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Miss Florence Wong
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road,
Central, Hong Kong.

Dear Ms Wong,

Re: Consultation Paper- Arbitration Bill

Thank you for your letter dated August 7, 2009.

Written submission is hereby given by the Institute in response to the latest version of the Arbitration Bill obtained through the website of <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/bc/bc59/general/bc59.htm> with reference to our previously submitted response by letter dated July 31, 2008 on the Draft Arbitration Bill.

It has been noted that our previously given remarks as per our said letter has been incorporated in full in the latest Arbitration Bill where:

- (i) the commented previous Clause 102 has now been deleted;
- (ii) the previous Clause 101(b) [the present Clause 100(b)], which has been previously suggested to be deleted has now been satisfactorily complemented with the introduction of the new Clause 101; and
- (iii) our previous comment on the length of the 6-year provision under the previous Clause 101(b) [the current Clause 100(b)] to be shortened to 2 years now finds perfect settlement in the new Clause 101.

On behalf of the architectural profession of the Hong Kong building industry, we have much pleasure to inform that **the Institute welcomes and fully supports this latest Arbitration Bill** is one important step towards the more efficient and effective construction dispute resolution mechanism. In the

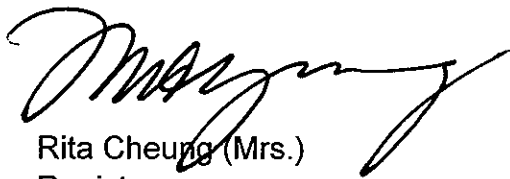


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nowadays Hong Kong, such locally applicable and yet internationally recognized arbitration regime is considered contextually most appropriate in particular to the sophisticated and international based collaboration characteristics of development projects.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



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