

## ***Successful Completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Design and Construction Management Forum in Bangkok.***



**Porie Saikia-Eapen of PRIA Global Inc. and Robert Bennett of Rabco Engineering, Co-Chairs of IDCM Asia, initiated and have been hosting and managing the International design and construction forum in Bangkok every year since 2007.**

The IDCM (International Design and Construction Management) Forum was created to bring together professionals and practitioners from all corners of the globe to present current topics related to the worldwide practice of Architecture, Engineering and Construction Management.

IDCM is conducted as a forum organized under a volunteer effort of Porie Saikia-Eapen and Robert Bennett and supported by several international construction industry organizations and private companies. It was first organized after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami to share knowledge and information of new and western technologies, construction management processes, and concepts with the SE Asia Region. Attendees are provided with opportunities to enter the SE Asian market. [www.IDCMAsia.com](http://www.IDCMAsia.com)

This year marked the 6th annual event intended to bring together design and construction management professionals to discuss and share the latest ideas and trends in the SE Asia and international arena. High level government ministers from 5 countries (His Excellency Mr. Phuong Sophean, Secretary of State of Kingdom of Cambodia, His Excellency Mr. Lattanamong Khounnyong, Vice Minister of Public Works & Transport of Laos, His Excellency Mr. Soe Tint, Deputy Minister of Public works & Construction of Myanmar, Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Thuyen, Deputy Director General of International Cooperation of Vietnam, and Mr. Nop Rajanavanich, Chief Engineer, Dept. of Interior of Thailand) participated, presenting their upcoming infrastructure and capital improvement programs and providing information on work opportunities for foreign consultants including Architects, Engineers, and Construction Managers.

As a standard practice of the forum, it runs an International Industry Organizations Roundtable where sponsoring international PM/CM organizations come together to discuss and exchange ideas, best practices and collectively work towards a globally beneficial track for their members. This year IDCM Forum's international industry organization supporters (CIOB-Chartered Institute of Buildings, CMAK-Construction Management Association of Korea, , CMAS-Construction Management Association of Spain, ICPMA- International Construction Project Management Association, CMAJ- Construction Management Association of Japan, PMI-Project Management Institute, TOLpd-Tree of Life Professional Development Inc.) met for a day on August 31<sup>st</sup>, to discuss the 2013 action plan for international construction project management path forward. Important to note that it is this IDCM Forum that conceived and carried through the International CM Day idea which is now celebrated worldwide by members of all signatory organizations on the second Monday of March every year. The International CM day also earned proclamation from US President Barack Obama in 2011.