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Hong Kong Construction Conference

Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel, Hong Kong

16 May 2025

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Beneath the steady rise in costs, broader economic forces intensified the inflationary pressures of 2025. Factors such as labour shortages, supply chain disruptions, and higher import prices drove up costs across sectors from construction to retail.

In response, the October 2024 Hong Kong Policy Address by the Government introduced key measures to address challenges in the construction industry. The Government outlined a vision to enhance infrastructure development, tackle the housing crisis, and promote common prosperity, sustainability, and economic diversification.

As one of Hong Kong's leading construction events, the 4th RICS Hong Kong Construction Conference, scheduled for 16 May 2025, will focus on the theme *"Enhancing Productivity: Achieving Common Prosperity and Innovation in the Construction Sector."* The conference aims to align with the strategic priorities outlined in the 2024 Policy Address, addressing key challenges and opportunities in the industry. Topics will offer actionable insights into how technology, sustainability, workforce development, and urban renewal can shape Hong Kong's future infrastructure, fostering long-term growth and resilience in the construction sector.

Join us with industry leaders and professionals to engage with innovative solutions and collaborate to realize the city's ambitious targets.



Time zone:

CST

8:30

Registration

9:00

Conference host warming ups

Conference Host

9:05

Welcoming address

RICS Representative

9:15

Opening remarks and Keynote from GOH / Overview on Hong Kong construction sector: Accelerating for steady development

The keynote will provide an overview of Hong Kong's latest policy, outlining the government's ambitious goals for the construction sector, including its focus on affordable housing, green development, technological and industrial integration with GBA and wider region. The session will highlight the pressing need for construction companies to work closely with policymakers to meet these targets through innovative solutions and collaborative efforts.

GOH from HKSAR

9:35

Panel / Greening Hong Kong's skyline: Advancing net-zero and resilient construction practices

As Hong Kong intensifies its commitment to environmental sustainability, meeting increasingly stringent green building regulations and standards while managing project costs has become a pressing challenge for developers, contractors, and surveyors.

This session delves into the intersection of eco-friendly construction practices and economic viability, exploring how innovations in green technology and financing models can drive productivity and deliver measurable environmental with financial benefits. Also will along with insights into the role of sustainable practices in reshaping Hong Kong's skyline, tackling challenges such as avoiding greenwashing, adopting circular economy principles, and leveraging green incentives to finance net-zero projects effectively.



Time zone:

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10:35

Break

10:55

Keynote / Building new infrastructure and revitalizing urban spaces to enhance connectivity and quality of life

Hong Kong's construction sector plays a pivotal role in shaping a more connected, efficient, and sustainable urban environment, directly enhancing productivity across industries.

Ambitious projects such as the Northern Metropolis, airport expansions, railway network extensions, and mixed-use developments are redefining the city's landscape while addressing key challenges in land use, mobility, and environmental sustainability.

By addressing challenges such as limited land availability, environmental sustainability, and urban resilience, the session will showcase Hong Kong's ambition to remain a global leader in infrastructure and urban innovation.

11:25

Panel / Developing new growth point in construction workforce

Hong Kong's construction sector stands at a pivotal moment as it contends with critical workforce challenges, including labour shortages, an aging demographic, and the difficulty of attracting young talent. Addressing these issues is crucial for sustaining productivity and ensuring the industry's future success.

This session focuses on actionable strategies to overcome workforce challenges, foster diversity, and nurture a future-ready, highly skilled labour pool.

12:25

Lunch



Time zone:

CST

13:45

Conference host warming ups

Conference Host

13:50

Debate / Servant or pandora's box? The role of AI in transforming Hong Kong's construction industry

This session will foster a dynamic debate on the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Hong Kong's construction sector. Panellists will explore whether AI represents a revolutionary tool that drives efficiency, innovation, and growth or if its perceived benefits are outweighed by challenges such as high costs, skill gaps, and ethical concerns.

14:40

Keynote / Breaking barriers - establishing financing model innovation

Hong Kong's construction industry is under immense pressure from escalating costs, competitive fees, supply chain disruptions, and regulatory complexities that impede the execution of large-scale projects. Boosting productivity and ensuring long-term sustainability require innovative approaches to financing and project delivery.

This session explores innovative financing mechanisms, including optimized procurement strategies, streamlined approval processes, and leveraging private capital to complement public investment. It also examines the interplay of regulatory, land, and financial barriers and how addressing these hurdles can unlock the potential of large-scale infrastructure and housing projects.

15:10

Break



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15:30

Keynote / Evolving roles in project management & quantity surveying

Key developments such as the Security of Payment Ordinance (SOP) and the adoption of New Engineering Contracts (NEC) have introduced new complexities and opportunities for professionals to enhance their expertise and redefine their roles.

This session will explore how project management (PM) and quantity surveying (QS) professionals can adapt to changing industry standards by leveraging contract management frameworks, staying aligned with regulatory updates, and integrating digital tools for cost control, risk management, and dispute resolution.

16:00

Panel / Collaboration to succeed

By fostering a culture of partnership across all stakeholders—including developers, designers, contractors, and quantity surveyors—and leveraging the GBA connectivity, the industry can unlock new opportunities for efficiency, sustainability, and innovation.

This session will explore actionable strategies for promoting collaborative project delivery models, highlight successful cross-border projects within the GBA and broader region, and examine case studies that demonstrate how collaboration can enhance productivity, risk management, and stakeholder satisfaction.

16:50

Closing address

Delivering confidence

We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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