

# PROGRAMME

- 7:20pm      Welcome Address  
By Mr Mok Peng Lam, CIOB(HK) President
- Guest-of-Honour Address  
By Prof Cheung Bing-leung, Anthony, GBS,JP  
Secretary for Transport and Housing, HKSARG
- Construction Industry Honorary Award Presentation to  
Dr Deric Daniel (Dan) Waters, ISO, BBS
- CIOB(HK) Outstanding Student Awards Presentation
- Toast to Guests
- 10:00pm      Dinner End



**The Chartered Institute of Building (Hong Kong)**  
**Annual Dinner 2014 cum**  
**Celebration of Additional Chartered Construction Manager Status**

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# Construction Industry Honorary Award

I was born in 1920, in Norwich England, and after secondary school I joined the family building business founded by my great-grandfather in 1853. He had five sons, and all were builders. My father and his brother were also master builders. My father used to say to me: 'What do you want to be a builder for? Why don't you choose a nice easy occupation like banking or teaching!' But I knew, inwardly, he was pleased I was following in his footsteps.

In 1939 World War Two broke out and most of my generation served in the British armed forces. As a young soldier I fought in the Desert War followed by the first opposed landing in the war at Salerno, in Italy, and later on the Anzio Beachhead. I was wounded three times and Mentioned in Despatches. I still have German shrapnel left in my body as souvenirs.

After demobilisation I returned to the family construction business. Together with work, studying and teaching life was hectic. I passed the Institute of Building Licentiate Examination in London, in 1951, followed a year later by passing the Associateship examination.

But having served in the armed forces during the war I had the urge to travel again. My father had died and I had become managing director. I then took the bold step of selling the family firm and joining Her Majesty's Colonial Service. With me, a qualified IOB member in Hong Kong, we were able to hold our first LIOB examinations in 1957.



**Dr Deric Daniel (Dan) Waters**

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In 1961 I was made Honorary IOB Representative in Hong Kong. It was not until 1973 that we formed a fully-fledged Branch here under the Chairmanship of the late John Poon, a master builder.

Due to the hard work of many people, what started originally as 'The Institute of Builders' has come a long way, not least of which is having been made a Chartered Institution.

After a meaningful and varied career, largely in Hong Kong, teaching building, serving as a principal and as an educational administrator and civil servant. What did I decide to do on retirement? I went 'back to school'. My Ph.D. was conferred on me by Loughborough University, UK, in my 65th year. These days my time is largely spent writing, broadcasting and similar pursuits.

I have written about ten books and dissertations and countless articles. The first book I ever wrote was titled, 'The Planning and Management of Building Contracts'. But it was never published between two 'hard covers'. It was serialised, starting in 1963, by The Illustrated Carpenter and Builder. The Editor told me it was one of the best series they had ever published. I have also written about technical education, economics and financing of Hong Kong education, learning English, local history, heritage, and many other subjects.

Incidentally, I am due to be made an Honorary Fellow of Ling Nan University at a ceremony on Monday 13 October 2014.