

TRAN THE NHAN, MRICS

Quantum Expert | Claim Preparation and Assessment | FIDIC Engineer and Adjudicator

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Tran The Nhan is a chartered quantity surveyor (MRICS) with around 30 years of experience in cost management, contract administration and the quantification of construction claims in Viet Nam. He has acted as quantum expert in construction arbitration, as claims consultant to both employers and contractors, and as Engineer under Sub-Clause 3.5 of the FIDIC 1999 conditions.

In the construction arbitration in which he is currently instructed in Viet Nam, he prepares the quantum report under the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration (2020) and the RICS Practice Statement and Guidance Note, Surveyors Acting as Expert Witnesses (4th edition, 2023). Transport Engineering Design Incorporated (TEDI), Ha Noi. Bridge design engineer. Seconded 1999 to 2002 to the SMEC (Australia) and Roughton International (UK) joint venture, working on quantity surveying and quality control, and appointed Engineer's Representative. Seconded 2002 to 2004 to the TEDI, Chodai, JOC and Finroad consortium as chief supervisor.

He has been instructed by employers, by contractors, by a United Nations agency and by a loss adjuster acting for insurers on claims matters. In April 2026 he completed the FIDIC Academy course on Making and Writing of Dispute Board Decisions and Opinions and can sit as a member of a dispute board under FIDIC contracts.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS)
- Grade 1 Construction Cost Engineer Certificate, Ministry of Construction, Viet Nam
- MSc in Structural Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, 2006
- BSc in Bridge and Tunnel Engineering, University of Transport and Communications, Ha Noi, 1997
- Languages: Vietnamese (native); English (professional working proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- FIDIC Academy, Making and Writing of Dispute Board Decisions and Opinions, April 2026
- Arbitration Dispute Resolution Skills (Foundation Module), Viet Nam International Arbitration Centre (VIAC) through VIART, with the National Economics University and the Viet Nam Business Lawyers Club, Ha Noi, November 2022

EXPERT AND INDEPENDENT ROLES

Quantum Expert, construction arbitration in Viet Nam - Ongoing

Instructed by counsel for the Claimant to prepare the quantum report, and to present and defend it before the arbitral tribunal, including expert conferencing and cross-examination. Reporting under the IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration (2020) and the RICS Practice Statement and Guidance Note, Surveyors Acting as Expert Witnesses (4th edition, 2023).

Engineer under FIDIC 1999 Sub-Clause 3.5 - Ongoing

Appointed as Engineer by an international developer (name withheld for confidentiality), determining matters between the Employer and the Contractor fairly and in accordance with the Contract. Multiple contract packages across concurrent high-rise developments in Ha Noi, under the FIDIC 1999 Red Book.

CLAIMS AND DISPUTE ADVISORY

Electronics manufacturing plant, hardship claim - Ongoing

Claims consultant to the Contractor (name withheld for confidentiality) on a hardship claim against the Employer under Article 420 of the Civil Code 2015, arising on a fixed lump sum Design and Build contract. Preparing the claim report and negotiating with the Employer.

Mixed-use hotel, retail and office development, Ha Noi - Settled, 2023

Claims consultant to the Employer (name withheld for confidentiality) on the cost recoverable by the Employer following termination of a nominated subcontract under the FIDIC 1999 Red Book. Prepared the assessment and negotiated the figure with the main contractor.

Green One UN House, Ha Noi - Settled, 2016

Construction Cost and Commercial Manager on the Green One UN House project for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) over more than six years. Prepared an independent delay analysis of the contractor's seven extension of time claims, building impacted programmes from the baseline agreed between the contractor and the project manager, identifying the critical activities, arriving at a revised completion date for each claim, and setting out where the analysis departed from the project manager's assessment. Assessed the contractor's prolongation cost claim against UNDP, then built UNDP's back charge against the project manager for the costs flowing from that claim, presented and defended it before external legal counsel and an independent construction consultancy retained by UNDP.

Thermal power plant, insurance claim - Settled, 2017

Instructed by McLarens, the loss adjuster acting for the insurers, to assess an EPC contractor's claim for loss and damage covering repair costs, site overheads, head office overheads and

profit. Prepared the cost assessment and presented and defended it directly to the loss adjuster.

CAREER HISTORY

2018 to date	DLS Consultant Co., Ltd, Ha Noi. Associate
2018	Capital House, Ha Noi. QS Manager
2007 to 2018	DLS Consultant Co., Ltd, Ha Noi, formerly Davis Langdon & Seah, Langdon & Seah and Arcadis Vietnam. Senior Quantity Surveyor
1997 to 2006	Transport Engineering Design Incorporated (TEDI), Ha Noi. Design engineer. Seconded 1999 to 2002 to the SMEC (Australia) and Roughton International (UK) joint venture as QS then Engineer's Representative. Seconded 2002 to 2004 to the consortium Chodai (Japan) - JOC (Japan) - Finroad (Finland) as Chief Supervisor.

SPEAKING AND PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, Expert Witness panel, Ho Chi Minh City International Construction Arbitration Conference (HICAC 2026), organised by the Society of Construction Law Viet Nam (SCLVN) and VIAC, 2026
- Speaker, Prolongation Costs: From Theory to Practice, on the FIDIC Certified Contract Manager course run by SCLVN, 2026
- Speaker, Defining Construction Variations, Construction Contracts and Dispute Resolution Conference (CCCDR 2024), organised by VIAC and SCLVN, 2024

Full curriculum vitae and references available on request.