ECC Project Manager Accreditation Hong Kong

The NEC Gold Standard
Welcome from Mr. HO Sing-mo, Chairman of Task Force on NEC3 Collaborative Contracts, Construction Industry Council

I am pleased to report that the Hong Kong Construction Industry Council (CIC) and NEC are now working in partnership to deliver the popular ECC Project Manager Accreditation programme in Hong Kong.

The CIC supports all forms of collaborative relationships with contractors, including contractual partnering and non-contractual partnering. This is set out in CIC’s 2010 publication ‘Guidelines on Partnering’.

NEC represents a breakthrough approach in the way projects are procured and managed because it has been specifically written for a partnering and collaborative relationship.

In recent years, an increasing number of employers in Hong Kong have opted for NEC3 because of its fresh, effective management approach to the procurement of works, services and supply. In response, CIC’s committee on procurement and subcontracting set up a task force on NEC3 collaborative contracts.

The ECC Project Manager Accreditation, is designed to equip construction professionals with the skills necessary to be able to manage a high standard of specialised project using the NEC3 ECC. It uses the core NEC principles of partnerships and collaboration as a basis, and to this end, I am positive that CIC/NEC partnership to deliver the programme to the Hong Kong community will continue to raise the bar for project delivery across Asia Pacific.

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Partnerships

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NEC is a project management methodology rooted in ensuring a spirit of mutual trust and cooperation.

A successfully managed contract requires the recording of all information as well as a collaborative approach by the parties involved. To ensure that the spirit of the NEC is carried through a project, the person operating the contract on a day to day basis must be able to command that trust from the team.

Being a project manager is a skill in itself. Understanding a whole range of competing interests and balancing these against the need to deliver a high quality project on time, to budget and to standard is a difficult task. Coupled with the legal, not to mention financial implications, of delivering a project incorrectly the task can seem quite daunting.

Dealing with crucial issues such as Time, Quality, Cost, Fee, Risk, Compensation Events and Early Warnings, this training programme will give delegates opportunities to work through both contract based and non-contract based scenarios with the intention of equipping them with key tools to be able to implement in any ECC project management role.

Launched in the UK in November 2013, the ECC Project Manager Accreditation is recognised as the NEC Gold Standard, not only for the quality and depth of its content, but also its widespread practical application thereafter. The programme boasts 100% positive feedback from previous delegates, and has been recommended by Ir WAI Chi-sing of the Development Bureau as a tool to develop and build the capacity of ECC project managers throughout Asia Pacific. This follows the announcement from the Hong Kong Government that it will use NEC3 contracts for all its projects put out for tender in 2015/16, following a series of successful pilots.

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Why enrol?

This is the only international NEC3 accreditation available – recognised by employers; setting you apart from your peers

- Offers complete clarity on what to deliver and how to deliver it as an ECC Project Manager
- Internationally recognised, and applicable across international projects
- Gives project managers real skills and tools to execute their jobs, rather than just a framework of documents and checklists
- Highly interactive, with emphasis on scenario planning and teaching through case studies
- Peer reviewed programme content and expert delivery from NEC3 consultants and specialists

To enrol in this advanced level accreditation programme, delegates should:

- Have a contract management background with experience managing all stages of a contract (commencement, implementation and completion)
- Have acted, or be intending to act, as Project Manager under the ECC
- Have experience engaging and leading a team, communicating with key stakeholders and making decisions to manage and deliver projects

Delegates will include:

- Project managers
- Quantity surveyors
- Civil engineers
- Construction managers

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This popular programme is designed to equip delegates with the skills necessary to be able to manage a project using the Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC).

Taking delegates from project start up to project close, this unique programme will look at:

- The procedures as described in the ECC
- The purpose of those procedures and importance and benefits of following them correctly
- The interdependencies of the various documents required by the ECC

It offers successful participants a unique opportunity to become an accredited ECC Project Manager. This training programme fuses together the skills required of a Project Manager with those technical skills required by NEC.

By the end of the programme, delegates will be able to demonstrate the key processes crucial to NEC and how to apply them to a live project.
Programme objectives

This programme will teach delegates:

- The role of the Project Manager under the ECC (clause 10.1...act as stated in the contract...) and how to fulfil its requirements with confidence
- How to engage the team and help build a ‘spirit of mutual trust and cooperation’ (clause 10.1)
- What needs to be implemented at the commencement, during and at the end of a successful project
- How to deal with typical challenges that may occur
- How to be an effective ECC Project Manager

On completion of this programme you will be:

An accredited NEC3 ECC Project Manager as well as a member of the NEC Register of NEC3 Engineering and Construction Contract Project Managers held by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).

For more information on the values and practices of ICE, visit ice.org.uk

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The 4 interactive teaching days follow the below structure:

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- **Online module:** Introduction to the Engineering and Construction Contract
- **Online module:** Programme Provisions under NEC3 Contracts
- **4 interactive teaching days**
- **Assessment 1:** Online multiple choice question paper
- **Assessment 2:** Written project report
After the 4 interactive teaching days, delegates must complete the following:

**Assessment 1:**
An online multiple choice question paper.
To be completed within one week of the training programme end date. A mark of 70% or higher is required to pass this assessment.

**Assessment 2:**
A written project report.
To be completed within one month of the training programme end date. A mark of 70% or higher is required to pass this assessment.
On successful completion of this programme, delegates will be awarded an NEC certificate of Accreditation for NEC3 ECC Project Management.

The Accreditation certificate is valid for 5 years.
PRICING:

This training programme is priced at:
HKD $18,760 per delegate

The fee includes:

- All online modules, teaching days and assessments
- The NEC3 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC)
- The NEC3 ECC Guidance Notes and Flow Charts
- The NEC3 ECC ‘How To’ Guides

TIMINGS:

The teaching days of the programme start at 09:00 and finish at 17:00 with refreshment breaks mid-morning and afternoon.

All timings, except the start time, are approximate and may be adjusted to suit natural breaks in the training programme.
The main benefit of NEC3 contracts over conventional contracts is that they have partnering built in, encouraging the two contracting parties to work together to solve problems...Overall it is NEC’s collaborative spirit that helps to improve contract management, increase cost-effectiveness and improve project outcomes.