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## EVENT DETAILS

17 November 2023

JW MARRIOTT SINGAPORE SOUTH BEACH

8.30AM – 2.00PM

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## PROGRAMME

| Time               | Event  |
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| 8:30am to 9.00am   | Registration   |
| 9.00am to 9.05am   | Welcome Address by President of SPM  |
| 9.05am to 9.20am   | Official Book Launch & Speech by Guest of Honour   |
| 9.20am to 9.30am   | <p><u>Book Review</u></p> <p>Review of the newly launched book:<br/>"Construction Arbitration"</p> <p><b>Mr Edwin Lee</b><br/>Founding Partner, Eldan Law LLP</p>  |
| 9.30am to 9.40am   | Remarks by <b>Mr Chow Kok Fong</b>   |
| 9.55am to 10:25am  | <p><b>Session 1: "(TBD) Managing Documents in Construction Arbitrations"</b></p> <p><i>Finding the documents needed in construction arbitrations can sometimes be as time- and effort-consuming as finding proverbial needles in a haystack. Is there such a thing as 'pain-free' discovery? This session explores the various issues which different participants in the arbitration process would focus on at the discovery stage and whether the document collation process can be streamlined.</i></p> |
| 10.25am to 10.45am | Coffee Break   |

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| 10:45am to 11:15am | <p align="center"><b>Session 2: “Using CFAs to create Win-Win-Win situations”</b></p> <p><i>The advent of litigation funding in Singapore has piqued the interest of many, particularly claimants with concerns about the potentially high costs of arbitration. How do commercial funding agreements (“CFAs”) work, and how do you make them work for you? This session looks at harnessing the benefits of litigation funding, and how it can be used to create a ‘win-win’ win situation for parties and their lawyers.</i></p> |
| 11.15am to 11.45am | <p align="center"><b>Session 3: “Expertly engaging experts”</b></p> <p><i>Experts have often played a substantial role in the conduct of a construction arbitration, and their testimony can be pivotal in the outcome of the arbitration. This discussion seeks views from those with the expertise in engaging experts on how to get the best value for money from this invaluable resource.</i></p>   |
| 11:45am to 12:30pm | <p align="center"><b>Session 4: Panel Discussion</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Mr Chow Kok Fong &amp; Panel Speakers</b></p> <p><i>Have you ever had any questions about construction arbitration? This is the time to ask them and to get first-hand insight from our speakers and our author, Mr Chow Kok Fong!</i></p>   |
| 12:30pm to 12.40pm | <p align="center">Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation</p>   |
| 12:40pm to 2.00pm  | <p align="center">Lunch</p>  |

## SPEAKER PROFILES

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**Chow Kok Fong**

Founding President  
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Author  
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**Mr Chow Kok Fong, PBM** is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the International Academy of Construction Lawyers. He was previously CEO of Changi Airports International and the Construction Industry Development Board and has held other senior appointments with major construction and real estate companies. He founded the Society of Project Managers and was past Chairman of the Society of Construction Law. Among his 21 books are *Law and Practice of Construction Contracts* (5 editions); *Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication* (3 editions) and the volume on building and construction law of *Halsbury's Laws of Singapore*. He chaired the Ministry of Law working group drafting the *Singapore Infrastructure Dispute Protocol* which was published in 2018. He was awarded the Singapore Academy of Law Merit Award 2013 for contributions in promotions and advancing the development of Singapore law.



**Bernard Ho**

President  
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**Mr Bernard Ho** is the Managing Director of SIPM Consultants Pte Ltd, and the current President of Society of Project Managers. He also holds multiple positions including Member of the Construction Industry Joint Committee, Member of iBuildSG Tripartite Committee and Committee Member, Member of Workplace Safety & Health Council (Construction & Landscape) Committee and Member of Singapore Business Federation Built Environment Sector IC Committee. His expertise is in project management, project development, IT and special complex projects. His market sector experience includes healthcare, commercial, residential, hospitality, entertainment, sports and leisure, industrial, mixed development and petrochemical projects. In addition, Bernard has vast experience in resolving numerous project dispute cases and many years of global and regional project management experience.



**Seah Choo Meng**

Senior Advisor  
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**Mr Seah Choo Meng** is Senior Advisor to Group Chairman and CEO, Meinhart (Singapore) Pte Ltd. He is also concurrently Chairman and Director of METAV Cost and Contracts Management (MCCM), and Board Member, Group's Global Board, Meinhart (Singapore) Pte Ltd.

Prior to his current appointments, Choo Meng served as Chairman of Threesixty Cost Management Pte Ltd, and Chairman of Threesixty Contract Advisory Pte. Ltd in Surbana Jurong Group. He was Chairman and Director of Langdon & Seah Singapore Pte Ltd, and Arcadis Project Management Pte Ltd with 45 years of service, stepping down in 2008.

Choo Meng was previously Council Chairman of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers, as well as its Past President. He was also the Immediate Past President of the Society of Project Managers.



**Ho Chien Mien**

Partner, Co-Head of Construction &  
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Allen & Gledhill LLP

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**Mr Ho Chien Mien** is Co-Head of Allen & Gledhill's Construction & Engineering Practice.

Chien Mien's contentious work involves litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation work relating to power, utilities, desalination, petrochemical and manufacturing plants, water treatment facilities, roads and tunnels, dams and waterways, mass rapid transit projects, sports complexes, aircraft hangars, major office buildings, retail malls, hotels, condominiums and specialised warehouses.

On the non-contentious side, Chien Mien has been involved in some of the largest building and infrastructure projects in Singapore and the Asia Pacific region including airport developments, roads, greenfield developments of data centres, power and utilities plants, oil storage terminals, LNG terminals and regasification plants, petrochemical and pharmaceutical plants, manufacturing facilities, mega-malls and transportation hubs, prime office towers and luxury hotels and condominium developments.

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Chien Mien is recognised by the Singapore Academy of Law as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law. He is one of the selected few to be ranked in Band 1 by Chambers & Partners for Construction in Singapore. Chien Mien is also ranked as a Leading Individual for Construction in Singapore by The Legal 500 and a Thought Leader in Construction Law by Who's Who Legal.

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**Kirindeep Singh**

Senior Partner  
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**Mr Kirindeep Singh** is a senior partner in Dentons Rodyk's Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Arbitration practice groups and is the Co-Head of the firm's Construction practice. He was appointed by the Singapore Academy of Law as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building & Construction Law in 2023. The accreditation scheme was introduced as a mark of recognition for a select group of legal practitioners who have gained professional excellence in their areas of practice.

Kirin's primary practice areas include construction and engineering, arbitration, civil and commercial litigation. In construction and engineering, Kirin has been involved in numerous disputes in adjudication, disputes boards, arbitration and litigation, both as counsel as well as adjudicator and arbitrator.

Kirin is recognised by various legal publications, including as a Leading Individual for Construction by Chambers Asia-Pacific and Litigation Star in Construction by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific. He was also named in the Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Construction Lawyers (2nd Edition) for his construction practice.

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**Edwin Lee Peng Khoon**

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He was cited as a leading Singapore construction law practitioner in Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Construction Lawyers, as a distinguished practitioner in AsiaLaw, and by Doyles Guide as a leading Singapore lawyer for Construction Disputes Litigation and Arbitration.

Edwin has argued many of the landmark court cases on construction law, and on adjudications. Apart from his active legal practice, Edwin is also an Adjunct Associate Professor with the NUS, and SUTD, and a trainer for the BCA on Construction Law.

Edwin is the co-author of the books *Confidentiality in Arbitration* (2007) and *Amendments to the SOP Act* (2019), and is the author of *Building Contract Law in Singapore* (2016, 3rd Edition). He is also the Construction Law editor for the Singapore Academy of Law's online journal SAL Practitioner.

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As a dispute practitioner, Ian has extensive experience as lead counsel in both international and domestic construction arbitrations, dealing with various issues including delays, damages, loss and expense claims, defective works and design inadequacies, unforeseen ground and geotechnical conditions, and termination of contracts. He has particular expertise in land reclamation, infilling and soil improvement work, handling claims for damage to cable and underground services and in defending prosecutions under the relevant legislation, including on workplace safety & health matters.

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**Chow Wen Si**

Senior Legal Counsel  
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**Ms Chow Wen Si** is currently a Senior Legal Counsel with Mott MacDonald, a global engineering, management and development consultancy with 19,000 staff and a worldwide reach spanning six continents. After graduating from the University of Bristol, Wen Si worked at leading domestic and international law firms, where she specialised in infrastructure, construction and engineering matters, acquiring extensive cross-border and high-value disputes and front-end experience during her time there. Having moved in-house, Wen Si covers both local and international portfolios and provides trusted strategic advice to key stakeholders globally across a wide range of matters. Wen Si is an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore and is the co-author of Adjudication – Case Law Principles. She is effectively bilingual in English and Mandarin and also has a working knowledge of German.



**Monisha Cheong**

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**Ms Monisha Cheong** is a Partner in WongPartnership's Commercial & Corporate Disputes Practice. She has an active disputes practice and regularly appears before all levels of the Singapore Courts, international arbitral tribunals under various rules and in statutory adjudications. She is fluent in English, Mandarin and French and has represented clients in a wide range of complex, high-value and cross-border matters involving the private equity, construction, cryptocurrency, property, hospitality, renewable energy, automobile, natural resources and healthcare industries. Monisha is presently serving her second term as a member of both the YSIAC Committee as well as the Law Society of Singapore's Building and Construction Law Committee. In addition to her counsel and advisory work, Monisha also sits as arbitrator. Monisha is a Contributing Editor of the Singapore "White Book" (Singapore Civil Procedure) 2022 on Order 3 (General Matters) and Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) by Chow Kok Fong. She is admitted to the Singapore Bar and the Roll of Solicitors of England & Wales.

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## About the author

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