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FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

Dear readers,

Greetings and welcome to this edition of ASPAC News. In keeping with the rapidly changing professional scenario, we have selected Artificial Intelligence (AI) to be the main theme of this issue as a starter to generate future deliberations on this topic.

AI is rapidly moving from concept to practice in the engineering profession. Across design, construction, and asset management, AI-driven tools are enabling faster analysis, improved accuracy, and more informed decision-making.

For Consulting Engineers, this presents both opportunity and responsibility. AI can enhance efficiency, optimise designs, and support more sustainable and resilient infrastructure—particularly important in the Asia-Pacific region, where infrastructure demands are both vast and complex. At the same time, it calls for new skills, careful application, and a continued commitment to professional judgment.

AI should be seen as an enabler rather than as an alternative for engineering expertise. The values that define our profession—integrity, accountability, and sound technical judgment—remain essential as these technologies evolve. Ensuring transparency and trust in AI-enabled processes will be critical.

This edition of the newsletter brings together some perspectives from across our member associations on the growing role of AI in engineering. It highlights both the promise of innovation and the need for thoughtful adoption.

As a community, we are well placed to harness these advances through collaboration, knowledge sharing, and a shared commitment to excellence.

Best wishes to all of you for a bright future.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues,

Across the Asia-Pacific region, consulting engineers are working in an environment shaped by trade tensions, geopolitical uncertainty, rapid advances in artificial intelligence, climate change, and evolving ESG expectations. These forces are transforming not only the projects we deliver, but also the way our firms compete and create value.

While the challenges are significant, they also present new opportunities. Investments in resilient infrastructure, clean energy, digital connectivity, transportation, and data centres continue to grow. To benefit from these opportunities, our profession must be ready to adapt.

Member Associations have a vital role in this transformation. Beyond representing the profession, they should help their members strengthen professional competence, embrace innovation, and prepare for future market demands. Together, we can build a consulting engineering community that is resilient, forward-looking, and globally competitive.

This edition of ASPAC News highlights initiatives that support this vision—from the FAP Awards 2026, Member Association and Future Leaders activities, to discussions on AI and professional development.

I also warmly invite all Member Associations and their member firms to participate in two important events this year: the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2026 in New Delhi, India, and the FIDIC Asia Pacific Annual Conference 2026 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, where we will explore the theme "AI Revolution in Engineering & Project Implementation." These gatherings are valuable opportunities to learn, collaborate, and shape the future of our profession.

I look forward to meeting many of you in New Delhi and Colombo.

Warm regards,

Dr. Widhoon Chiamchitrong

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- 3 Connect with clients, policymakers, financiers, consultants, contractors and young professionals from around the world.
- 4 Build international partnerships and discover new opportunities for collaboration.

A Call to FIDIC Asia-Pacific Member Associations

We encourage all FIDIC Asia-Pacific Member Associations to promote the conference among their members and lead strong delegations to New Delhi. Your participation will enrich the global dialogue and showcase the innovation, expertise and leadership of the Asia-Pacific consulting engineering community.

**Join us in shaping the
future of infrastructure**

Register today and be part of
the global conversation.



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

15.16.17 NOVEMBER
2026

CINNAMON GRAND HOTEL
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

**AI REVOLUTION IN ENGINEERING &
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

REGISTRATION FEE

For international Delegates : USD 750 | Early Bird offer - USD 700 (Ends on July 31, 2026)

For Accompanying person : USD 300 (Welcome cocktail & Gala Dinner)

For Students : USD 300

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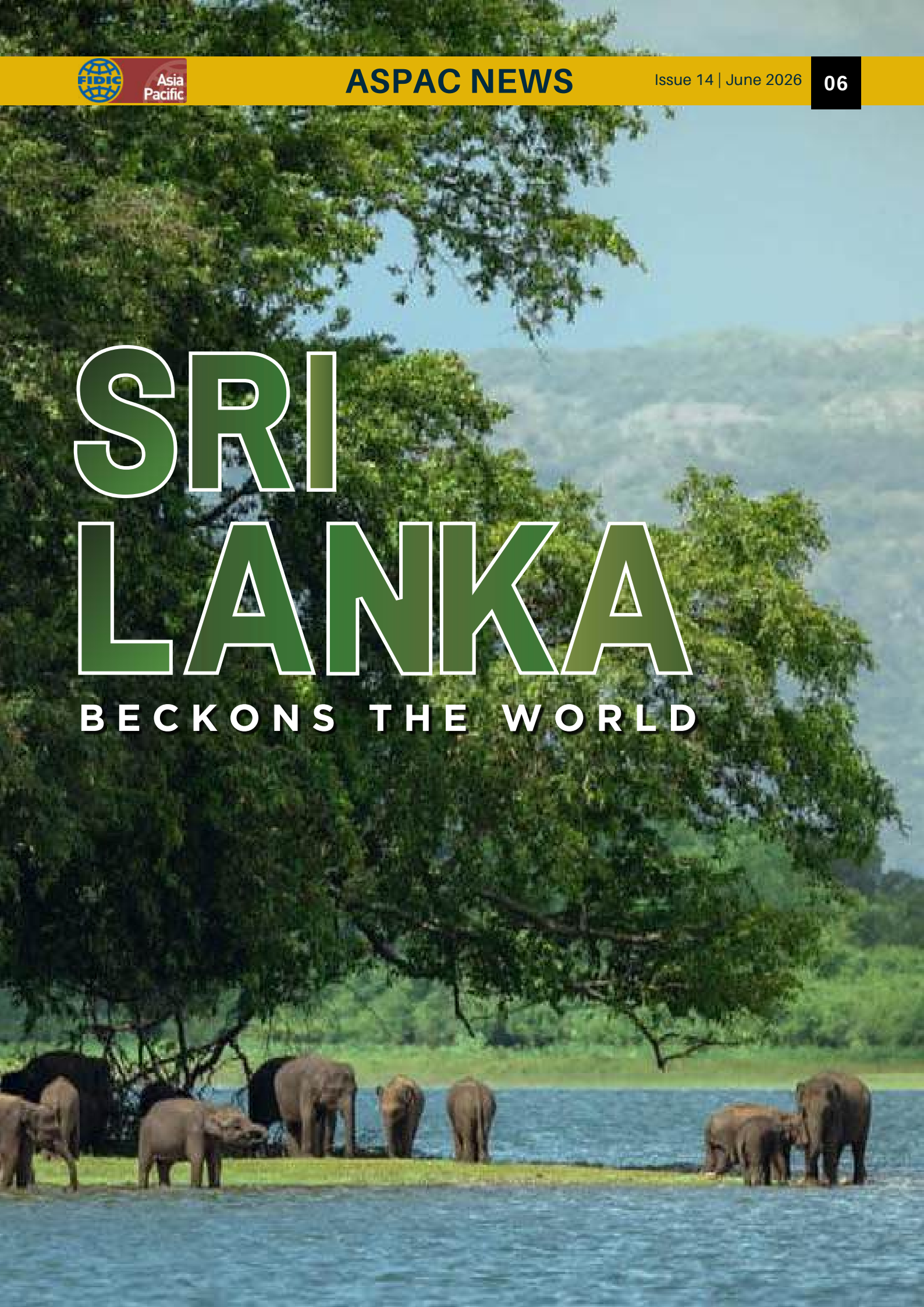
Sunday 15 November 2026	
Registration and Welcome Cocktail	17.30 – 20.30
Monday 16 November 2026 -Inaugural Session	
Registration and check-in	08.30 – 09.30
Welcome Address President- ACESL KLS Sahabandu	09.30 – 09.40
Conference Introduction	09.40 – 09.55
Address FIDIC Asia Pacific President-Widhoon Chiamchittrong	09.55 – 10.05
Address FIDIC President-	10.05 – 10.15
Key Note Speech	10.15 – 10.45
Inauguration	10.45 – 11.00
Vote of thanks Vice President-ACESL	11.00 – 11.10
Session 1 Future of AI for Engineering Profession	11.45 – 13.00
Session 2 Use of AI in Engineering Designs	13.45 – 15.00
Session 3 AI Technologies in construction industry	15.30 – 17.00
FAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING	17.00 – 18.00
GALA DINNER	19.00 – 22.00
Tuesday, 17 November 2026	
Session 4 “Young Professionals” Panel Discussions	10.00 – 11.15
Session 5 Use of AI in contract management	11.45 – 13.00
Session 6 AI in arbitration	13.45 – 15.00
Showcasing of FIDIC Asia Pacific Conference-2027	15.00 – 15.30
CLOSING	16.00 – 16.30



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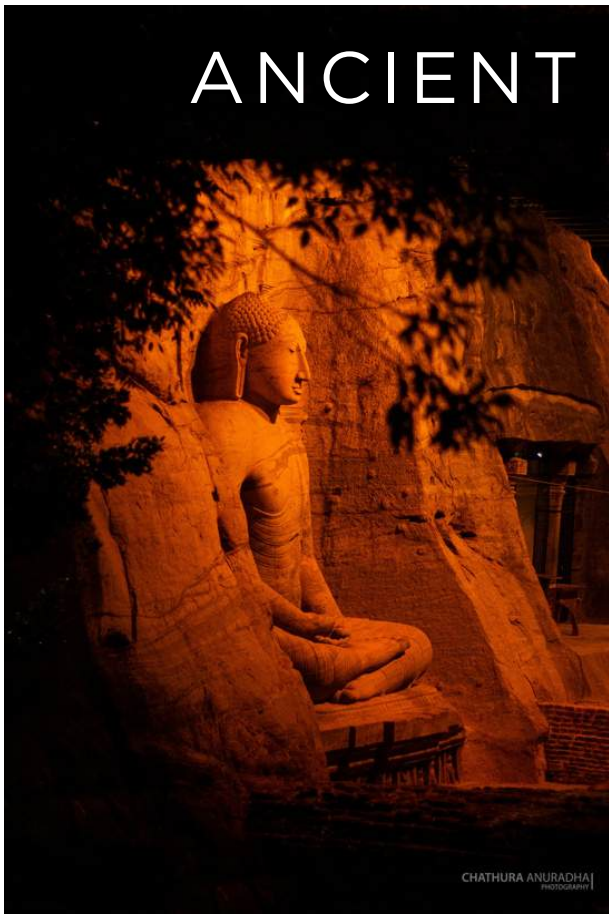
SRI LANKA

BECKONS THE WORLD



ANCIENT MONUMENTS

Sri Lanka is home to an extraordinary collection of ancient monuments and archaeological treasures that reflect a civilization spanning more than 2,500 years. These heritage sites are spread across the island, with the ancient kingdoms of **Anuradhapura** and **Polonnaruwa** in the North Central Province, the magnificent rock fortress of Sigiriya and the UNESCO-listed **Dambulla Cave Temple** in the Cultural Triangle, the sacred city of Mihintale nearby, and the historic hill capital of **Kandy**, home to the revered Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. Along the southern coast lies the fortified city of **Galle Fort**, while numerous ancient temples, reservoirs, canals, palaces, monasteries, and stupas are found throughout the country. These monuments stand as enduring symbols of Sri Lanka's achievements in architecture, hydraulic engineering, urban planning, and craftsmanship, preserving the cultural, spiritual, and technological legacy of one of the world's oldest civilizations.


CHATHURA ANURADHA
PHOTOGRAPHY

BIOLOGICAL HOTSPOTS

Sri Lanka is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots, despite its small size. The island's diverse ecosystems support an exceptional range of endemic flora and fauna. Notable protected areas include **Sinharaja Forest Reserve**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its tropical rainforest, **Yala National Park**, famous for its leopards and elephants, as well as **Wilpattu National Park**, **Horton Plains National Park**, and **Udawalawe National Park**. Together, these natural treasures showcase Sri Lanka's remarkable biodiversity and commitment to conservation.



SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEYS



The central highlands offer an unforgettable immersion into the island's British colonial history and world-famous tea production.

The Kandy-to-Ella Train Ride: Widely considered one of the most beautiful rail journeys in the world, this slow-moving train winds through misty mountains, pine forests, and cascading waterfalls.

Tea Estate Bungalows: Visitors can stay in beautifully restored colonial-era factory bungalows, tour lush green tea plantations to watch estate workers hand-pick Ceylon tea, and participate in masterclass tea-tasting sessions.

FOR ADVENTURE SEEKERS

For travelers seeking a pulse-racing getaway, Sri Lanka is an absolute goldmine of diverse adventure activities. You can challenge yourself by white-water rafting and canyoning down the churning rapids of the Kelani River in Kitulgala, or catch world-class swells along the vibrant coastlines of Arugam Bay and Weligama. Inland, the misty highlands transform into a hiker's paradise; thrill-seekers can trek through the rugged, cloud-covered peaks of the Knuckles Mountain Range, conquer the sheer drop-offs of World's End at Horton Plains, or zipline past the lush tea estates of Ella on the Flying Ravana. For a different perspective, you can take to the skies in a hot air balloon over the ancient Sigiriya rock fortress, dive deep into underwater shipwrecks off the coast of Trincomalee, or go off-roading on an open-jeep wildlife safari through Yala National Park to spot elusive leopards and wild elephants.



FAP AWARDS 2026

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The FIDIC Asia Pacific (FAP) is proud to announce that nominations are now officially open for the FAP Awards 2026. These prestigious accolades celebrate excellence, outstanding achievements, and groundbreaking contributions across the consulting engineering and infrastructure sectors in the Asia-Pacific region.

We invite all Member Associations (MAs) and industry professionals to put forward their exceptional leaders, contributors, and projects.

Award Categories

1. FIDIC Asia Pacific Emerging Leaders Award

Focus: Recognizes outstanding contribution toward the development of the engineering consultancy sector.

Eligibility: Open to brilliant, driven professionals aged 40 years and below who are actively shaping the future of the industry.

2. FIDIC Asia Pacific Envoy of Excellence

Focus: Honors exceptional, far-reaching contributions toward the development and growth of ASPAC.

Process: Evaluated and presented on a nomination basis to recognize true pillars of regional industry advancement.

3. FIDIC Asia Pacific Powerhouse Awards

Focus: Spotlights the engineering marvels of the region.

Eligibility: Awarded to an Outstanding Infrastructure Project that demonstrates exceptional engineering excellence, sustainability, and societal impact.

Key Submission Details

If your firm or project represents the pinnacle of performance in the Asia-Pacific region, ensure your submission is finalized before the hard deadline.

Who Can Apply: Members of FIDIC Asia Pacific Member Associations (MAs).

Submission Portal: All applications must be submitted digitally via the official website:
fidicaspac.org

Submission Deadline: On or before **31st August 2026**

Note to Applicants: Late submissions will not be accommodated by the online portal. We strongly encourage gathering your project data, testimonials, and portfolios early to ensure a smooth submission process.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain international recognition and showcase your excellence on the grandest regional stage!

CEAI ACADEMY

The Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI), has formed CEAI Academy to impart training for upgrading skills of consulting engineers, project managers, young engineers, and other infrastructure professionals.

CEAI Academy has established professional training programmes in the following areas:

1. Training Course on IRC Codes for Bridge Engineers
2. Preparation of Detailed Project Reports for Highway Projects
3. Design of Cable Stayed Bridges
4. FIDIC Conditions of Contracts
5. PMP® Certification Training
6. Primavera Certification programme

The programmes are conducted online to suit all professionals irrespective of location.

The CEAI Academy also plans and executes customised training programmes for engineering professionals.

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ABOUT UZACE

The Non-Governmental Non-Profit Organization Uzbekistan Association of Consulting Engineers (UzACE) has been the national member of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) representing the Republic of Uzbekistan since 2019. Since joining FIDIC, UzACE has actively promoted international best practices in project delivery and contract management within the construction and infrastructure sectors of Uzbekistan. The Association works closely with government authorities, international financial institutions, employers, contractors, consulting engineers, and other industry stakeholders to support the implementation and effective application of FIDIC contracts.

UzACE brings together consulting engineering companies and industry professionals, serving as a platform for knowledge sharing, professional development, and collaboration within the engineering community. Particular emphasis is placed on improving contractual practices, enhancing the efficiency of investment project implementation, and promoting international best practices.

MEMBERSHIP

As of 2026, the Association comprises 9 corporate members and 5 individual members representing the engineering, consulting, and construction sectors of Uzbekistan.

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MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY

- Promoting the adoption and application of FIDIC contract forms in Uzbekistan.
- Cooperating with government authorities and industry organizations to improve procurement and contract management practices.
- Organizing professional training courses, seminars, and educational programs on FIDIC contracts.
- Providing advisory services to employers, contractors, engineers, and consultants on matters related to the application of FIDIC contracts.
- Supporting dispute avoidance and dispute resolution processes, including assistance with claims management and arbitration proceedings.
- Contributing to the professional development and capacity building of specialists in the construction and engineering sectors.

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

In cooperation with FIDIC and certified international trainers, the Association organizes professional training programs on FIDIC contract forms and modern contract management practices. Since 2019, UzACE has successfully delivered 29 FIDIC training courses. The training programs are designed to equip engineers, project managers, employers, contractors, consultants, and legal professionals with practical knowledge of contract administration, risk allocation, claims management, dispute resolution mechanisms, and the effective delivery of infrastructure projects in accordance with international standards.

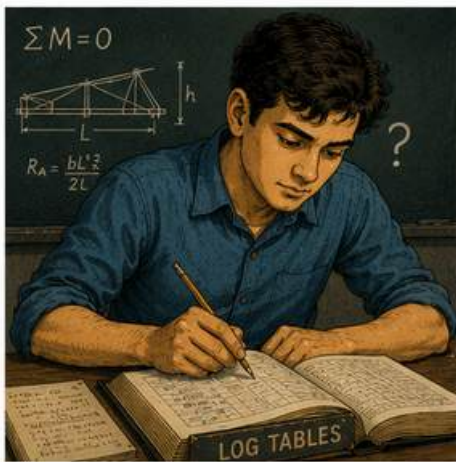


TRANSITION TO AI

THE DILLEMA OF THE OLD GENERATION

AMITABHA GHOSHAL | Chief Advisor to the Board | STUP Consultants

UMA GHOSHAL | Undergraduate student | University of Toronto



For the generation, who started their life using log-tables for addressing challenging engineering problems, the transition to the use of the slide rules for getting the results in an approximate value was a giant step forward. Use of calculators started thereafter – initially the mechanical ones that had to be primed each morning, by rotating the handle, for winding up the springs – and then followed the electronic calculators, initially developed in Japan by organizations like Sony, this development was greeted with great enthusiasm! The humble calculators used for arithmetical functions, slowly graduated to programmable calculators, made available by firms like Casio (again from Japan).



Computers developed by IBM initially were huge hardware (in true sense) that used to gobble up punch-cards made from thick papers, and then transferred information through holes punched into the cards. In India, the first IBM computer for engineering use, was installed in IIT Kapur in a factory shed, courtesy the US Government department that helped set up this IIT. To get a working slot, one had to book in advance.

This user got the opportunity to check the structural stability of a bridge-span damaged by a long-range-missile blast, by booking one and half-hours time, well past mid-night. The IBM units used to work round-the- clock and time allocation was strictly controlled.

The desired results were obtained well within the allocated time and engineers could avoid the demolition of the trussed bridge-span and went forward to rehabilitate the bridge. The bridge continues to be in use even after 50 years.



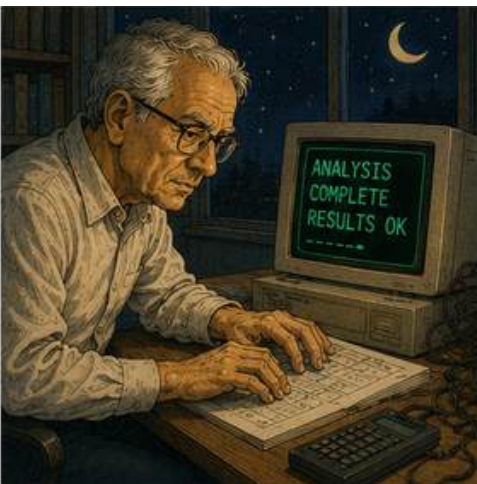


The amazing power of the digital computation was well perceived by the engineers at large.

This remarkable development could not be utilised by engineers on a regular basis because of the complications of setting up even a smaller version in their office. It became apparent that a desktop version is essential for effective utilization by the engineering community.



IBM, Apple, and Microsoft came forward with a solution in a short time, - and there was a sigh of relief around the engineering community. The desktop equipment, however, could not be taken around by the aspiring technocrats for solving the problem of their clients in distant locations. The forward-looking members of the community started developing short programs with smaller equipment marketed for use in the entertainment industry, and for computer games which were becoming popular. They carried the handy units, like those developed by UK based firm Sinclair, for addressing the needs of their clients abroad, and for the authorities who had to be convinced of the validity of the calculations generated.



Programs developed by the engineering professionals got registered under the cover of intellectual-property-rights and products were branded for their financial benefits. A giant industry grew around this development. With time, the development of the world-wide-web, and the free exchange of knowledge transfer slowly broke this monopoly. Meanwhile development of the laptop and the palm-top made the professionals mobile and versatile. All work, including engineering solutions, it appeared, can be handled by a mobile phone in one's hand.

Given the giant advances in mobile phone technology engineers felt relieved for the time being.

For the older generation, the development of AI came as a sudden threat with the imposing presence of AI on the mobile or the computer screen. AI today offers to do all your work and wants you to remain just as an observer.

Our next-Generation could initially foresee the development of AI and prepared themselves adequately. They started using the AI for preparing the required text material on any subject, for keeping the minutes of a meeting as an observer, and for offering alternative solutions to any problem at hand. AI became a handy tool for them. However, the digital behemoth appears to have become the super-boss and intends to oversee all development. One needs to find out how to live in harmony with this overpowering presence across developments all around. Across the world, attempts are on to find out a solution for this. The CEO of an international consulting organisation feels that the old tenets of work are changing and the catalyst is AI. The shifts in the nature of work are no longer incremental, they are structural. They feel that a convergence point has been reached.

AI capabilities are advancing rapidly and the organisations have to change themselves at a faster pace to stay in command. The challenge is not just training individuals, but creating the right learning culture through enablement, reinforcement, and redesigned workflows. Organisations have to deliberately invest in upskilling, reskilling, and redeployment of persons that become surplus. It is an onerous task ahead for our next Generation!! The solution perhaps will be in the hands of the young-Generation, who are born with AI in their veins and who learn to use AI to their advantage. It is this younger Generation who will be able to put AI appropriately in a role of friendly tool and not as an overpowering influence on humanity. After all, the human brain has more capacity than any super-computer and knows how to contain it within its limitations. We, the old Generation, can feel relaxed with this Hope.



GENERATIVE AI-POWERED CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

Based on a presentation by **PROF. HONGJO KIM**

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Yonsei University

INTRODUCTION

In April 2025, KENCA hosted a webinar featuring Professor Hongjo Kim, who presented on the emerging role of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in construction engineering. The session explored how recent advances in foundation models, large language models (LLMs), and multimodal AI are transforming engineering workflows, safety management, Building Information Modeling (BIM), and robotics. This article summarizes the key insights delivered during the webinar.

FOUNDATION MODELS: A NEW PARADIGM FOR CONSTRUCTION AI

Recent AI advancements are driven by foundation models—general-purpose models trained on large-scale datasets that can be adapted to a wide range of downstream tasks. Unlike traditional AI systems designed for singular purposes, foundation models demonstrate strong zero-shot and few-shot learning capabilities, enabling them to perform effectively even with limited task-specific data.



Key examples of these technologies include:

- Segment Anything Model (SAM): Automatically segments objects within construction images, significantly reducing the effort required for image annotation.
- CLIP (Contrastive Language-Image Pre-training): Learns semantic relationships between images and text, allowing AI systems to interpret visual information without extensive task-specific training.
- Large Multimodal Models (LMMs): Combine image understanding and language reasoning to analyze construction scenes and provide contextual assessments.

AI-DRIVEN COMPUTER VISION FOR CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

Traditional computer vision systems require large volumes of manually labeled training data. By integrating SAM into the training process, mask labels can be generated automatically from simpler bounding-box annotations, dramatically reducing data preparation time while improving model performance.

Large multimodal models further extend these capabilities by generating detailed descriptions of construction scenes and identifying workers, equipment, and environmental factors.

Furthermore, they assess potential safety hazards through contextual reasoning and recommending appropriate safety measures based on observed site conditions. These capabilities move AI beyond simple object detection towards a comprehensive safety assessment model that resembles human judgment.

CONVERSATIONAL AI FOR CONSTRUCTION KNOWLEDGE

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) and large language models (LLMs) are enabling the development of conversational AI assistants tailored for construction engineering. Rather than relying solely on an AI model's internal knowledge, RAG retrieves relevant information from engineering standards, safety manuals, and technical documents before generating responses. This approach improves both the accuracy and reliability of AI applications in engineering.

These capabilities have led to the development of various engineering applications, including:

- Construction safety training chatbots.
- Road design and construction specification assistants.
- Question-and-answer systems capable of referencing official engineering documents.
- Automated verification of structural calculations against the latest design standards.

These applications demonstrate how generative AI can support engineers by providing faster access to technical knowledge while reducing time spent searching through extensive documentation.

IMPLICATIONS FOR BIM AND CONSTRUCTION ROBOTICS

Generative AI is also playing an increasingly important role in Building Information Modeling (BIM) and construction robotics. AI-powered vision and language models can improve BIM workflows by enhancing model interpretation, validating design information, and automating repetitive project management tasks. When integrated with robotics, these technologies enable construction equipment and autonomous systems to better understand their environments and respond to changing site conditions in real time.

Together, these capabilities improve design review and planning accuracy, automate repetitive engineering tasks, enhance the adaptability of construction robots, and support more proactive and intelligent safety management.

CONCLUSION

Foundation models and generative AI represent a significant paradigm shift in construction engineering. General-purpose AI models are expected to gradually replace many traditional computer vision approaches while accelerating the commercialization of AI-enabled engineering services. However, achieving high levels of reliability for specialized engineering applications will still require domain-specific datasets and continued model refinement.

Generative AI is rapidly expanding beyond content generation into practical engineering applications, including safety monitoring, technical knowledge management, BIM, robotics, and design verification. These technologies hold the potential to improve productivity, safety, and decision-making across the construction lifecycle. As AI becomes an increasingly vital asset that augments human expertise, continued collaboration between academia and industry will be essential to translate these emerging technologies into reliable, real-world engineering solutions.



DESIGN OF DATA CENTERS:

DATA CENTERS OF THE FUTURE AND GREENING DATA CENTERS IN MALAYSIA



WEBINAR ON

DESIGN OF DATA CENTERS

- Data Centers of the Future
- Greening Data Centers in Malaysia

8 JUNE 2026 | 11.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.



The Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM), in collaboration with FIDIC Asia Pacific, organised a free webinar titled Design of Data Centers: Data Centers of the Future & Greening Data Centers in Malaysia on 8 June 2026 via Zoom. The webinar attracted a total of 269 participants and was moderated by Ir. Anuar Mohd Aris, ACEM President.

The webinar featured Ir. Jayvarmaa Rajaram and Ir. Chong Chew Fan, who shared their insights on the development of data centers, emerging technologies, and sustainability challenges in Malaysia.

Topic 1:

Data Centers of the Future: Roadmap & Key Technologies by Ir. Jayvarmaa Rajaram

The session discussed the evolution of data centers from traditional to modern facilities, including the increasing demand for higher rack power and density, as well as the move towards modular and scalable designs. The discussion also covered the impact of AI on power and cooling requirements, cooling challenges, sustainability considerations, and regulatory concerns.

Topic 2:

Greening Data Centers in Malaysia: Policy, Power, Water and Infrastructure Challenges for Consulting Engineers by Ir. Chong Chew Fan

The session highlighted key factors influencing data center development in Malaysia, including the National Energy Transition Roadmap, MIDA's sustainable data center guidelines, DESAC incentives, and renewable energy initiatives. The discussion also covered challenges related to power supply, water management, carbon reduction and ESG requirements, as well as the role of consulting engineers in supporting sustainable data center projects.





FUTURE LEADERS' CORNER

FLEC WEBINAR SERIES: CONNECTING FUTURE LEADERS

The FIDIC Asia Pacific Future Leaders Executive Committee (FLEC) has successfully launched and sustained an engaging regional webinar series, designed to empower and connect young professionals across the Asia Pacific.

As part of this initiative, each member country hosts one webinar per month, creating a dynamic platform for knowledge sharing and professional development. To date, nine successful sessions have been conducted by Pakistan, Nepal, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Uzbekistan, Singapore, Japan and Malaysia.

These webinars have attracted strong regional participation, reflecting the enthusiasm of young professionals for continuous learning and collaboration. Each session has offered valuable insights into industry trends, technical knowledge, and leadership development. E-certificates have been awarded to participants in recognition of their active engagement.



Webinar Series - Webinar # 6
"Peculiarities of Arbitration under FIDIC Contracts"
 Organized by Future Leaders' Executive Council (FLEC), FIDIC Asia Pacific
 In Collaboration with Association of Consulting Engineers of Uzbekistan- UZACE

Tuesday, 28th April 2026
10 AM (GMT)
03 PM (Uzbekistan Time)

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Speaker
Olga Tsoy
 FICP, MCIAB

Speaker
Feruza Bobokulova
 FCA, FCT, MCIAB



Webinar #7 | Future Leaders Executive Council (FLEC) - FIDIC Asia Pacific

Introduction to Fire Safety Engineering with Case Studies

28 May 2026 | Thursday
 4.00pm to 5.00pm SGT (GMT+8)
 8.00am to 9.00am (GMT+0)

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Co-speaker
Phyllis Teh
 Executive Engineer
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Co-speaker
Kristian Tung
 Senior Principal Engineer
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 FIDIC ASPAC FL Executive Council Member

Organized by Future Leaders Executive Council (FLEC) - FIDIC Asia Pacific

In collaboration with Young Professionals Connection of Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore



Webinar Series - Webinar # 8
"Sustainable Ground Improvement for Mega Port Developments"
 Case Study: Large-Scale Application of CDM and CPM in Indonesia
 Organized by Future Leaders' Executive Council (FLEC), FIDIC Asia Pacific
 In Collaboration with Engineering and Consulting Firms Association, Japan

Thursday, 25th June 2026
04 PM (Japan Time)
07 AM (GMT)

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Speaker
Dr. Le Phuong Dong
 Project Manager, Potimban Port Development Project



WEBINAR SERIES - WEBINAR # 9

"Rockfall Protection"
Design Principles and System Considerations
 Learn how rockfall size, energy & system configuration influence performance and why correct detailing matters
 Organized by Future Leaders' Executive Council (FLEC), FIDIC Asia Pacific
 In Collaboration with Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia

Thursday, 30th July 2026
2:00 PM (Malaysia Time)
06 AM (GMT)

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Speaker
Ir. Saifuddin Sheafi
 Technical Manager
 Maccaferri

19TH ECFA FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE



As part of its ongoing activities to foster the development of young consultants, promote networking among professionals in Japan and overseas, and engage in outreach to students, the ECFA Young Professionals Committee organized the 19th ECFA Futsal Tournament. The tournament brought together approximately 100 participants from 10 teams representing 11 companies. The event provided an excellent opportunity for young professionals from member companies to strengthen their networks and deepen mutual交流 through friendly competition.

Nippon Koei won the tournament, earning the championship title. Congratulations to the winning team!

Participating companies included Yachiyo Engineering Co., Ltd., KRI International Corp., Nippon Koei Co., Ltd., IDEA Consultants, Inc., Chodai Co., Ltd. (two teams), Nihon Suiko Sekkei Co., Ltd. (two teams), Pacific Consultants Engineering Co., Ltd., and mixed teams consisting of Angelo Secchi Co., Ltd. and Central Consultant Inc., Mazuda Consultants Co., Ltd., and Japan Airport Consultants, Inc.

GET TO KNOW A FUTURE LEADER

Methsika Prabodani is a Civil Engineer serving as an Assistant Director in the Sri Lanka Engineering Service, attached to the Ministry responsible for Urban Development, contributing to the planning, procurement, contract management, and governance of nationally significant urban development and infrastructure projects. She holds a First Class Honours Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Moratuwa and is currently completing her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Civil Engineering, where her research focuses on developing a Decision Support Tool for Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings to promote sustainable and evidence-based decision-making.

With over nine years of experience across the public, private, and academic sectors, Methsika has worked on major infrastructure projects funded by international development partners, including the AIIB, ADB, and the World Bank. Her expertise spans structural engineering, procurement, contract administration, construction supervision, dispute resolution, and project governance.

Passionate about sustainability and professional development, she has authored several peer-reviewed publications on adaptive reuse and sustainable buildings, serves as a reviewer for the Moratuwa Engineering Research Conference (MERCon), and mentors undergraduate researchers as an external supervisor.

As the Secretary of the Young Professionals Forum of the Association of Consulting Engineers Sri Lanka (ACESL), she actively fosters leadership, collaboration, and knowledge sharing among emerging engineering professionals, championing innovation and sustainable development across the region.



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EVENTS FROM LAST QUARTER

Australia Consult Australia	• Future Leader Program expands to Brisbane, [10 April – 12 November 2026] • Boardroom Luncheon with NSW Treasury Deputy Secretary, Michael Gadiel, [07 May 2026] • Infrastructure SA Boardroom Luncheon (Adelaide), [10 June 2026] • Melbourne Boardroom Luncheon (Melbourne), [12 June 2026]
India Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI)	• Webinar on "Importance of Face Logging and Geological Characterization in Tunnel Construction" on 20 May 2026
Singapore The Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES)	• ACES-Trane Technical Seminar, [17 June 2026] • ACES Webinar 2026: Innovations, Challenges and Regulatory Developments, [21-22 May 2026] • Seminar: Concrete Repair and Basement Waterproofing, [12 May 2026] • ACES-MAPEI Technical Seminar, [12 May 2026] • ACES-SCDF Joint Seminar on CPFRT, [01 April 2026]
Indonesia Indonesian National Association of Consultants (INKINDO)	• INKINDO 47th Anniversary, [20 June 2026]. • Professional Code of Ethics and Conduct Training - Halal bi Halal - INKINDO DIY Member Forum, [3-4 May 2025] • 2026 North Sumatra INKINDO Provincial Conference (MUSPROV), [04 April 2026]
Pakistan Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP)	• ACEP Delegation meeting with FCDO Delegation from British High Commission in Pakistan - April 2026 • Roundtable Consultation on Gender Equality and Business Growth in the Private Sector organized by Asian Development Bank (ADB) at Mövenpick Hotel Karachi - May 2026 • Extra Ordinary General Assembly Meeting - July 2026
Nepal Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF)	• Training on Conceptual Sketching for Innovative Bridge Design (National & International Experts), [28-30 June 2026] • FIDIC Training Program 2026, [22-24 June 2026] • Training on Urban Road Planning and Management - Biratnagar, [21-24 June 2026] • Training on Circular Resilient and Regenerated Design in Buildings, [18-20 June 2026]
Vietnam Vietnam Engineering Consultant Association (VECAS)	• National Assembly's Committee on Science, Technology and Environment regarding the Law on Architecture, [12 June 2026] • Second Executive Committee Meeting of the VECAS, 7th Term, [18 May 2026] • Conference "Green Buildings and Carbon Emission Reduction Solutions", [18 May 2026]

Malaysia The Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM)	• ACEM Webinar 2026: Innovations, Challenges & Regulatory Development – [21 & 22 May 2026] • PAM CPD, [23 May 2026]
South Korea Korea Engineering & Consulting Association (KENCA)	• KENCA – SCL Korea Joint Seminar on International Contracts [April 9, 2026] • Korea Engineering Day Ceremony [June 10, 2026] • KENCA-FIDIC Academy Certified Training [June 17-19, 2026]
Philippines Council of Engineering Consultants of the Philippines (CECOPHIL)	• PICE Midyear National Convention and Technical Conference, [21-23 May 2026] • PHILCONSTRUCT Manila, [25-28 June 2026]
New Zealand The Association of Consulting and Engineering New Zealand Incorporated (ACENZ)	• SME Summit 2026, [13 May 2026] • Forward Works Briefings, [June 2026]
Thailand Consulting Engineers Association of Thailand (CEAT)	• Risk management in the construction management of residential projects, [05 June 2026] • "FIDIC Contract Management and Administration Course", [11-12 June 2026] • Smart Tools 101: AI Tools You Must Try, [June 2026]



Engineering and Consulting Firms Association, Japan (ECFAJ)

FIDIC Contract Reading Seminar Held (April 16, 2026, ECFA)

The seminar introduced the structure of the FIDIC Conditions of Contract (MDB Harmonised Edition), the purpose of each clause, and practical techniques for interpreting contractual English. Through lectures and hands-on exercises using actual FIDIC clauses, participants strengthened their understanding of contract interpretation. The seminar was attended by 23 participants.

EBRD Procurement Seminar (16 June 2026, ECFA)

ECFA and the EBRD Tokyo Office held a seminar on EBRD procurement, project opportunities, and priority sectors. Participants learned about upcoming projects, including Ukraine's reconstruction, and the ECEPP procurement platform. The seminar also highlighted the importance of local partnerships and strong technical proposals. It attracted 86 participants.

NEWS FROM FIDIC

Time to Enter: 2026 FIDIC Contract Users' Awards now open

Entries are now open for the 2026 FIDIC Contract Users' Awards, which recognise excellence in the use and promotion of FIDIC contract forms across the global construction sector. Now in their eighth year, the awards are widely regarded as the ones to win in the international construction contracts arena, offering an ideal platform to showcase collaborative best practice from around the world. With seven categories in this year's awards, there's plenty of scope for companies and individuals across the global legal and contracts sector to enter and raise their profile in the industry.

The seven categories are:

- Project of the Year
- Client of the Year
- Consultant of the Year
- Contractor of the Year
- Legal Firm of the Year
- Trainer of the Year
- Adjudicator of the Year

If you've thought about entering in previous years but never quite got round to it, this is the year to do it.

With seven categories open to companies and individuals across the full spectrum of the FIDIC contracts community –

from clients and contractors to lawyers, trainers and adjudicators – there's never been a better time to put your work, or that of your team, in front of an internationally respected judging panel.

All awards are free to enter and FIDIC's user-friendly platform makes submission quick and straightforward.

The entry deadline is 5 September 2026, with winners announced at the FIDIC Contract Users' Awards Gala Dinner in London on Wednesday 2 December 2026. The awards are a centrepiece of the Official FIDIC International Contract Users' Conference, running from 30 November to 3 December 2026, which brings together the global FIDIC contracts community for two days of insight, discussion and high-level networking.

Don't miss your chance to be recognised among the best in the industry – find out full details on FIDIC website: www.fidic.org





International Contract Users' Conference 2026

30 November - 3 December

The FIDIC International Contract Users' Conference and Awards 2026 will take place in London from 30 November to 3 December 2026.

On 30 November 2026 FIDIC will be hosting its popular Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Forum to discuss key and emerging issues in the dispute avoidance arena, followed by the Welcome drinks reception for conference participants.

The conference on 1 - 2 December 2026 will provide delegates with an essential update on FIDIC's market-leading contract suite, alongside expert analysis of the latest developments in the international contracts arena. Sessions will explore key and emerging issues, share practical experience and offer valuable perspectives from leading practitioners operating across diverse jurisdictions and project environments. A key part of the two-day event programme is the unveiling of the winners of the 2026 FIDIC Contract Users' Awards which take place at a special gala dinner event on Wednesday, 2 December 2026.

These awards recognise excellence in the use of FIDIC contract forms for project delivery and showcase examples of good practice through collaboration from across the world.

Delegates will also hear directly from leading contractual and legal experts on current trends, risk allocation, dispute avoidance and other critical topics shaping the fast-evolving world of international construction contracts. The conference offers a unique platform to connect with clients, engineers, contractors, lawyers, adjudicators, financiers and other key stakeholders from across the FIDIC contracts ecosystem.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Australia Consult Australia	Consult Australia is organizing the following ; • Boardroom Luncheon with Mark Westbrook, Chief Project Officer of EnergyCo [21 July 2026] • Boardroom Luncheon with Dr Therese Flapper, Global Leader, and Chair ACT Government Board of Engineering Excellence [23 July 2026] • Future Leader Program 2026 Brisbane - Information Session [4 August 2026] • Boardroom Luncheon with David Ryan, Chief Executive of SA Water [19 August 2026] • 2026-27 Awards for Excellence [14 September 2026] • Role of the Superintendent (online) [15 September 2026] • Contracts for Consultants (online) [16-17 September 2026] • Future Leader Program 2026 – Brisbane [Fortnightly 24 September 2026]
India Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI)	CEAI is organizing the following ; • Webinar on "Design for Deconstruction [10 July 2026] • FIDIC GIC 2026 [13-15 September 2026]
Singapore The Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES)	ACES is organizing following ; • Technical Visit to Intertek Testing Lab [9 July 2026] • ACES Rhino-Grasshopper Essentials: Build a “Helix Bridge” with Parametric Design and AI [19 August 2026]
Pakistan Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP)	ACEP is organizing following ; • Plantation Drive on Independence Day Pakistan [Aug 2026] • Seminar on Bridges & Highways [Sep 2026]
Malaysia The Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM)	ACEM is organizing the following: • Induction Course for new M&E Engineers [8-10 September 2026]
Philippines Council of Engineering Consultants of the Philippines (CECOPHIL)	CECOPHIL is organizing the following: • CECOPHIL 50th Founding Anniversary Celebration [05 October 2026] • CECOPHIL Technical Seminar [05 October 2026] • Participation in Techno Forum talks at PHILCONSTRUCT Manila [05-08 Nov 2026]

We invite our member associations to share their constructive feedbacks and inputs to incorporate in the next issue of the newsletter.

Member associations are requested to circulate this newsletter among their members and seek articles, news and information related to past and future events to enhance the network and to represent more parts of the region.

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