

## **CIB W89 1996 Beijing International Conference**

# **Construction Modernisation and Education**

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**Ministry of Construction  
People's Republic of China  
International Council for Building  
Research Studies and Documentation (CIB)  
World Bank**

This successful and topical Conference was a notable highlight in CIB's Programme for 1996.

One of the most fascinating spin-offs from international gatherings is to bring the national situation in Host Country into relief and so we are pleased to be able to feature an interesting and comprehensive overview presented at the Conference on the construction industry in China. This was compiled by staff at the World Bank Resident Mission in China.

We also have a summary by Jeffrey J. Lew from Purdue University, USA in which he picks out (from his stance as an educator) the main items from the papers at the Conference.

Below the Conference and W89 are set in perspective through a News Release issued by Weilin Chang after the Conference.

The Minister of Construction Mr. Hou Jai addresses the Conference.

The CIB Conference was hosted by the Ministry of Construction, People's Republic of China; co-sponsored by the World Bank and the China Association of Construction Education; and organised by the M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Building Construction, University of Florida.

There were 400 participants from 38 countries around the world. 173 Chinese participants were from Chinese universities and building/construction industry. 218 papers were presented in the Conference. The Vice Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Construction, Mr. Mao Rubai, was the Chairman of the Conference. Mr. Hou Jie, Minister of Construction hosted the opening ceremony and the banquet. The Vice Mayor of Beijing, Hu Zhao Guang welcomed participants to the conference. The Vice Premier, Mr. Zou Jia Hua visited the conference and met several delegates.

The keynote speeches were: Mr. Don Buck, President of Fluor Daniel Construction Company, USA on "The Impact of Globalisation on the Constructor"; Professor Zhou Gan Chi, Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences on "China in its Reform and Opening-up and Chinese Construction Industry on its Way to Prosperity"; Professor Masahiko Kunishima of the University of Tokyo, Japan on "The Characteristics of Construction Management in Japanese Construction Industry"; Mr. Ma Ting-Qui, President of the China State Construction Engineering Corporation on "Advance and Develop in the Wave of Reform"; and Mr. Daud Ahmad, Unit Chief, Residence Mission of the World Bank in China on "An Overview of the Construction Industry in China".

The Conference proceedings were published in CD-ROM form and are available in the World Wide Web address: <http://bcn.arch.ufl.edu/beijing.htm> The CD-ROM proceedings can be purchased from the University of Florida at US\$ 20 per copy plus US\$ 5 for shipping and handling.

A very special participant was Dr. Chang Shyh-Dean, Director General of the Architecture and Building Research Institute in Taipei, Taiwan.

W89 would like to record its special appreciation to the following individuals for their contributions and effort in making this conference such a success. Professor Qin Lan Yi of the China Association of Construction Education; Mr. Li Zhu Cheng, Mr. Li Xian Qui, Ms. Ji Xu Ming of the Chinese Ministry of Construction; Dr. Raymond Issa, Dr. Robert Cox, Dr. Ron Nutter, Ms. Hazel Studstill, and Ms Kim Stanley of the University of Florida.

W89 is planning to hold its next symposium in Bangkok, Thailand in 1997; a refereed symposium in Brisbane, Australia in the Summer of 1998; and a conference in Moscow in 1999.

The Commission is arranging Regional Coordinators for South/Central America and Africa. The present Regional Coordinators of W89 are: Europe/Geoff Carter (UK), Oceania/Weilin P. Chang(Australia), North America/Robert Cox (USA), and Asia/David Scott(Hong Kong).

