ABSTRACT

This study seeks to evaluate whether the newly published Public Sector Standard Conditions of Contract for Construction Works (PSCOC) is an improved form compared with the existing standard forms namely PWD’s Works 24 forms (Works 24) and HDB’s General Conditions of Contract (GCOC) used in the public sector.

The evaluation is made by finding out the differences between PSCOC and Works 24 and GCOC, and evaluating the provisions in these forms. A survey of the opinion of professionals in PWD and HDB as well as contractors tendering for public sector construction works, on the PSCOC in comparison with Works 24 and GCOC is then conducted.

Evaluation is made based on criteria such as fair and efficient allocation of risks, clear and specific procedures, ease of administration, clarity of language, promotion of harmonious relationship between parties involved in the contracts, and consideration of significant developments in construction law.

The PSCOC is found to be an improved standard form in all respects as compared to Works 24 and GCOC. The large majority of the professionals and contractors surveyed share the same sentiment. Only very few of them disagree on one or two aspects.