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Chairman's Message

By the time this Autumn issue of the magazine goes to print, the summer holidays will be over, mooncakes will have been consumed, and temperatures will be dropping.

At least, all of the above is true on this side of the Equator! Down Under, our friends and colleagues in Australia are just gearing up for their glittering social season with Balls in Brisbane and Perth and new branches opening in Canberra and, we hear, Darwin.

In other parts of the world, the UK has been sizzling and their Summer Ball was another splendid affair at the Honorary Artillery Company in London. A report on the evening appears in this issue.

In Asia there have been the usual monthly or bi-monthly get-togethers, lunches, wine evenings, quiz nights, fun runs and the golf season is upon us again. Lighthouse Club members, old and new, love their golf days (Ed – especially those with the added sparkle of a couple of bottles of champagne at the holes furthest from the Clubhouse!).

As far as the evolution of Lighthouse Club International (LHCI) is concerned, membership is increasing and the committee has been in touch with the branches still active in the Middle East. Dubai, we are happy to report, is making moves to becoming a legal entity – they will keep us posted. Abu Dhabi and Doha are living more quietly but we hope that the LHCI Committee will be able to meet with members of any or all of those branches in the not too distant future.

The branch in Yangon continues to meet and around 100 attendees now get together mostly monthly. Myanmar is definitely due a visit from the LHCI Committee and we hope to report in either next Spring or Summer issues about a Committee meeting from Yangon.

The potential new clubs in Korea and New Zealand etc, are still on track and there is movement too in India. The Honorary Life Chairman, John Battersby, and his stalwart team continue to assist in helping these new members organise their initial get-togethers.

And finally to Hong Kong, where there has been a change to the format regarding the July Eddie Ward Dinner and November Annual Dinner and the decision was taken earlier this year to combine the two, with the Eddie Ward Annual Dinner taking place this November.

The next issue will be Winter and, as we speed inexorably towards Christmas and the end of yet another year, it is heartening to hear from the various branches about all the good works they are doing. From supporting students in education to helping families cope with loved ones' illnesses, right through to that very worst of occasions when somebody's life is lost, the people who serve on the Benevolent sub committees of branches and who are usually the first members to hear about tragedies are often unsung heroes of our Club. Talking and giving time to bereaved families is emotionally draining, even for the strongest amongst us. This is where the motto of the Lighthouse Club rings very true – Aliis cum humanitate : Consideration for others.

I wish you a fruitful autumn, or spring, and look forward to meeting as many of you around the globe in the months to come.

Rod Noble
Chairman
Lighthouse Club
International



About The Lighthouse Club

The Lighthouse is the magazine of Lighthouse Club International, originally established in 1998 as Lighthouse Club Asia Pacific Region and superseded in November 2017 by Lighthouse Club International. With its roots in England in 1956, the Hong Kong Branch was formed in 1986.

The aims of the Lighthouse Club are to promote good fellowship amongst its members who work in or are associated with the construction industry and to provide charitable assistance to those in need within the construction industry and to their dependents in qualifying cases.

In addition to the charitable works of the individual branches of the Lighthouse Club, Lighthouse Club International has two related Hong Kong based charities which provide charitable assistance worldwide: The James Battersby Lighthouse Club Educational Trust which provides assistance for education and training to qualifying young persons; The Lighthouse Club Asia Pacific Region Benevolent Trust which provides assistance to relieving poverty and financial need to persons currently or previously employed in the building and civil engineering industries and allied trades.

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THE STORY OF

LO PAN



If you have worked within an ethnic Chinese construction community, you may well have heard of the Lo Pan (魯班) Festival. You may be aware that he is the patron saint of Chinese builders and constructors and you may even have attended a dinner in his honour.

But what is the story behind Lo Pan?

Text and images: Steve Tennant



Lo Pan was born in 507 BC, in what is now Shandong province in the People's Republic of China to a wealthy family. It is said that he was a great inventor as well as a builder and that he devised, amongst other things, a siege device for scaling walls, grappling hooks with a ram for naval warfare and a flying wooden bird (possibly some form of kite?) as well as an automated vehicle with a mechanical horse. Perhaps of more relevance to the construction industry, he is said to have written a book illustrating carpentry techniques which was said to be the authoritative tome of its day on traditional building methods. He apparently invented many tools which are still widely used today such as levellers, saws and L-shaped rulers.

Lo Pan was also said to be a building designer and in particular has been credited with pioneering temple design and notably the use of dragons as decorative carvings.

Given his achievements, it is not surprising that Lo Pan was deified shortly after his death and that his birthday, on the 13th day of the sixth month of the lunar calendar, is marked in the Chinese construction community by a festival with prayers for safety and prosperity which is frequently followed by a dinner.

In the 19th-century, many Chinese craftsmen left the mainland to work overseas, particularly to territories such as Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong where there was already an overseas Chinese community. Once there the craftsmen formed craft guilds to protect and promote their business interests and for the construction guilds, in particular carpentry, plastering and masonry, whose members came from across

China and thus spoke different languages, what they all had in common was the worship of Lo Pan. Thus, temples were built for the use of the guilds members.

Today, outside of China, it is believed that there are only two temples which are exclusively dedicated to Lo Pan. One is located in Georgetown, Penang and the other is located in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong temple, which was built in 1884, can be found at 15 Ching Lin Terrace, off of Li Po Lung Path, Kennedy Town. Whilst of a modest size and appearance, to the uneducated eye, it is in fact an architectural and artisanal gem with many unique features, at least in Hong Kong. Perhaps the most prominent feature is the sharp, pointed gable walls which are very distinctive and not present in any other temple in Hong Kong.

Lo Pan Festival has never been a statutory or general holiday in Hong Kong. However, at least until the end of the 1980's it was the only occasion when all of Hong Kong's construction sites would fall silent for a day, whilst the rest of the territory continued to work, surprised by the silencing of the piling rigs.

Lighthouse Club members, although from a more recent organisation, clearly share some attributes with the followers of Lo Pan and I am sure that we can all identify with the need for safety and prosperity. Lo Pan festival was this year celebrated on 25 July 2018 and will be celebrated on 15 July 2019. Put it in your diary.





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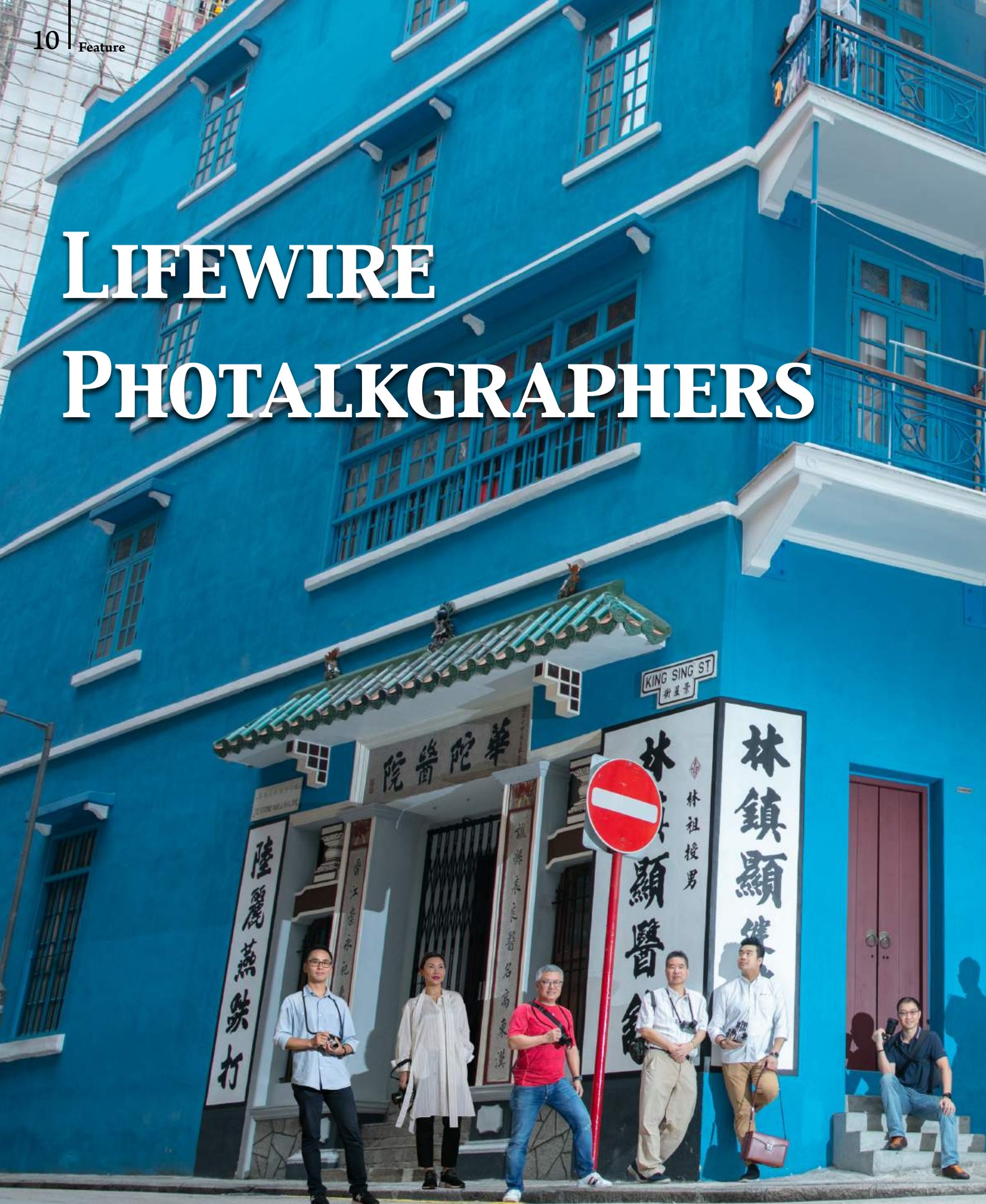
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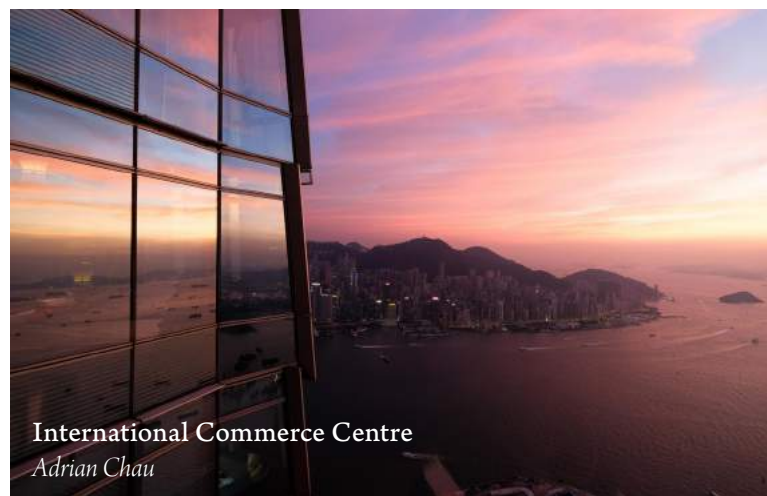
LIFEWIRE PHOTALKGRAPHERS



9 Photalkographers (L to R): Ho Chun Wai, Ivy Lai, Victor Cheung, Bevis Mak, Ambrose Chen, Derrick Pang, Alfred Wu, Chris Lo and Adrian Chau.



Snakework
Alfred Wu



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Adrian Chau



Work Hard, Play Hard
Ivy Lai



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“Photalkgraphers 我相港故”, is a charitable photo exhibition that was co-organized by Lifewire and Chun Wo Development Holdings Limited and took place at Comix Home Base in Wanchai’s Mallory Street from 17 to 19 August 2018.

The theme of the exhibition “Hong Kong” not only brings photography enthusiasts together, but also the community, aspiring to see phototalkgraphers as the art of life. This series of images were photographed in Hong Kong by 9 Photalkgraphers over the period of a year. Adrian Chau, Alfred Wu, Ambrose Chen, Bevis Mak, Chris Lo, Derrick Pang, Ho Chun Wai, Ivy Lai and Victor Cheung all contributed a series of 9 photos each.

Instead of presenting their Hong Kong stories through the lens these 9 Photalkgraphers also have a desire to contribute to the community with the mission “Life Affects Life”.

They would like to present their own tales of Hong Kong by telling the stories of people and teams who diligently apply their expertise every day to the benefit of those who live in the Pearl of the Orient with their amateur skillsets.

Their photos were auctioned to raise funds for Lifewire, to financially support children with medical needs, such as autistic

children, children with disability problems and with rare diseases. The initial night raised over HK\$400,000 and at the time of going to press had raised HK2,480,487 (or 249% of their original target of HK\$1,000,000).

Established in 2014 by Ir. Dr. Derrick Pang, Lifewire is a registered charity and the first crowdfunding platform for children with medical needs in Hong Kong. Lifewire believes that love can change and bring miracles to our society.

Copies at various sizes are still available for purchase. Further information on the exhibition can be found at : www.lifewire.hk/en/Causes-And-Campaign/CampaignsPhotalkgraphers2018.html



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ALTITECH: TECHNICAL SERVICES AT ALTITUDE

Formed in 2010, Altitech specialises in providing technical services for clients owning or managing complex structures. The company is also a leading expert supplier of height safety and industrial access equipment across the Asia region. For Brendan Kendell, CEO, the company's core service is the delivery of a range of technical services to complex architecture and infrastructure in the energy, construction and entertainment sectors.

MULTI-SKILLED SPECIALISTS

Altitech is unique in the space that it operates. Its technicians possess both specialist access and technical expertise and qualifications. Many have developed an interest in specialist access from recreational caving and climbing backgrounds, whilst others have diversified to specialist access to broaden the application of their existing trade qualifications, whether that be welding, inspection, non-destructive testing, electrical work, glazing or rigging. No matter their background, each of Altitech's technicians are qualified under the Industrial Rope Access Trade Association (IRATA), widely considered the global industry authority, governed by a comprehensive Code of Practice, itself established over more than 30 years.

"We use a range of specialist site access methods that include motorised and non-motorised industrial rope access and bespoke, suspended work positioning platforms to safely mobilise our technicians, or a client's technicians, to locations on a structure that may be difficult and/or cost prohibitive to access," explains Kendell.

Altitech's technical service profile spans structure inspection and survey, structural installations, structure repair, general construction, façade and lighting maintenance. These capabilities are complimented by high angle rescue support services and façade access systems consultancy. The company's diverse portfolio includes large format outdoor media installations, major façade refurbishments, comprehensive structural surveys and complex repair campaigns.

"As a company we are very construction-oriented. Our ability to safely and efficiently access complex structures is just one aspect of our business. Completing the technical tasks at hand is another," adds Kendell.



Text: Elizabeth Dooley
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Whilst Altitech's clients include oil and gas operators, transport infrastructure management, utilities, property management, engineering and inspection companies across the South East Asia region, construction companies and operators of entertainment resorts in Macau are now amongst Altitech's major customers. Notably Altitech assisted with the design, supply and installation of the façade access system for the half scale 525-foot replica Eiffel Tower at The Parisian Macao on Macau's Cotai Strip. The company has historically been involved extensively in providing a broad range of services including structure surveys, installation works, and aerial rescue training at the City of Dreams' House of Dancing Water theatre. More recently contracts have included broad ranging façade works at the futuristic Hotel Morpheus, façade lighting maintenance at multiple high profile properties, and an extensive structure survey at a landmark tower. In Hong Kong, Altitech has, since its inception, provided a range of specialist façade, repair and inspection services on a selection of complex infrastructure, including the Kai Tak cruise ship terminal and various landmark stay cable and suspension bridges.

Asked how the construction industry in the region has embraced the benefits of Altitech's technology and expertise, Kendell notes that his company is able to provide a viable, safe, versatile and cost effective alternative to more traditional access methods such as scaffolding, permanent building maintenance units, temporary gondolas and cranes. Despite some initial hesitance by clients, demand for Altitech's services has grown consistently.

"The access technology we offer is more prevalent in the West, particularly in the UK and Australia. Our clients here in Asia have quickly recognised the benefits we can bring to a project in terms of versatility, safety, cost and efficiency. Critically, all our methods, equipment and systems comply with work at height and lifting regulations and ordinance in each country that we operate. One key advantage we hold is that, with the correct planning, site appraisal and risk assessment in place, a small, specialist Altitech team can arrive on site with portable equipment, and install a compliant lightweight temporary access system. This allows our technicians to safely access the target location on the structure and commence the technical task at hand in considerably shorter time frames. Compared to traditional service companies, we are able to access complex structures and complete tasks more efficiently, safely and with less overall personnel requirements, less operational downtime and significantly less risk exposure," he adds.



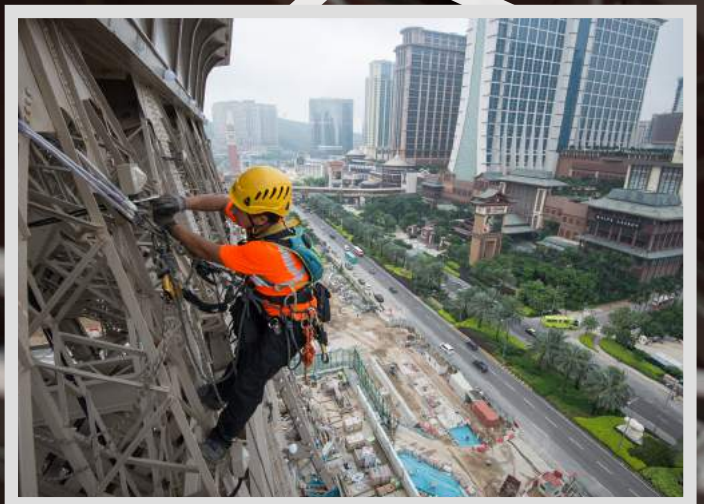


COMPLEX MADE EASY

According to Kendell, Altitech's expertise and capabilities are becoming increasingly relevant in the fields of construction, civil infrastructure inspection and facade management, particularly given that modern architecture and facades are becoming ever more complex.

"In the case of a complex concrete survey of the entire shaft and supporting elements of Macau Tower, we were able to access and survey all the concrete elements of the tower in a matter of days, mobilising a specialist four-man team and access equipment that could be carried by hand into the tower. Compare this to a traditional inspection company who, before even commencing the survey would need to engage a scaffold company, who then may require up to two weeks and thousands of kilograms of equipment just to erect the scaffold access system," he adds.

As when working in the oil and gas sector, Altitech applies the same detailed project process flow approach to any construction sector project it takes on. Detailed site and task specific risk assessments and method statements are developed and strict integrated operational procedures followed to ensure maximum safety, compliance and quality control throughout the complete project cycle.





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WOMEN'S *Work*



Text: Michael Hoare

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NETWORK.

*R*igour, empathy and collaboration. These are the key advantages women have over their male counterparts in the workplace, say six stalwart women of the Lighthouse Club.

In a wide-ranging survey that asked a dozen searching questions of these leaders from across the Club's network, The Lighthouse sought to better understand the environment for women working in construction and to highlight areas where a gender gap could be improved. The good news? Discrimination along gender lines can sometimes work in their favour, however some women under a hard hat feel there's a way to go before they will be treated as equals.

"The focus on gender can be equally positive and negative; it's all about how the conversation is framed," says Karen Wenham, a director at Driver Trett and vice-president of the New South Wales branch of the Club in Sydney. "I'd love to say we can all move on but then I read a news article, such as the recent report of how Tokyo Medical University in Japan deliberately marked down women wanting to study medicine, and realise that there is still work to be done."



KAREN WENHAM



SARAH SIDEY

LARGELY *Irrelevant*

After more than two decades working as an expert specialising in delay and disruption, Wenham says her gender has been irrelevant to her success. Her experience is similar to the majority of the members we've been in contact with and correlates with the chat we hear from the branches.

"I have heard number of stories both positive and negative but personally think it's about attitude and applying yourself rather than gender," says Sarah Sidey, Randstad's head of strategic accounts and the Lighthouse Club chairman for the northeast of Britain. "Building rapport and good working relationships with your contacts is the key to success for both males and females."

JOB *Focus*

The Lighthouse Club itself has come a long way on matters of equality. The Club's first woman member was Jenny Deli. Deli has been committed to the Club's shared goals since the early 1990s and served on the committee in Hong Kong for extended periods.

Overt gender bias is not something she has encountered frequently in her role as human resources consultant. On the job, she argues, everyone is the same boat and the quicker the industry can move on from identifying differences – rather than similarities – the better it will be.

"I am not in favour of paying too much attention to just gender," she says. "I'd emphasise the importance of a clear job description, job requirements and putting the right person into the right position."



JENNY DELI

MODERN *Perspectives*

Among the candid responses we received were several common themes. Women in construction feel they have better career prospects than some women working in other industries. And most of our leaders feel women have the soft skills to be excellent managers.

A tendency to focus on detail, coupled with skills in organisation, policy-making, implementation, monitoring and review, makes exceptional leaders.

Deli believes this is at the heart of a “feminine approach” and it extends to a less confrontational style to work and interpersonal relationships. An intuitive slant to problem-solving tasks brings a human element to the site, she says.



CANDY LAI

STRENGTH *to Strength*

In her role as the Hong Kong Housing Department’s deputy director of housing (development and construction), Connie Yeung has supervised each step in the development of the city’s public housing blocks for more than 30 years.

“The construction industry provides good opportunity for career advancement through on-the-job training, and part-time and full-time training offered by the construction companies, public organisations, government departments, approved training bodies and tertiary educational institutes,” she says.

Where women have found themselves at a disadvantage is in the most physical of on-site roles. But Yeung says even that is changing. “It is true that women are generally weaker in physical strength and were not fit for strenuous site work.



CONNIE YEUNG

Modern technology can help overcome some of these limitations,” she says.

Today’s building site is more about grit and less about grunt. The technology revolution has streamlined planning, design and project management – areas in which women tend to excel, Yeung says.

GROUP *Thinking*

Candy Lai won the 2016 Golden Helmet Award from the Club’s Malaysian branch. The formal recognition as an industry leader was another positive that helped confirm she made the right decision to stay in an industry that can be physically draining and is dominated by males.

She has found a niche Lai as a senior quality, environmental, safety and health manager at Pembinaan Mitrajaya, a fast-growing construction company in Kuala Lumpur. It’s a role where empathy and listening skills are in play.

While she plays a vital support role at work, she has found professional support from other women in the business. “There are lots of activities such as conferences and regular meet-ups arranged by support groups that provide excellent platforms for women to champion each other,” she says. “These types of activities help professionals motivate each other.”

NEXT *Generation*

Cecilia De Castro leads the Philippines office of BKAsiaPacific and is an integral part of the organisation’s leadership group. The general manager has a remit covering every silo within the construction services consultancy. With a career spanning more

than 25 years, De Castro says her leadership style comes from a feeling of ownership, a sentiment built over time and developed through support.

She has straightforward advice for emerging leaders. “As long as she is resilient, determined, fearless and has the desire and confidence to learn, then definitely, there will always be an opportunity for her in this industry.

A final, near universal observation from these leading women was the unsavoury truth that women are still paid less than their male colleagues for performing an equivalent job. Is that an issue specific to construction? No, but each of our panel would want to see the end of the gender pay gap.

**CECILIA
DE CASTRO**



Hong Kong ladies have their say at forums co-sponsored by the ICE

The Lighthouse Club Women in Construction Group (WIC) together with the Hong Kong branch of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) held two forums to explore various topics on issues affecting women working in construction and what can be done to support women and their careers in the industry.

The first forum was held on July 27, 2018, with Ms Chan Yuen-han (former Legco member and noted Hong Kong female trade



unionist) being the speaker for the night. Ms Chan shared with us the challenges she faced being a woman in the industry while advancing her career. Flexible working hours, a 5-day working week, these are measures Ms Chan suggested would help providing a work/life balance for the ladies working in this high-speed construction industry.

Ms Audrey Eu Yuet-mee, (former Legco member and founding member of the Civic Party) who was the speaker on August 10, emphasized more on the balance between career & family, and she strongly suggested that the government imposing maximum working hours would be one way to achieve this balance.

After each session by the speakers, participants were divided into groups to further discuss and exchange thoughts of the difficulties they face being ladies in the construction industry. Some felt that they were not treated equally and were naturally discriminated against, as men think women are more fragile and dainty to perform certain tasks, and by default will give them less challenging/easier tasks to perform. And the tendency of women giving birth soon after marriage is another obstacle that they face, as



bosses are concerned they will take maternity leave afterwards, and miss out on professional opportunities. Another concern is in the traditional cultural belief which prevails in Hong Kong, which is that women are supposed to be more family-oriented and be responsible for more family/household duties than men, so they are meant to take care of not only their children but also their elderly relatives. And also by nature, mothers need to feed and take care of their newborn babies, and striking a balance between family and work is always a challenge.

To tackle some of the above issues or inequalities, some measures were suggested by the participants, such as providing government subsidized nursery facilities, provision of breast feeding facilities at places of work, render training programmes for taking care of elderly relatives, incentives for mothers returning to work after maternity leave etc. All these will surely enhance the work/life balance for women in the construction industry. Together with the suggestions raised by Ms Chan and Ms Yue, the WIC/ ICE will summarize these thoughts and propose these measures to the Government via the Women's Commission. A follow up article will appear in a future issue of "The Lighthouse".



Why I support the Lighthouse Club

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I was working as a miner in the Midlands province of Zimbabwe in 2004, and I was a few hours into my day when I heard the hysterical ringing of the mine shaft bell, followed by eerie silence. The compressor was switched off, and miners began surfacing, climbing out of the mine through the main shaft. The silence was broken by the words, 'there's been a fatality'.

The mine rescue team returned to the surface a few hours later, carrying a stretcher. On it was a body, the face covered with a blanket. This was the first fatality at the mine, and my first personal experience of loss in the work environment.

The victim's name was Sam, a lasher in the mine whose job was to collect broken rock following blasting. The mine inspector's view was that Sam was in the wrong place at the wrong time, 'just one of those things'.

Sam was working in a stope, a large 20m high vault of white-green carbonate rock. What was thought to be stable ground turned out not to be. Sam had heard the cracking noise above his head and ran for safety towards the exit. He'd made it, but a slab of rock fell to the ground and a small fragment broke off and struck him in the back. Later, as the incident began to sink in, I realised that this could have happened to any one of us.

The day before, I had stood in that stope as part of the jackhammer crew. We were assigned to the section; the very place Sam had taken his last breath.

Since that day I have looked at work sites and the mining and construction industries differently. I see the excellence in what we achieve, but I also see it comes at more than just a financial cost. There is often a cost to people; sometimes their livelihoods, sometimes their lives.

I first attended the Lighthouse Club Brisbane networking event in 2015. I was initially sceptical about what it was about, but after a few get-togethers I realised that the members shared my values. These values recognise that although we go about our normal business from day to day, we can still make a real difference to others.

The aim of the Lighthouse Club globally is to promote good fellowship between its members and provide charitable assistance to those in or associated with the construction industry who are in need.

In Australia, in comparison to other parts of the world, we have good assistance programmes to deal with the negative effects of industry. But there are still areas where charitable assistance can make a positive difference to people's lives.

For example, the personal cost to people is apparent in suicide rates. 3000 people committed suicide in the construction industry between 2001 and 2015.

That's 1 in 5 of all suicides in Australia.

Suicide among construction workers remains elevated compared to other occupational groups and should remain a target for suicide intervention and prevention (Maheen and Milner, 2017)

Since I joined in 2015, the Lighthouse Club in Australia has donated over \$17,000 to Mates in Construction (MIC). MIC work to reduce the number of industry related suicides through education, and at the time of writing this article, there were 137,777 people trained by the MIC programme, and 6,879 cases managed (<http://matesinconstruction.org.au/>).

Further to this, a key focus is on education. Apprentices in construction and trade related programmes account for approximately 20% of all apprentice and trainee program cancellations and withdrawals (NCVER: <https://www.ncver.edu.au/>).

With this focus on education, the Lighthouse Club has recently started its own bursary programme and has supported four apprentices attending TAFE (Technical and Further Education). These apprentices were at high risk of withdrawing from their course due to financial hardship or disadvantage, and each apprentice is awarded \$2,500 for use on fees and equipment. This programme is continuing in 2018.

At the 2017 Brisbane ball, the Lighthouse Club donated \$5,000 to Happy Hub Kampot (<http://www.happyhubkampot.org/>). The funds provided were used to train local tradesmen in Cambodia, and to build a house for a family in need.

Our members raised these funds by attending our monthly networking events and the annual Lighthouse Club ball. Funds are also raised by contributions made by our corporate sponsors. Without the support of our members and sponsors we cannot continue this work. It's not a large financial commitment, yet our giving has educated individuals, rehoused families and saved lives. To me, it's about recognising that the people in our industry are just as important as the industry itself.

This is why I support the Lighthouse Club.

The Lighthouse Club is the only organisation in Australia that unites the construction industry to promote and support the causes at the heart of our industry

If you would like to support us too, then attend our monthly events, become a member, and engage your company to become one of our sponsors. Find out more about us at: <http://www.lighthouseclubaus.org/>.

The Brisbane Lighthouse Club Cocktail Ball was held on 1 September 2018 at Brisbane City Hall.

Tickets are available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/VVBA>
Sponsorship information is available on request at info@lighthouseclubaus.org.

The Perth Lighthouse Club ball will be held in October 2018, dates and location to be confirmed.

Autumn Report 2018



Lighthouse Club Australia on Tour

The Lighthouse Club Australia held a prize draw at the annual Society of Construction Law Australia (SOCLA) Gala Dinner, part of the SOCLA conference in the Hunter Valley, in August 2018.

The prizes were two landscape watercolour paintings, donated by James Lyall of HKA Melbourne, and a wine hamper, donated by Nick Longley of HFW, Melbourne.

The prize draw raised around AUD\$700. We would like to thank SOCLA, our donors, and the generosity of all those who took part which goes a long way to supporting the ongoing work of the Lighthouse Club Australia.

Sydney News

Sydney has a number of events planned, including a re-run of the “Tracing a Construction” case event that was extremely successful earlier last year. We are hoping to have a ‘normal’ monthly Get Together in October 2018 and we will be organising something a networking event during the ICES-PAQS Conference Week 18-20 November 2018 – please keep in touch for details.

Perth News

Perth continues to see good turnouts at the events. Thanks to sponsors Jackson McDonald, Driver Trett (Diales), FTI Consulting and Law In Order for their recent support.

The Perth Annual event is currently being planned for October – we’re going to try something a bit different this year – watch this space and our website for more information.

Brisbane News

Our Brisbane Chapter continues to run varied sessions, from

informal get togethers to informative and entertaining CPD events. The July CPD event was hosted in Ranbury’s Brisbane office. Our large group of members and guests were treated to an informative and entertaining talk on the current bustling state of the Australian rail infrastructure sector and the exciting future, including the development of the Hyperloop system.

The 1st September, heralds the 3rd annual Lighthouse Club Charity Ball, at Brisbane’s extremely impressive City Hall. This popular event will include live music, games, raffles and an entertaining MC. We will include some photos and tell you all about it in the next edition of the magazine. Booking details are here: www.trybooking.com/VVBA

In the meantime, a reminder to read the flyers to ensure you’re up to date on our future get togethers and CPD events.

Melbourne News

On 23 August 2018 the Lighthouse Club Melbourne hosted a seminar on the report on Australian adjudication law issued by John Murray. Mr Murray was commissioned by the Federal Government to consider and report on reforms to Australia’s adjudication law. Currently each of the six states and two territories have different laws and in many cases what can be adjudicated is quite different. Mr Murray issued his report on 21 May 2018. He has recommended:

1. A national model so that the law in each state is the same
2. Simplifying the system
3. Removing the current exclusion from the adjudication regime relating to mining.

The Lighthouse Club has organized a strong list of speakers at the event, including Mr Murray, The Hon Peter Vickery, who is a retired Supreme Court judge, Alex McKellar from HFW, Peter Lellyett, a Project Director with the Level Crossing Removal Authority and John McMullen, a well known adjudicator.

Thanks to all of our sponsors, particularly our Platinum Sponsor, Pinsent Masons and our host for the event Clayton Utz.

Canberra News

We are preparing for our grand opening in Canberra. More news on this as it becomes available. If you are in the area and would like to come along to an event (or even lend a hand) then please contact us.

We welcome any comments or messages. Any expressions of interest should be sent to info@lighthouseclubaus.org



Summer Ball raises a spectacular £40,000



It was a balmy summer evening as over 400 guests arrived at the City Central Marque at the Honorary Artillery Company in London for the annual Lighthouse Club Charity's Summer Ball.

Welcomed with a refreshing glass of champagne and cocktails in the stunning orangery, guests soon spilled out on to the garden terrace making the most of the soaring temperatures.

Aaron James was the host for the evening and he entertained everyone with his witty repartee and rallied the audience into bidding over £8000 for a unique piece of London skyline artwork painted by renowned artist Ben Mosley.

The fabulous three course meal was delivered to a backdrop of music by ABBA tribute band, Platinum and people were soon on their feet dancing to classics such as Take a Chance, Waterloo and Dancing Queen.

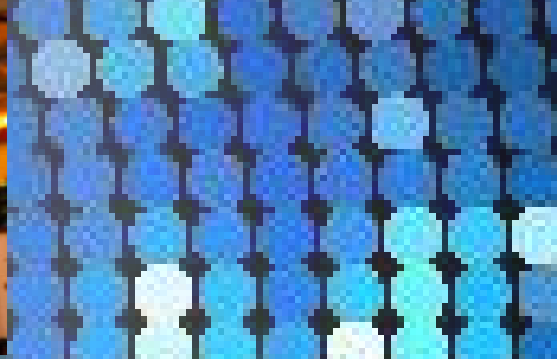
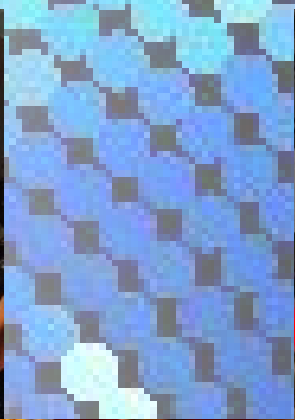
The sensational fun fair provided plenty of entertainment and guests enjoyed the old time classics including the carousel horses, dodgems and ferris wheel.

The evening ended with a disco that had everyone up on their feet again and made sure that the infamous Summer Ball ended on a glorious high.

An amazing £40,000 was raised during the evening thanks to the sale of raffle tickets, very generous table collections and eager on-line silent auction bidders.

Bill Hill, CEO of the Lighthouse Club Charity said, "We are continually amazed at the generosity of people and as always we would like to thank all of our supporters who attended on the evening, our sponsors and to all of the helpers who make sure that the evening goes with a swing.

The money raised from our Summer Ball will go a long way towards helping us continue with building our mental health programme and ensuring that all our construction workers and their families know where to turn to in times of need.



Hong Kong Gala Ball



The annual Lighthouse Club Hong Kong Gala Ball took place on Saturday 2 June 2018, and again proved to be a highlight of the Club's social calendar.

This year's event was held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai and was sponsored by King & Wood Mallesons, LinkedIn Coach, Jeeves and Mr. Neil Roberts.

This year, the Gala Ball saw a slight change of format and no formal speeches were included on the evening's programme. Instead, the focus was on good food, good times and good company. The crowd were entertained by the dulcet tunes of Rubicube

with an interlude for the (decidedly less-dulcet) rockin' tunes from the "Basic Lawyers" of Pinsent Masons. The night was kept on track by the deft and suave MCs, Adam Christian Nelson and Monique Hanson.

Additional entertainment on the night was a two-part show featuring 5 fabulous French (?) Can-Can dancers who wowed the audience with their high kicks and fabulous outfits. Huge thanks to Kammy Tabar of Chaelle Ltd, Macau in arranging to bring the boys and girls of the Moulin Rouge (Ed – really? From Parisian Macau??) over to Hong Kong.





The ball included an ever-popular raffle, and a charity auction at which a certified genuine framed and signed couple of screen stills of Daniel Craig in classic James Bond 007 poses, donated by Mr. Steve Tennant, was bid for and won by Mr. David Roberts' wife; and a sailing trip with "the world's most beautiful boat, Eveline 1911" in Malaysia, donated by Mr. John Battersby, was bid for and won by Mr. Nicholas Longley's wife. Thanks to Steve, John, David and Nicholas, and a special thank you to our fantastic auctioneer, Ms. Swee Im Tan, former President and stalwart member of many years from Lighthouse Club Kuala Lumpur.

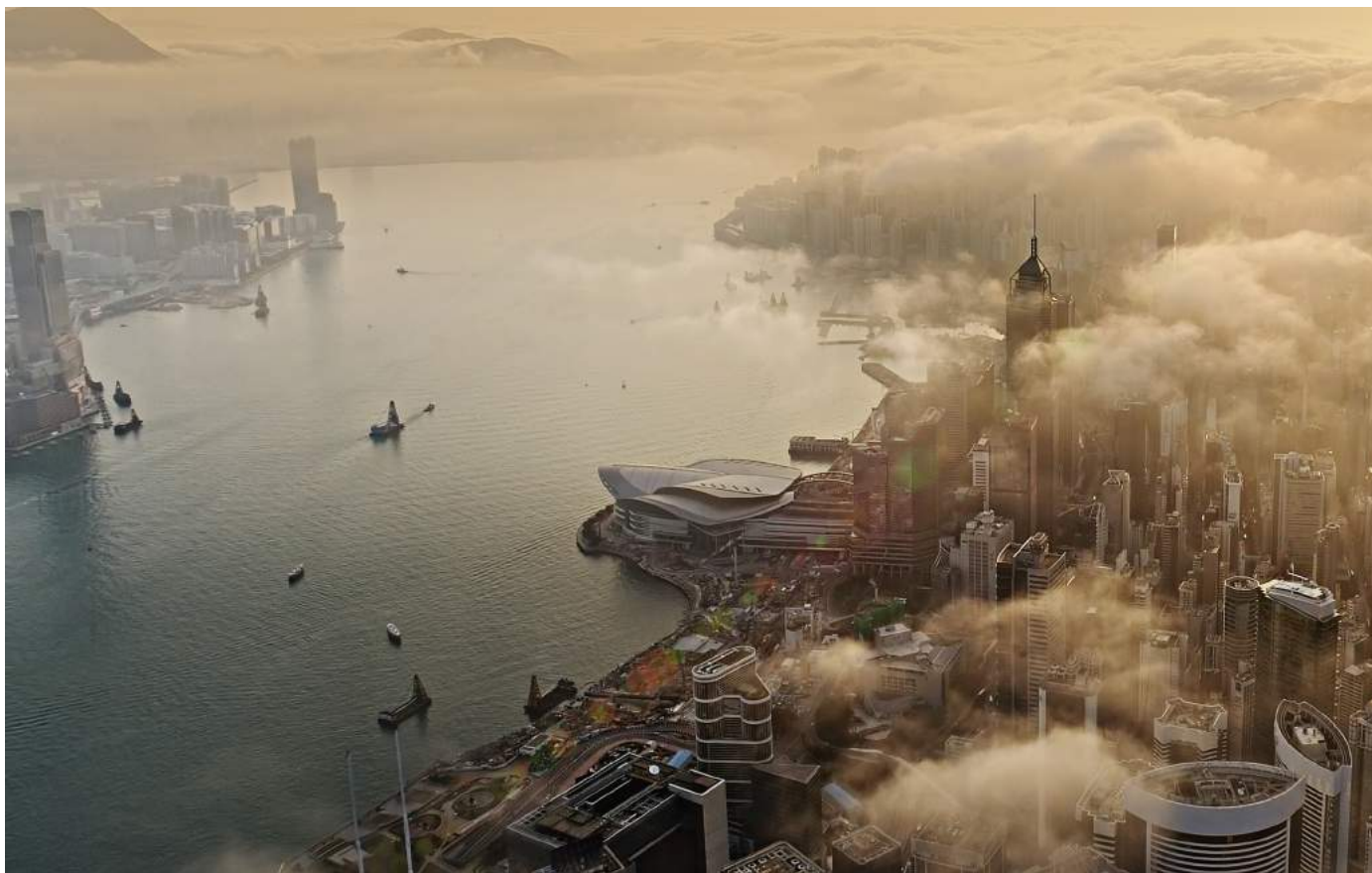
After dinner, (and in some cases, during dinner!) many took the opportunity to strut their stuff on the dance floor after which the more daring (and dare we say, hardy) party-goers headed on to an impromptu after party at... hang on, WAS there an after party? Where was it? Why wasn't I invited? Guys? GUYS?! (Ed – oh dear, Ball Organising Sub Committee, I think we have a problem for 2019...!)







Protective Costs Orders in Hong Kong



Overview

On 15 May 2018, the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal handed down a judgment on an issue of "great importance" concerning public interest litigation. The case of *Designing Hong Kong Limited v The Town Planning Board* [2018] HKCFA 16 concerned an attempt by a claimant to obtain a Protective Costs Order ("PCO") to support its challenge of a decision by the government which it thought would damage Hong Kong's environment. Had the claimant obtained a PCO, it would have been protected from having to pay the government's costs even if the challenge proved unsuccessful (which is the way costs are usually dealt with). The PCO was not granted, but the court indicated that future claimants might be entitled to PCOs in appropriate cases. The decision clears the way for more applications for PCOs in public interest litigation.

What was the background to the claimant's application for a PCO?

In February 2014, the Town Planning Board (the "Board") decided

to rezone a strip of waterfront land at Victoria Harbour to allow for a military dock to be built near the People's Liberation Army Garrison Headquarters. Previously, the intention was that there was to be a continuous waterfront promenade along this area. In *Designing Hong Kong Limited v The Town Planning Board*, the claimant applied to judicially review the decision of the Board in the Hong Kong courts. In support of the judicial review application, the claimant applied for a PCO, which would have protecting it from liability to pay the Board's legal costs of the proceedings in the event that the claim did not succeed.

Who was the claimant?

The claimant was Designing Hong Kong Limited ("DHK"), a non-profit company formed in 2007 by four individuals dedicated to Hong Kong's environment. As a company registered in Hong Kong, DHK has its own distinct legal personality and can bring legal proceedings in its own name. Therefore, DHK was the claimant in the case notwithstanding the fact that the litigation was instigated by the founders of DHK.

What is a PCO?

A PCO is a court order reversing the usual way a court will approach the issue of costs. The general rule in litigation is that costs should "follow the event". The result is that the costs of the winning party are ordinarily paid by the losing party. These costs can be significant. Furthermore, the question of costs is dealt with at the conclusion of the proceedings. This deters citizens from bringing claims that could benefit the general public because they do not want to take the risk of paying the government's costs if they lose.

A PCO grants the claimant protection from the outset against any risk of having to pay the government's legal costs, regardless of the outcome of the case. This was essential to DHK because, as a non-profit company, it did not have resources to pay the Board's costs if it was unsuccessful. If a PCO was not made, the founders of DHK said they would have no choice but to discontinue the judicial review proceedings.

What did the Hong Kong courts decide?

The case was first heard in the lower courts, where leave to apply for judicial review was granted, but the application for a PCO was dismissed. The case was referred to the Court of Final Appeal because there were questions of "great general and public importance" to be considered in connection with PCOs in public law proceedings. However, DHK's application for a PCO ultimately failed. The court said that the founders of DHK, who were also its guarantors and the instigators of the litigation, had the means to pay the Board's costs if the judicial review was unsuccessful, even if DHK itself did not. The judicial review proceedings did not have to be discontinued if a PCO was not made; the founders could continue the proceedings and use their own money to pay legal costs that might be incurred. The court therefore concluded it was not appropriate to grant a PCO.

Importantly, however, the court indicated that a PCO might be granted in the future to a claimant who could not afford to pay the government's costs. Mr Justice Bokhary NPJ said that this was "not a decision of which anyone resorting to public interest litigation need be fearful". He went on:

"In Hong Kong, where democracy still has a long way to evolve, persons might well resort to public interest litigation in circumstances under which persons in evolved democracies would resort to the political process instead. That difference is anything but a reason why PCOs should be more difficult to obtain here."

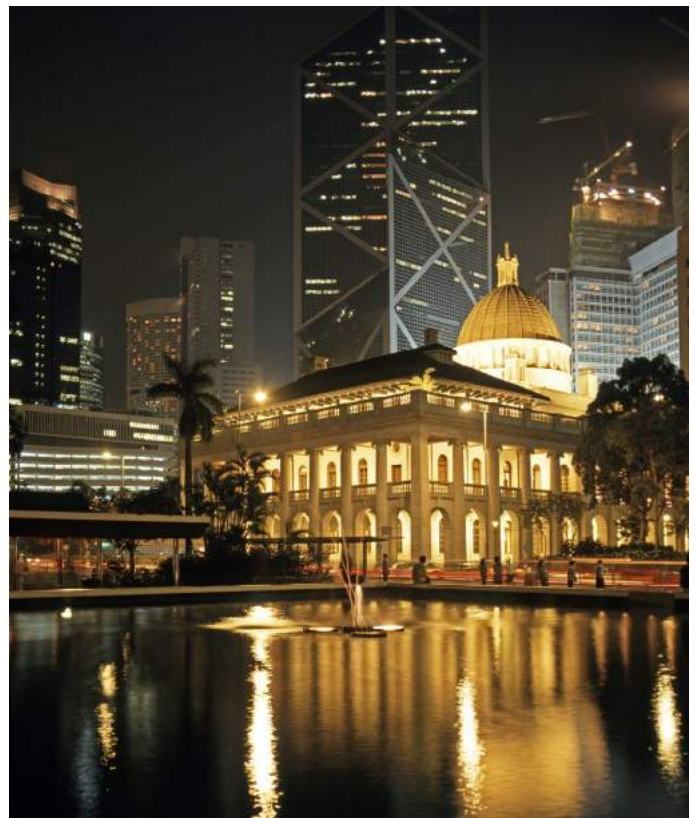
The court set out the circumstances in which a PCO might be granted, which followed the approach laid down by the English

court in *R (Corner House Research) v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry* [2005] 1 WLR 2600. These circumstances are that:

- (a) The case raises issues of general importance;
- (b) The public interest requires those issues be resolved;
- (c) The application has no private interest in the outcome;
- (d) It is fair and just to make the order having regard to the financial resources of the parties and the amount of costs involved; and
- (e) In the absence of a PCO, the applicant is likely to have to discontinue the proceedings.

Why is this case so important?

This was the first case in which a PCO has been sought in Hong Kong, but it is unlikely to be the last. In dismissing DHK's application, the court left a trail of breadcrumbs for future applicants to follow towards obtaining a PCO. It is therefore likely that more judicial review claims will be accompanied by PCO applications in the future. The possibility that claimants could obtain cost protection for cases which raise issues of general importance might also have a general effect on the amount of public interest litigation in Hong Kong.



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LHC International Construction Conference

Following the successful one-day conference in March, the two-day conference entitled, “Constructing, Contracting, Consulting, Collaborating and Caring along the Belt and Road” kicked off a total of four days’ worth of Lighthouse Club learning, networking and camaraderie in late May, early June.

The theme of the conference was to highlight the opportunities for and capabilities of international contractors, consultants and professional institutions to support and collaborate with China’s construction companies in meeting the challenges of “One Belt One Road” through their expertise in project management, in particular management of risk through: innovative designs and construction methods; selection of appropriate procurement options; effective time and cost planning, estimation and control; fit for purpose health and safety procedures; coordinated insurance coverage; and efficient and cost effective dispute avoidance and resolution mechanisms.

Once delegates were welcomed by John Battersby in opening Day One, the keynote address was delivered by CK Hon, JP, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works). Mr Hon began by talking about the collective effort of the Mainland and Hong Kong on the Belt and Road Initiative, including the development plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay area. He then spoke about the versatility of Hong Kong with its integrated professional services, exemplar development projects like the airport and MTR, how it had the edge on Project Management of large infrastructure projects and its assurances of continuous improvements within the construction industry in terms of innovation, BIM, Safety and NEC to name but a few. Lastly, he spoke about the opportunities ahead and how Hong Kong should look forward to exporting its talents in the coming years.

After Mr Hon, a number of speakers took to the stage including Wes Jones, Managing Director of Dragages Hong Kong Ltd who spoke on “Innovation for Health and Safety in Construction”; Andrew Weir and Nicholas Ho, from the Hong Kong Trade Development Council who spoke about “Opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative from the perspective of the International Market Working Group and Professional Services Working Group of HKTDC Belt and Road Committee”; Roderico C Atienza, Deputy Consul General of the Philippine Consulate

General gave a snapshot of the Philippines in, what he titled his presentation as, “Philippines – The Golden Age of Infrastructure”. Two other speakers before the lunch break delivered their insights on Risk Management, Mike Allen, FTI Consulting, and Site Safety, Tony Small, Gammon Construction Limited.

Breakout sessions in the afternoon featured workshops on legal issues, latest safety technology and FIDIC. Thanks to all the presenters who are listed as follows:

Legal Matters of importance to the Hong Kong and International Construction Industries

- Norton Rose Fulbright – Alfred Wu
- King & Wood Mallesons – Paul Starr, Sam Farrands, Edmund Wan, Donovan Ferguson
- Holman Fenwick Willan – Rosie Ng
- Hogan Lovells – Timothy Hill

Safety Workshop featuring latest technologies for safer construction

- AIG Hong Kong – Sheri Wilbanks
- Gammon Construction - Tony Small
- Construction Industry Council – Wan Kai Hong

FIDIC Workshop

- Peter Caldwell
- Baker McKenzie – Graham Shuttleworth
- Flagstaff Wild Pty Ltd – Bill Wild
- MTR Corporation – Brian Downey
- BKAsiaPacific (Hong Kong) Ltd – Cordia Yu

Day Two started with an address by the Chairlady of the Lighthouse Club Hong Kong Branch, Cordia Yu, who reminded delegates about the reasons for the conferences and all the other events which are arranged for and attended by Lighthouse Club Members and non-members alike. Cordia has been a member since 2001 and most active on the Benevolent sub-committee where she comes into contact with the victims of accidents or illness and their families. Sometimes, she told delegates, she

News from Macau



Here in Macau the big news this summer was the opening of the Apple Store in Sands Cotai Central on June 29th with a first of its kind innovative glass stone facade.

Designed by Foster + Partners and Apple and manufactured in Switzerland, the five glazed layers integrated with thin layers of stone, creates a translucent luminescent cube providing a warm “paper lantern” glow.

Lighthouse membership in Macau is in healthy state, up from last year, which is testament to the health of the construction sector in Macau, as well as the continued concern of members to ensure site safety remains a priority and those injured in construction related injuries are financially supported.

The May 2018 social gathering was held at St. Regis Bar and was sponsored by Yearful Contracting (Macau) Ltd. The June function by Circle Engineering Company Ltd. Macau, also at the St. Regis bar. At the June event, MdME Lawyers & Pinsent Masons gave a very informative lecture on latest issues affecting the Macanese Infrastructure sector in particular a study on Liquidated damages and penalty clauses in construction contracts; this was followed by drinks at Cafe Deco at the Venetian Casino Resort. San Fong Seng Construction & Engineering Company Limited hosted the August event again back in St. Regis, a firm favourite location for Lighthouse Club events.



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A busy period for Manila branch

July is the start of the Philippines school year. Replacing seven 2018 students who graduated (four with education degrees and two Engineers) and one grade school student who has now been awarded a school scholarship, are fourteen new scholars: eight students in nursery, grade, and high school, three Engineering and one Architectural Student and two more applicants for further assessment by the Charity Committee, bringing the Lighthouse Club supported scholars up to thirty five. Lighthouse Club Manila (LHCM) is very excited to be increasing the number of scholars that we support, changing disadvantaged construction industry students' and their families' lives through education.

Two events have been successfully held since the last edition of this magazine. These were a Wine & Cheese night held at the Wine Club Manila on 21 June 2018, sponsored by Gerflor; and a hotly contested quiz night on 16 August sponsored by Onduline. Both events raised funds for LHCM scholars. A big thank you, as always, to our generous sponsors.

We are now in the process of building up to our biggest events of the year, the Annual ball on 10 November 2018, and our Christmas party on Saturday 8 December 2018. We hope to see as many of our friends and colleagues attending from around the region!



Summer report from Kuala Lumpur



The months of June, July and August are fairly quiet for Lighthouse Club KL as many people choose to go on holiday at this time of year. Nevertheless, monthly Get Togethers were held, as usual, at the following: Havana (June), Jarrod and Rawlins (July) and Mandala Bar (August). And, as usual, many thanks go to our Get Together sponsors, respectively DScaff, Aurora Talent and East Link Consulting.

Our next Get Together will take place on 6th September 2018 at Havana, Changkat Bukit Bintang, while the venues for our Get Togethers on 4th October, 1st November and 6th December are still to be decided.

Lighthouse Club KL's Annual Party will take place on Saturday 17th November 2018, once again at the Asian International Arbitration Centre which is a fabulous venue and perfect for this event. We look forward to welcoming as many visitors from other clubs who may be able to join us. The Committee of Lighthouse Club International will be in KL that weekend for one of their regular meetings and we look forward to seeing other branch representatives.

As per 2nd August 2018 the Lighthouse Club KL had 107 members. We hope to continue to grow as a club, especially with the introduction of our Young Members Group and to increase awareness throughout the industry of the Lighthouse Club and its aims and objectives.

One of those aims and objectives, of course, is benevolence and we are delighted to include in our report for this issue contributions from two of our scholarship programme students, Sin Woei and Kevin Law. These are fine examples of how the Lighthouse Club is supporting the young professionals in KL.

All our events are posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LighthouseClubKL>



Sin Woei

Thanks to Lighthouse Club KL



First of all, I would like to give my fully appreciation and thanks to both Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) and Lighthouse Club (LHC) by providing me a golden opportunity to get this scholarship. I am so fortunate to be selected as one recipient of MBAM-LHC scholarship because this scholarship really helps me a lot of financial problems during my degree study in University of Malaya within these four years.

I come from a not so wealthy and common family. My father works as a technician in a steel factory in Kuantan whereas my mum is a housewife who always take care of me and two siblings very well.

She always teaches me to be determined and try to do and overcome every kind of things by my own. Besides, I am taught to be grateful and appreciate everything I have now. The third thing is to study hard and looking for a brighter future. This is the reason why I always study hard since small because I can treat my parents very well in the future. Therefore, before entered the university, I tried to search for scholarship to support me during my university life and

reduced the burden of my parents as well. At last, I think my pray is worked because I was selected to be one of recipient of MBAM-LHC scholarship.

Before getting this scholarship, I plan to apply for PTPTN loan while my parents plan to give me RM300 per month. It really brings my parents a lot of burdens since my father does not earn much as a technician. He tries to work every day to support my family. Besides, the living cost in Petaling Jaya is very high as well. Fortunately, I get the MBAM-LHC scholarship therefore I do not need to apply the PTPTN loan to support my life within these four years. Besides, I have allowance of RM4000 per semester as long as I maintain my grades every semester. The money is used to buy my daily meals, buy some reference books, pay my tuition fee and so on. Therefore, I have not much worry about my financial problem.

Last but not least, I would like to give thousands of thanks again to both Master Builders Association Malaysia and Lighthouse Club. The scholarship really helped me a lot within these four years so that I can get rid of many financial problems.

Kevin Law

How the scholarship has benefitted me



Greetings to Lighthouse Club Board, I am currently a second-year undergraduate majoring in Civil Engineering at Universiti Teknologi Petronas.

For now I am having a quite wonderful tertiary institute experience. But life doesn't go as we wish as tuition fees are on the rise national-wide and not everyone could bear with the impact. But a droplet of water arise in middle of the desert, this scholarship that I have the privilege to receive is used to pay my education fees. It helps me lessen the impact of the rising tuition cost which I couldn't afford. I also believe that scholarships do give access to higher education for everyone from different walks of life.

Apart from easing my financial crisis, the scholarship helps me to have more time to focus on my academic and non-academic matters. The stresses from working part time once crumbled me and could limit one's potential, and I'm lucky that I could keep those off the light. One of the hidden values/teachings that scholarship had equipped

me with is the importance of philanthropy, which our society still lacks with. Endorsed by this scholarship makes me feel that it is vital to give back to the society and to those who assisted me throughout the whole journey when I'm financially able.

By attaining a prestigious scholarship one could become a more attractive job candidate. Employers out there who understand the competitive nature of the scholarship will see one as the finest of all. Why is this so? A scholarship demonstrates your exceptional ability in the the field to your future company. Scholarships are also accomplishments and milestones worth to be featured in your current and also future endeavours..

I am more than grateful for the grant I have received and I feel extremely privileged to be able to continue my studies hopefully till I successfully graduated. The Lighthouse Club has supplied me with an opportunity that I will be appreciating forever and what did I do to deserve this.



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Amazing Race 2018



Another year of sunshine (with a little bit of rain) and selfies at this year's Amazing Race.

The Lighthouse Club Singapore's 3rd Annual Amazing Race held on 25th March 2018, with 8 teams participating in our most energetic, adrenaline-ridden and fun-filled event of the year. We would like to thank everyone who took part in this event for making it yet another year of success for us!

Teams taking part in this Island-wide event were given clues and riddles at the starting point and in keeping with tradition were only allowed transit between destinations via MRT and buses, or using their legs of course. Various tasks were required to be completed, landmarks to be visited, and selfies to be taken, all in the name of scoring points.

The race started out at Sentosa Island which, few would know, is dubbed as one of the most significant second world war historical sites in Singapore. Teams were taken to the 'Southern-most Point of Continental Asia', and were asked to give us their best 'dab' pose in front of the Sentosa Merlion Tower. Following that, the continent of Africa was found on The Globe at the Universal Studio's entrance;

and a contemplative moment was shared with 'The Thinker' sculpture by Auguste Rodin at Resorts World Sentosa.

After what must have been 10,000 steps on the Island, the teams traversed to Singapore's Chinatown to meet friendly Guru Srin (LHC Council Member) who was ready to take photos of teams posing in front of the iconic Buddha Tooth Relic Temple. As the clues got harder, several teams had to make a stop for drinks while the rest continued exploring the richness of Singapore's heritage. As the day carried through, plenty of interesting photos (selfies) were taken at the former Singapore Police Headquarters (now known as Old Hill Street Police Station) which is also one of the last Swimming Clubs of Singapore.

The event came to an end at McGettigan's on Clarke Quay. Teams were given a final chance to score more points through completing a puzzle within a 10 minute deadline, while guzzling down (yet another for some) ice-cold beer after a day of fun and excitement!

The 1st and 2nd prizes went to 'Paddle Up!' Gaelic Dragon Boat Team and Team Karen & Anna; who received McGettigan's vouchers. The Best Photos prize went to Jim Chessell's team with a record breaking amount of 'dabbing' achieved in one afternoon by Jim and Katy's son, Toby. Ian Feng and Sam Corbo were the two very lucky individuals who won the lucky draw prizes sponsored by AAM Advisory at this event.

We would like to thank and appreciate our sponsors for this event - McGettigan's, STEP Civil, BK Asia Pacific, Aurora Talent, AAM Advisory, Brown's Take Down Defence Lab, and Turcomp Engineering, who all helped make the day a fabulous success. Visit our Lighthouse Club Singapore Website and Facebook pages to check out photos from the day (and don't forget to 'like' and follow us)!



LHC International Committee Meeting and AGM

After a lively evening at Carnegie's on Friday 1 June, several Lighthouse Club International (LHCI) Council and Committee members convened the next morning for their 1st AGM and 1st Committee meeting of 2018/2019. As per the new constitution, the Chairman (Rod Noble) and Chairman Elect (Paul Roberts) remain in office for a further year. Chairman Rod Noble reported how pleased he was with the progress of LHCI and, in particular, the resurgence of Vietnam and Cambodia branches and the prospect of new branches in Korea, New Zealand and Bahrain. There is still much work to be done and never enough time to do it but at least the Club is taking steps forward and, hopefully none back!

Rod also mentioned how some branches are successfully following Hong Kong's model of forming groups like the Young Members and Women In Construction; and, as far as Safety is concerned, KL's Safety Awards event is now firmly entrenched in their calendar and Manila hopes to follow suit next year.

Election of Representatives and appointment of Co-optees to the LHCI Committee was concluded and only a few changes were noted.

The Committee discussed a variety of topics including the progress of new branches, fund-raising around the region and more commitment from branches to participate in others' events, continued planned improvements to the current website, liaison with the UK, Netherlands and the Middle East and the continued process of attracting new members.

Towards the end of the meeting the seven Honorary Life Member certificates, which were proposed under the new Constitution at the Committee meeting on 4th November 2017, were presented by Rod Noble to the following and Steve Tennant kindly supplied the photographs:

Honorary Life Chairman, John Battersby
Honorary Life Members, Barry Adcock, Willie Kay, Les Leslie
(posted to him in the UK) Nick Longley, Steve Tennant and Phil Thoburn.

The next Committee meetings take place in Singapore on 1 September and KL on 17 November.



"Virtual" fun & games at Family Outing, August 2018



A very special thanks to VSL Intrafor Hong Kong for being the Family Outing sponsor as they have been for the past few years.

On the 4 August 2018, it was time for some fun again for our Lighthouse Club Hong Kong families. Ten families, volunteers from VSL, MTR and the Lighthouse Club made up a total of 40 persons who headed off for some new adventures at the Steam AR/VR centre.

Located in San Tin Tsuen Road, Yuen Long, the Steam AR/VR centre is a place for people, especially children, to get in touch with the latest VR technologies. Picking us up near Tsuen Wan MTR station in a comfortable coach, it took less than 30 minutes to get to this 7,000 sq. ft. compound. We were then divided into two groups with different staff giving us a briefing of what we were going to experience for the next two hours.

First, a topography talk with the aid of a sand pool which helped to understand the forming of landscape millions of years ago. I always

thought everything was made by God (LOL)! An iPad was provided to each of us for some simple warm-up games. Then we entered another room where we were handed the task of making an aerial drone landing platform. We were divided into several small groups, all of whom succeeded in the time frame given. The children had the opportunity to control and land the drone on to the platform made by themselves, with fortunately, no casualties to the passengers!

Next, paper and crayons was given to us for colouring our own fish, photos taken of the end results and we found our own "fishes swimming" on the display wall. How exciting and amusing this exercise was when you see the children totally immersed in the whole process of drawing and colouring, using their imaginations as only children can.

Then came the most interesting part, the VR experience..

Our mission which, yes, we chose to accept, was to save a kitten that was lying on a steel I-beam about 20 something floors above the ground. You put on VR goggles and had 2 hand controllers to

activate the game. Then, moving forward into a lift you pressed a button and it felt really life-like as if you were actually going up! It is a little difficult to describe the feeling but the lift door opened and then you had to walk about 10 feet on the I-beam, bend down, grab the little kitten with both hands, turn around and walk back into the lift. Mission Accomplished! A few sentences cannot really describe this effectively, but when you were the one to put on the goggles, it was a different story.

The visit to Steam AR/VR centre ended in much screaming, laughing and cheers, but that was not the end of the outing. The coach took us all to the L Hotel afterwards for a beautiful Buffet Lunch to regain our strength, but I guess the children (and some adults!) were even happier when they saw the ice-creams and desserts on the buffet tables.

Thanks again to VSL Intrafor Hong Kong for sponsoring such a special and wonderful day!



LAP DOG CHALLENGE 2018

– walk in the park!



Following the great success of the 2016 and 2017 editions of the Lap Dog Challenge, which raised in excess of HK\$2.3 million for the Lighthouse Club Hong Kong Benevolent Fund (HKBF), Lap Dog Challenge 2018 will be run on Saturday 3rd November at the Stanley Ho Sports Institute athletics track, Pok Fu Lam.

For the uninitiated, the Lap Dog Challenge requires teams of 5 runners to complete as many laps of a 400m running track as they can within 5 hours. The purpose of the runners' efforts being to raise funds through sponsorship for the HKBF.

This year nine teams, comprising 45 runners will be looking to beat the 2017 total of 3,685 laps, or 1,474km! The 2018 teams are BKAsiaPacific, Dragages, Gammon, Hip Hing, ISG/Commtech Asia, Leighton, The Lighthouse Club Hong Kong, Pinsent Masons and WT Partnership.

The 2018 fundraising effort has got off to a fantastic start thanks to our premium sponsors Chun Wo, Goodman, Keio, Life Solutions and Newtech Technology, our timing sponsor JEB and prize sponsor Lululemon.



Lighthouse Club Hong Kong LAP DOG CHALLENGE 2018

3rd November 2018, 7am – 12noon

Stanley Ho Sports Institute athletic track, Sandy Bay, Hong Kong



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Andrew Ip is a civil engineer who has been working in Hong Kong for the last 24 years. Last September he was diagnosed with stage 4 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma which affects the bone marrow. Andrew is still currently employed by Leighton but has been on sick leave with no pay from August this year. Andrew and his wife, Candice, have two teenage children who are in secondary school. Candice is not currently working as she needs to look after her husband.

Andrew has already exhausted all treatments in Hong Kong. He has completed 9 rounds of chemotherapy since the beginning of October last year. He also had a stem cell transplant in May 2018 at Queen Mary Hospital (the donor was his sister) but relapsed straight afterwards at the end of June. He cannot do further chemotherapy as the Lymphoma is refractory and now chemotherapy resistant.

The treatment he now is seeking (Car T) was recommended both by Queen Mary Hospital and the Sanatorium as it is his last chance for recovery. It is not available in Hong Kong and only available in the USA (it is FDA approved). The Los Angeles hospital providing this treatment, City of Hope, has also been recommended by Queen Mary and the Sanatorium. The doctors in HK worked with the doctors in COH in order to stabilise his condition and enable him to fly to the USA.

Candice and Andrew are currently in the USA seeking Car T treatment for Lymphoma and failed allo stem cell transplant. The

drug itself costs US\$400,000 and estimated costs which include hospital, medical attention etc will exceed US\$700,000. Andrew had Hodgkins as a teenager and he was medically uninsurable as an adult. His medical insurance with Leighton exceeded the whole for the first claim back in October last year.

Since they arrived in USA on the 27 July, Andrew has been hospitalised 3 times due to fever and pneumonia - these are additional costs, to the estimate of US\$700,000. Andrew's father sold their family home to finance the initial deposit of US\$420,000. This is just enough to cover the drug (Yescarta). The financial stress is tremendous on the family at this moment as unforeseen costs continue to be added.

The estimate of US\$700,000 does not include the accommodation and travel costs in the US and medication. One drug that Andrew is taking costs HK\$3,000 a month in the US but in HK it costs HK\$56,000. The chemo oral drug he is also taking costs HK\$16,000 a week.

In short, Andrew and his family need to raise at least HK\$2M to cover the basic cost for his Car T treatment. There may be other add-ons and the medication cost during his recovery period is going to be very expensive, too.

Andrew's cousin Emily Tang has set up a fund-raising page for Andrew at www.gofundme.com/andrew-ips-cancer-treatment. They have raised about GB£30,000 so far.

The Trustees of the Lighthouse Club Hong Kong Benevolent Fund already agreed to provide Andrew with HK\$200,000. Now we are asking you, our members, to assist if you can.



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Regional Forthcoming Events

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Thursday 4

Kuala Lumpur Branch Get-together

Friday 5

Hong Kong Branch Monthly Get-together
Carnegie's Hong Kong, G/F Spa Centre, 53-55
Lockhart Road, Wan Chai,
from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Wednesday 10

Macau Branch Monthly Social

Thursday 11

Singapore Branch Monthly Get-together

Thursday 18

Brisbane Chapter Monthly Get-together

Friday 19

Bangkok Members Golf Weekend
Black Mountain Golf Club, Hua Hin, from
12:00noon to 11:00pm

Saturday 20

Bangkok Members Golf Weekend
Black Mountain Golf Club, Hua Hin, from
8:00am to 4:00pm

Thursday 25

Perth Chapter Monthly Get-together
77 Social, 77 St. Georges Terrace,
from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Friday 26

Bangkok Members Late Lunch

Wednesday 31

Myanmar Members Monthly Get-together



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Saturday 3

Hong Kong Branch Lap Dog Challenge
Stanley Ho Sports Institute, Pokfulam,
from 7:00am to 12:00noon

Wednesday 7

Hong Kong Branch Eddie Ward
Annual Dinner

Thursday 8

Ho Chi Minh City Members Get-together

Thursday 8

Kuala Lumpur Branch Get-together

Thursday 8

Singapore Branch Monthly Get-together

Friday 9

Hong Kong Branch Monthly Get-together
Carnegie's Hong Kong, G/F Spa Centre,
53-55 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai,
from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Saturday 10

Manila Branch Annual Party

Monday 12

Kuala Lumpur Branch International Federation
of Asian & Western Pacific Contractors
Associations Convention

Tuesday 13

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Wednesday 14

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Macau Branch Monthly Social

Wednesday 14

Bangkok Members Get-together

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Brisbane Chapter Monthly Get-together

Friday 16

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of Asian & Western Pacific Contractors
Associations Convention

Saturday 17

Lighthouse Club International Committee
Meeting, Kuala Lumpur

Saturday 17

Kuala Lumpur Branch Annual Party

Wednesday 28

Myanmar Members Monthly Get-together

Thursday 29

Perth Chapter Monthly Get-together
77 Social, 77 St. Georges Terrace,
from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Friday 30

Bangkok Members Late Lunch

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Thursday 6

Kuala Lumpur Branch Get-together

Friday 7

Hong Kong Branch Monthly Get-together
Carnegie's Hong Kong, G/F Spa Centre,
53-55 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai,
from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Friday 7

Hong Kong Branch Golf Day,
Kau Sai Chau, Sai Kung,
New Territories"

Saturday 8

Manila Branch Christmas Party



Wednesday 12

Macau Branch Monthly Social

Thursday 13

Singapore Branch Annual Dinner & Dance
Intercontinental Hotel Bugis,
from 6:30pm to 11:00pm

Friday 28

Bangkok Members Late Lunch

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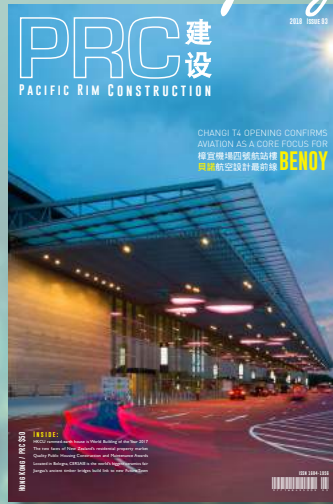
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