Organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Value Management (HKIVM) and approved by the SAVE International Society, Value Management (VM) Training Workshop for Construction – Module II was successfully held over 25 – 27 April 2014, with the participants from various organizations, such as academic institutions, QS firms, developer, the government and consultants. Dr. Mei-yung Leung, as a president of HKIVM, was the facilitator of the training workshop.

Nowadays the competition in Hong Kong’s construction industry is increasingly fierce. The industry necessitates that professionals not only acquire technical knowledge, on the contrary, they must also develop various management skills for setting the primary goals. VM is widely recognized in the way to improve the quality of construction products and enhance the value of projects. However, qualified facilitators / co-facilitators are hard to come by in Hong Kong. Hence, Module II, which offered in-depth VM knowledge and value methodologies, as well as various facilitation skills and techniques, was intended for participants who had completed Module I training and planned to become a qualified VM facilitators locally or internationally.

All phases of the VM job plan, including the function analysis phase, the creativity phase, and evaluation phase were covered under this workshop. The workshop was conducted in an interactive way through individual presentation and group discussion. Participants engaged in “real-time” decision-making using the value methodologies and learn the VM in an advance level. The participant also learned how to manage and organize one-day VM workshop which is very common in Hong Kong.

During the workshop, each participant was requested to play as a facilitator and learn how to apply different tools and techniques in each phase. They actively involved in the role play as a “facilitator” and tried to familiar the tools and techniques. Group discussions were held after each presentation to discuss the strength and weakness of each participant and the advice also has been given by the facilitator and group members to each participant for their improvement.

At the 2nd and 3rd day of workshop, Mr. Paco Tsang, Sr KC Tang, Mr. KT Chau and Ir. Lillian Chan, the council members of HKIVM were invited to sharing their experience in facilitating and participating VM workshops. They highlighted the important skills and the role of facilitator during the workshop, and further elaborated the common problem facing during workshop and suggested various effective techniques to overcome those problems to all participants. Furthermore, they also witness the presentation of each participant and willing to comment the presentation performance and facilitating skills of each participant.

All in all, the training workshop was conducted successfully. All participants found it is really practical and beneficial in the way of facilitating workshop. Upon the completion, all of the participants were planning to become facilitators and co-facilitators.