

**“TECHNOLOGY & Knowledge  
Transfer AND Collaboration among  
Consultants in the Asia pacific  
region”**

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Sri Lanka is privileged to host this annual event which has become a permanent feature of the **Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (TCDPAP)**. Together with TCDPAP, the **ACESL (Association of Consulting Engineers Sri Lanka)** in association with **FIDIC (International Federation of Consulting Engineers)** are honoured and privileged to invite all member countries to join with Sri Lanka in making the TCDPAP Conference 2012 a successful gathering of key stakeholders in Engineering Consultancy.

With the theme: ***Technology & Knowledge Transfer and Collaboration among Consultants in the Asia Pacific Region***, this Conference aims to establish an action-oriented network and knowledge sharing framework, drawing on the participation from an international and national array of senior government officials, industrialist, and academics from diverse professional disciplines.

We believe that this meeting of key stakeholders over the 2-day conference will come up with creative, innovative and pragmatic approaches towards Knowledge Sharing and Technology Transfer, while strengthening the collaborative effort between regional consulting organizations..

We anticipate that there will be many experts from member countries of TCDPAP, who will present at the conference, technical papers, case studies and success stories, providing

hands-on examples of new approaches, solutions and mechanisms to achieve the right framework for technology and knowledge transfer & collaboration.

Technology & knowledge transfer and collaboration are advocated by both the governments and the private sector in tandem with their pursuit of economic development. The setting up of a Knowledge Transfer Network, a single over-arching regional network in specific fields of technology, which brings together people from industry, universities, research, finance and technology organisations to stimulate innovation through knowledge transfer, will be a key focus of the Conference.

In Asia and the Pacific region a growing interest in technology, knowledge transfer & collaboration are evidenced by the establishment of the Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific [TCDPAP] in Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, and also within the other FIDIC/ ASPAC region countries of Australia, Azerbaijan, China – Hong Kong, China – Taipei, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore and Uzbekistan.

In line with these initiatives, it is certainly time for a new world order for technology, knowledge transfer & collaboration development to become the norm rather than the exception. There should be in place a concerted and conscious effort for technology & knowledge transfer and collaboration to ensure the present generation meets their current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

## The Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (TCDPAP)



Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (TCDPAP) is a programme promoted by UN-ESCAP for developing consulting capabilities at National, Sub-Regional and Regional levels in the Asia and Pacific Region. The programme comprises 14 countries of Asia and the Pacific region as members namely, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Over the years TCDPAP has played an important role in developing cooperation amongst the countries in capacity building, developing consultancy opportunities and sharing of resources. TCDPAP also promotes collaboration and global partnerships.



## International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC)

FIDIC, the Federation Internationale de Ingenieurs-Conseils (International Federation of Consulting Engineers) was founded in 1913. Today, it represents most of the private practice consulting engineers in the world. The

federation is charged with promoting and implementing the consulting engineering industry's strategic goals on behalf of more than 80 Member Associations and Associate Members representing some 40,000 firms with annual revenues in excess of USD 230 billion.

FIDIC member firms endorse FIDIC's statutes and comply with FIDIC's Code of Ethics. FIDIC organizes training programmes, conferences and other events in the furtherance of its goals. FIDIC publications include information for consulting engineers, project owners and the international development agencies on widely used conditions of contract, client-consultant agreements and international best - practice publications, training manuals and guides.

## Association of Consulting Engineers Sri Lanka (ACESL)



ACESL was established in 1980 with the primary objectives of:

- promoting the advancement of the profession of consulting engineering;
- providing a forum through which its members can consult and cooperate with one another on all matters of professional interest for their mutual benefit;
- promoting the professional interests, rights, powers and privileges of consulting engineers;

- providing a focal point for Government, Associations, professional bodies to consult and confer on matters related to the consulting engineering industry;

In addition, ACESL liaises with other professional associations, both locally and abroad, concerning issues of professional interests. ACESL is affiliated with the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) and the FIDIC Member Associations of Asia Pacific (ASPAC).

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Conference are:

- To foster fellowship and partnership among member countries
- To share experience of member countries in strengthening the consulting industry
- To explore business opportunities
- To help develop professional harmony among consulting firms of TCDPAP member countries

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