing areas of international law, in order to enhance and reinforce Asia's role and participation in the formulation of international law and international relations. AAIL aims to provide specialized education and training to practitioners, national judges, students and government officials in areas of international law. The unique distinction between AAIL and other international law institutes is that AAIL concentrates on involvement of Asian countries as well as collaboration between practitioners and academia.

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AAIL Seminar: Partnering in Asia and Africa in major infrastructure projects

Date: 22 September 2017 (Fri) **Venue:** Room 1501-02, 15/F, Hong Kong Club Building

Language of seminar: English

Time	Programme	Speakers
13:30 - 14:00	Registration	
14:00 - 14:10	Welcome Remarks	
14:10 - 14:30	HK's experience of PPP	Mr. Frank Chan Secretary for Transport and Housing Bureau
14:30 - 15:45	<p>Case Study: How to structure a successful PPP for infrastructure projects?</p> <p><i>The moderator will give a short introduction to the legal issues and the keynote speakers will share by way of case studies how PPP has been structured and their pitfalls. Commentators will comment based on their own experience and what are their special requirements for investment in infrastructure in their states.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Prof. Teresa Cheng SC Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law</p> <p>Keynote speakers: Mr. Steve Clark, Suez</p> <p>Mr. S H Chan, China Light and Power</p>
15:45 - 16:00	Tea Break	
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Financing for major infrastructure projects: hurdles to overcome and criteria to be met</p> <p><i>The speaker will, through case studies, show how funding in infrastructure projects can be secured. Commentators will comment based on their own experience in development banks projects.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Prof. Julien Chaisse</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Mr. George Lam, Macquarie Bank</p>
17:00 - 17:30	<p>Chinese State owned enterprises: do they enjoy immunity?</p> <p><i>Chinese SOEs are participating in many major infrastructure projects. Will they enjoy sovereign or crown immunity? What are the issues that host states should take into account in such investments?</i></p>	Prof. Teresa Cheng SC Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law
17:30 - 18:00	<p>Closing remarks: Legal issues in PPP for major infrastructure projects</p> <p><i>Based on the case studies, Ms Rebecca Silli will summarise the legal risks that have to be addressed in PPP.</i></p>	Ms Rebecca Silli Partner, Minter Ellison
18:00 - 19:00	Refreshment	