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IMCHK Editorial Board May 2025

Foreword

When I heard Dr. Samson Ma had initiated the planning for the Management Consultants Handbook for IMCHK members two years ago, I immediately expressed my support. I recognized the value and necessity of this publication for IMCHK members and the promotion of Certified Management Consultants (CMC) in the Greater Bay Area.

Fortunately, the Editorial Board of IMCHK was established in a timely manner and gained the support of ICMCI Academic Fellows to design and plan the writing of "Management Consultants Handbook - Knowledge, Skills & Practices". It is most fitting to launch the first edition of the Handbook on the 25th Anniversary of IMCHK, in conjunction with the IMCHK Asia Pacific Conference and ICMCI Asia Pacific Hub Meeting in Hong Kong on 8th and 9th May 2025.

With the rapid changes in business markets, technologies, industries, and the field of management consultancy are becoming ever more challenging. Having partial knowledge and skills is insufficient to sustain a management consulting business or its services in today's competitive markets. The Handbook introduces and elaborates on the essential knowledge, skills, and practices of management consulting, aligning with the ICMCI Common Body of Knowledge and ISO 20700. It serves as valuable learning material for junior consultants and offers a comprehensive reference for senior consultants to enhance their consulting knowledge.

IMCHK fully supports the publication of the Handbook, which can be used as both a learning text and a reference book for management consulting and business management. The Handbook identifies the necessary knowledge and skills in major consulting areas that contribute to the inquiry, contracting, execution, and closure phases of consulting services. Both external and internal consultants may find this Handbook to be a valuable resource that broadens and enriches their knowledge and skills in practical consulting situations.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Editorial Board for their efforts and to the authors of the book chapters for their contributions.

Daniel Chan, CMC[®] President, IMCHK May 2025

Introduction

About the Institute of Management Consultants Hong Kong (IMCHK)

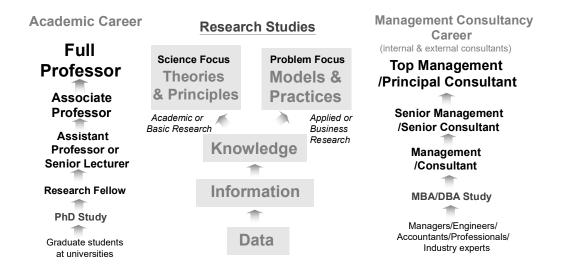
The Institute of Management Consultants Hong Kong (IMCHK) is the professional chapter and qualifying body for management consultants in Hong Kong. Established in 2000, IMCHK aims to set and maintain high quality, independence, objectivity, and integrity standards for awarding Certified Management Consultants (CMC) originating in Hong Kong and Macau. IMCHK represents the International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (ICMCI) in Hong Kong, with over 60,000 certified members (CMCs) worldwide.

ICMCI aims to enhance the practicing standards of management consultants and build clients' confidence in consulting services globally. IMCHK awards CMC designation on behalf of ICMCI, which is recognized by the United Nations and covers 50 countries worldwide. IMCHK is responsible for providing training and knowledge sharing to CMCs and promoting management consulting skills and professionals in regional areas.

Management Consultants & Knowledge

Management Consultants are professionals who help clients solve problems and achieve business goals through better utilization of resources. Clients hire *external consultants* from consulting firms, while *internal consultants* are in-house consultants who provide services to internal clients within the same organization. Both external and internal consultants are knowledge-based professionals, with accumulated knowledge and skills in business or industries as their key assets. Similarly, academic scholars possess additional management consulting knowledge and skills in academic settings.

The career development of management consultants and academic scholars is similar, involving the application of knowledge to their careers, supporting research-required studies, and using titles such as "Emeritus" (e.g. Professor Emeritus, CMC Emeritus) upon retirement. Although they serve in different areas, support different research, and contribute knowledge in various aspects, the capture and application of knowledge are crucial for the career development of management consultants and academic scholars. They must frequently enrich their knowledge and skills to keep pace with the world. For management consultants, proper and fundamental knowledge, skills, and practices of consultancy are essential and a beginning for the development of their knowledge-based careers.



IMCHK Editorial Board and Publication

The IMCHK Editorial Board, in association with ICMCI Academic Fellows, contributes their knowledge and experiences to help the young and junior consultants build proper and fundamental knowledge, skills, and practices of management consultancy, allowing them to enrich consultants' knowledge and skills and develop their professional careers. The Handbook will be promoted and published in the Greater Bay Area to accelerate the development of new businesses, the consulting industry, and CMC professionals in regional areas.

Management Consultants Handbook

To become a professional and qualified management consultant like a CMC, six professional areas of the Professional Framework should be maintained: (1) Professional Certification, e.g. CMC qualification, (2) Professional Conduct, (3) Consulting Knowledge & Skills, (4) Consulting Study Methodologies, (5) Consulting Competence & Experience, and (6) Education & Professional Qualification. The ICMCI - CMC Common Body of Knowledge defines the scope and requirements of consulting knowledge and skills for CMCs. The IMCHK publication of "Management Consultants Handbook - Knowledge, Skills & Practices" is designed to support and further elaborate on the CMC Common Body of Knowledge (ICMCI reviewed in Oct 2021) and aims to help CMCs capture the required knowledge and skills. This Handbook allows them to apply knowledge and skills in their consulting practices. It may also serve as a guide for methodologies and help non-CMC business management identify their business improvement needs and changes. The first edition of the Handbook consists of thirteen chapters that complement the ICMCI Common Body of Knowledge. The first edition is

planned to be published on the 25th Anniversary of IMCHK in 2025 and will be formally launched at the ICMCI Asia Hub Meeting in Hong Kong.

Industries and expert areas Professiona **Business & Management** Certification e.g. CMC) Finance & Accounting Professiona & Skills Strategies & Leadership Conduct **Management & Operation** Management Consultant Information Technologies Professional ternal & External Management Consultant Study **Education & Training** Competency & Experience Engineering Education & & research) Telecom Qualification (e.g. BSc, MB, DBA, CPA, CF Research & Development Others ... Junior Professionals Senior Professionals

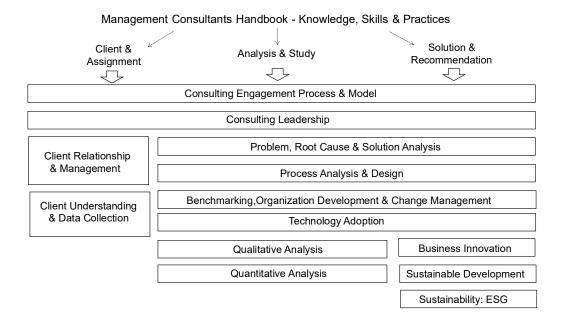
Management Consultant & Professional Framework

Management Consultant Knowledge, Skills & Practices

With rapid technological changes and competitive markets, management consultancy is a highly challenging industry. Capturing and applying knowledge are daily tasks for professional management consultants in their consulting services. In management consulting services, knowledge, skills, and practices are integrated and work together without boundaries to deliver consulting assignments to clients.

To thrive in the management consultancy profession, there are three major work areas that all consultants must master: Client & Assignment, Analysis & Study, and Solution & Recommendation. These areas support the phases of inquiry, contracting, execution, and closure of consulting services. Different kinds of knowledge, skills, and practices may be needed to fulfill the requirements of different consulting areas and services.

Based on practical needs, the development of the "Management Consultants Handbook - Knowledge, Skills & Practices" pursues thirteen types of knowledge and skills foundational to management consultants. Consultants should familiarize themselves with these when delivering consulting services. The thirteen chapters of the Management Consultants Handbook introduce and deeply describe the required knowledge, skills, and practices.



Chapters 1 and 2 focus on the three consulting areas:

Chapter 1 - Consulting Engagement Process & Model

Outlines the standard processes and client engagement in delivering management consulting services.

Chapter 2 - Consulting Leadership

Explores the distinctions between managing and leading within a management consultancy and how leadership supports the delegation of tasks and duties to different levels of management consultants.

Chapters 3 and 4 address Client & Assignment:

Chapter 3 - Client Relationship & Management

Covers strategies for building connections and managing relationships with various levels of clients as well as handling clients' expectations.

Chapter 4 - Client Understanding & Data Collection

Focuses on ways to understand clients' business and the methods for collecting data and information from clients.

Chapters 6 and 7 delve into Analysis & Study:

Chapter 6 - Qualitative Analysis

Examines the objectives, functions, and techniques of qualitative study for management consultancy.

Chapter 7 - Quantitative Analysis

Detail the objectives and methods of quantitative study for management consultancy.

Chapters 5, 8, 9, and 10 span both areas of Analysis & Study and Solution & Recommendation:

Chapter 5 - Problems, Root Causes & Solution Analysis

Describes the processes for analyzing problems, identifying root causes, and developing solutions.

Chapter 8 - Process Analysis & Design

Discusses the aim and methods of the process study and design.

Chapter 9 - Benchmarking, Organization Development & Change Management

Highlights the purposes and methods of benchmarking, organization development, and change management for management consultancy.

Chapter 10 - Technology Adoption

Tracks the evolution of technologies and explores how to adopt and leverage them in studies and solution-finding for management consultancy.

Chapters 11, 12, and 13 focus on Solution & Recommendation:

Chapter 11 - Business Innovation and Consulting

Analyzes client needs and various types of business innovation, introducing methods for fostering and managing innovation.

Chapter 12 - Sustainable Development

Addresses the importance and growth of sustainability in clients' businesses and the professional role of management consultants in sustainable development.

Chapter 13 - Sustainability: Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

Explores the needs and advancement of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices in business sustainability.

Introduction to Book Chapters

Chapter 1 - Consulting Engagement Process & Model

This chapter links up the typical processes and steps of management consultancy to establish an engagement model, including the major consulting activities and client engagements, from initial inquiries to assignment closure.

It describes the functions and requirements of each activity and step within the engagement model. Explores the connection between the engagement model and ISO 20700 and describes their relationship.

The chapter further covers the inclusion of the engagement model at different stages of management consulting and outlines the requirements to support the engagement model in the delivery of management consulting services.

Chapter 2 - Consulting Leadership

This chapter introduces the essence of leadership within management consultancy. Details how management consultants demonstrate leadership to navigate challenges, uncertainty, difficulties, and risks.

The chapter further examines the professional leadership expected at various levels within the consultancy, illustrating how consultants in different roles effectively collaborate with consulting teams, clients, and external stakeholders.

Chapter 3 - Client Relationship & Management

This chapter introduces the fundamental concepts of client interfacing to build good relationships with clients. It outlines strategies for achieving mutual understanding and mitigating potential misunderstandings, barriers, and risks during client engagement.

The chapter also delves into the nuances of managing relationships with clients at different levels. Describes how to tailor service mindset, communication, and interactions to meet diverse needs.

Lastly it introduces the relationship cycle and customer relationship management (CRM) principles to effectively manage client requirements and expectations. Describes the concepts of smart consultants to skillfully navigate the complexities of client relationships.

Chapter 4 - Client Understanding & Data Collection

This chapter focuses on the crucial process of understanding a client's business situation and its broader impacts, including the client's organization, culture, business, products, services, industry, market, competition, policy, strategy, resource, operation, and supply chain management.

It then highlights common data collection methods for supporting client studies. Distinguishes between informal or formal/complex study, such as research projects. Outlines the arrangement of data collection for formal studies to facilitate qualitative and quantitative analysis.

Chapter 5 - Problems, Root Causes & Solution Analysis

This chapter outlines the systematic steps of problem-solving, beginning with problem identification, progressing to root cause analysis, and culminating in solution finding. Describes the ways to identify the real problem from trouble and symptoms, analyze the root causes of the real problem, and find out the potential solutions based on the results of problem identification and root cause analysis.

The chapter also addresses the reality of multiple potential solutions. It discusses the factors and methodologies for selecting feasible and acceptable options for clients. Finally introduces the concept and practice of solution mapping, a tool for visualizing and managing the interconnections of problems, root causes, solutions, and action plans.

Chapter 6 - Qualitative Analysis

This chapter introduces the purpose, concepts, characteristics, and advantages of qualitative analysis in research studies. Explores the applications and practices of qualitative analysis within management consultancy.

The chapter details the methodologies of qualitative analysis, using Grounded Theory, covering data acquisition, analysis focus, coding and categorization, identification of patterns and meanings, and conceptualization. It also addresses the presentation of qualitative analysis results.

It concludes by briefly describing the complementarity of qualitative and quantitative studies, highlighting how the results can be triangulated to enhance research findings.

Chapter 7 - Quantitative Analysis

This chapter explores the concepts, characteristics, and advantages of quantitative analysis and research. It details the applications and practices of quantitative analysis in management consultancy.

The chapter covers essential quantitative methodologies, including hypothesis development, questionnaire design, data sampling, secondary data utilization, data collection, mixed-mode approaches, and statistical analysis.

It further addresses data preparation and the presentation of analysis results through descriptive statistics, graphs, charts, and tables.

Chapter 8 - Process Analysis & Design

This chapter introduces the concepts of Porter's Value Chain and process analysis within business operations. Examines different approaches to process analysis, including Business Process Management (BPM), Business Process Improvement (BPI), and Business Process Reengineering (BPR). The chapter also describes the life cycle of process analysis and design, encompassing Present Mode Operation (PMO), Transit Mode Operation (TMO), and Future Mode Operation (FMO).

It details study methods such as Process Flow Mapping, Volume Flow Analysis, Process Time, Cycle Time, Fallout, Rework, and Activity-Based Costing (ABC).

The chapter concludes with a discussion on the application of process analysis and design in business reviews and its role in supporting transformation, innovation, technology adoption, and sustainable development.

Chapter 9 - Benchmarking, Organization Development & Change Management

This chapter explores the impact of market competition and how consultants use benchmarking, business transformation, and change management to enhance client competitiveness.

It details the purposes and methods of business benchmarking and its role in driving products, services, and process improvements.

The chapter also examines the history and perspectives of organization development, analyzing the dynamics and emotional aspects of organizational change.

Lastly, it discusses intervention strategies for driving transformational changes, including diagnostic research, dialogic facilitation, learning and coaching, and techno-structural redesign.

Chapter 10 - Technology Adoption

This chapter focuses on the role of management consultants in facilitating technology adoption and its impact on consulting services. It explores the concepts, theories, and practices used to implement and apply technologies across different stages of consulting engagements. The chapter systematically reviews the evolution of technology changes in response to organizational needs and business improvement.

It introduces the NASA Way of Technology Adoption, including Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) and Digital Transformation (DT) Strategic Framework, and discusses NASA's technological readiness concepts.

The chapter concludes by outlining the history and requirements of business adoption under technology changes, detailing the consultant's role and professional requirements, and providing examples of contemporary technology adoption, such as Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Chapter 11 - Business Innovation and Consulting

This chapter examines the drivers of business innovation, including technology evolution, market change, and evolving consumer behavior. It defines the purposes, concepts, and types of business innovation.

The chapter explores the application of consulting practices in driving innovative change and identifies strategies for achieving business innovation. It introduces innovation philosophies such as Disruptive and Shan Zhai Innovations.

The chapter concludes by discussing how to foster innovation within businesses, develop the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Model of Innovation, and inculcate a culture of innovation.

Chapter 12 - Sustainable Development

This chapter addresses the urgent need for sustainability, outlining the challenges facing the Earth and the requirements for balanced human life, society, resources, environment, and ongoing development.

It introduces the history and sustainable development initiatives of the United Nations, including the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) and the 17

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The chapter emphasizes the urgency and importance of sustainability for countries, organizations, businesses, and individuals.

It introduces the three components of sustainability (environmental, social, and economic) and their application in business planning and management. The chapter discusses various sustainability implementations, such as Sustainable Business (SB), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), and Carbon Neutrality (CN).

Finally, it addresses the cultural, ethical, and professional requirements of management consultants in delivering sustainability-focused services to clients.

Chapter 13 – Sustainability: Environmental, Social and Governance

This chapter delves into the background, needs, definition, development goals, and fundamental components of sustainability. It explores the relevance of sustainability to businesses, considering externalities, internalities, responsibilities, strategies, cultures, and profitability.

The chapter focuses on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors, detailing how businesses participate in, assess, and report on their sustainability performance through materiality assessments, ESG strategies, reporting, regulatory compliance, and investor engagement.

It further emphasizes the importance of sustainability and ESG in addressing climate change, pandemics, resilience, and quality of life, and discusses how leadership and management can support consultants in navigating these areas.

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