



Department of Building Joins International Project Management Education Union (IPMEU)

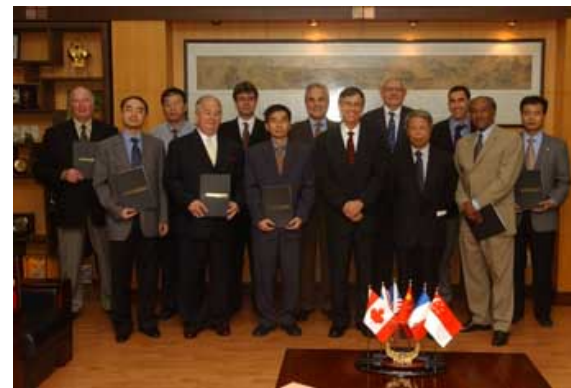


The IPMEU founding members at the signing ceremony.

The Department of Building recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding at Peking University to join IPMEU, an education union of universities with strong project management programmes. The event, which was held on 13 September 2004, was opened by Professor Wu Zhipan, Vice-President of Peking University. The invited guests and speakers include senior representatives from Ministry of Labour and Social Security, China Academy of Space Technology, China's State-owned enterprises, Microsoft, Project Management Institute (USA), and the private sector.

The objective of IPMEU is to promote the exchange of staff, students and views on project management education and research among member universities. The other founding members of IPMEU are Peking University, China Education Television, University of Quebec, ESC-Lille, Lancaster University, The University of Manchester, University of California, Berkeley, University of Maryland, and University of Texas at Dallas.

Associate Professor Willie Tan, Director of the MSc (Project Management) programme at NUS's Department of Building, was elected the first Rotational Chairman of IPMEU. According to Prof Tan, the Peking University's invitation to join IPMEU underscores the global recognition and strength of our MSc (Project Management) programme. Project management is a relatively new field in China, and we are honoured to be invited by Peking University to play a part in its development. Project management is now widely applied in many industries such as aerospace,



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building construction, petrochemical engineering, infrastructure,
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