

ABOUT THE CENTRE

HISTORY

The Centre for Project Management and Construction Law (CPMCL) was formed in 2005.

The CPMCL replaced the Construction Management and Economics Research Group (CMERG) which had existed in the Department since 1991.

The reasons for setting up the CPMCL included:

1. To market the Department's ability to host research in project management and construction law because of its physical structure, equipment and academic culture in terms of its complement of academic staff members;
2. To market research findings in project management and construction law coming from a hot-bed of research activities and a gathering of great research minds; and
3. To provide a ballast for a research tradition in project management and construction law as well as the continuity needed to establish a healthy research community.

It was envisaged that the Centre would (i) create a reputation for the Department as having research expertise and experience in project management and construction law; (ii) be an avenue to market the feasibility and viability of the Department as a choice to pursue a research degree and therefore attract good research students and scholars; and (iii) attract external research funding.

The founding Co-Directors were: Associate Professor Philip Chan and Professor Willie Tan.

The past Director and Associate Director were Professor Low Sui Pheng and Associate Professor Philip Chan, respectively.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE

The main activities of the CPMCL are:

1. Facilitation of research by its members;
2. Conduct of research seminars and conferences;
3. Conduct of executive development programmes, both at the NUS and in the premises of the client organisation; and
4. Serving as a depository of important books and other publications on project management and construction law.

COLLABORATIONS

The CPMCL undertakes a number of joint activities with several similar organisations in good universities globally. Some examples of these collaborative activities include:

1. Joint research with several universities including the University of California, Berkeley, USA; University of Hong Kong; University of Reading, UK; Seoul National University, Korea; and Tsinghua University, China.
2. Joint research seminars with: (i) University of Hong Kong, Loughborough University, UK and University of Technology Malaysia; and (ii) Seoul National University, Korea
3. Executive professional development programme with University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.