



Editorial

EPD have finally issued their long awaited review of Hong Kong's Air Quality Objectives with the Consultation Document and the consultant's final report available through the EPD website. There are unique challenges with the EIAO, though as environmental professionals we are acutely aware of the relationship between air quality and health. EPD are now requiring annual dust assessments included in all EIAs. Given that the current background already exceeds the annual levels, new projects will not be able to show compliance. This will only be made more difficult with the newly proposed reduced dust levels.

HKIEIA intend to provide our professional view on the proposed AQOs, which may have implications on the approval process of the future EIA studies. Comments from Members are welcome for us to formulate a coordinated response to the Government. Relevant consultation document can be downloaded from the web site of the Environmental Protection Department. (http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/air/air_quality_objectives/air_quality_objectives.html)

Glenn FROMMER

Chairman's Remarks

Welcome to another issue of our quarterly Newsletter. With the establishment of the new Executive Committee for this year, we have been busy organizing upcoming CPD activities for our members. With the initiative of the Chief Executive's policy to push ahead of the 10 mega scale infrastructure projects, it provides a lot of opportunities for our site visits and knowledge

sharing seminars. We will keep members update via email and other means on these events once the activity schedule is finalized.

As an EIA practitioner, we are certainly committed to have an EIA report in full compliance with the contents of the Study Brief issued under the EIAO. I noted there is an increasing trend for the bulkiness of the EIA reports submitted for the current mega scale projects. With the implementation of the EIAO for over a decade, may be it is the right time to review the necessary level of technical contents to be presented in an EIA report through discussions among the practitioners and the approval authorities. For a better sustainable EIAO process, practitioners could be more cautious on the use of natural resources in terms of energy, chemicals and paper for the production of an EIA report.

EPD launched two consultation exercises on the review of Air Quality Objectives (AQOs) and Marine Water Quality Objectives. The Institute intends to provide our view on the proposed AQOs and we have invited EPD to give us a presentation on 29 October 2009 for the proposed changes and necessary control measures to achieve the latest standards. Members are encouraged to participate in this seminar and provide your review on the proposal before the deadline so that the Institute could formulate a coordinated reply to EPD.

David YEUNG

Report from the Secretary

With the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2009 held in May, a new Committee, under the leadership of our current Chairman, David YEUNG, has been formed. The Committee for 2009-10 is organised as follows:

- Chairman: David YEUNG
- Honorary Treasurer: Freeman CHEUNG
- Honorary Secretary: Marcus IP
- Membership Secretary & Website Management: Clara U
- Event Organiser & Website Management: Henry LEUNG
- Professional Development: Mrs. Shirley LEE
- Newsletter Editors: Dr Glenn FROMMER & Claudine LEE
- External Secretary & External Affairs: Josh LAM
- Co-opted Committee member: Mitch LAW



(From left to right) Clara U, Josh Lam, Shirley Lee, Marcus Ip, David Yeung, Claudine Lee, Mitch Law, Henry Leung, Freeman Cheung

Continuing our efforts in assisting Members with their professional development, a series of events and activities will be held and an Events Subcommittee with the following membership has also been formed to take charge of the organisation of these events:

- David YEUNG
- Clara U
- Henry LEUNG
- Claudine LEE

- Mitch LAW
- Eva HO
- Anna YU

Marcus IP

HKIEIA Activities

Upcoming Events / Activities

Since the release of the CE's Policy Address (2007 – 2008) on the promotion of infrastructure developments to bring about the economic benefits, many efforts had been made over the year to push ahead with these projects which includes the ongoing designs and EIA studies of the followings:

- South Island Line (East)
- Shatin to Central Link
- Tuen Mun Western Bypass and Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link
- Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link
- Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge
- Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Development of the Lok Ma Chau Loop
- Kai Tak Development Plan

Seminars will be organized jointly with EPD and various project proponents throughout the year. The aims of these seminars are to provide relevant stakeholders with the latest development status and the implementation details of these projects.

Furthermore, there will be some regional conferences to be jointly organized with the local professional institutes and universities.

I trust this year will be a very challenging year for many EIA practitioners to undertake so many EIA studies concurrently.

Henry Leung

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Seminar on Railway Project Update and Expectation for Project Implementation

Further to the seminar given by Dr. Glenn Frommer, Head of Sustainability Development of MTR Corporation last year on the railway projects development for the decade, many key milestones of these projects had been achieved over the past year. Dr. Frommer has given a seminar to HKIEIA again in August 2009 with an update on the current development progress of these projects and the expectations in running them in order to safeguard the quality of environmental management during their implementation.



Attentive audience



Dr. Frommer introducing the terminus location of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link



Our Chairman, David Yeung (left) presenting souvenir to Dr. Glenn Frommer (right)

Claudine LEE

Annual General Meeting 2009

Twenty-three Fellows and Members gathered at the Kowloon Club on 21 May 2009 for our AGM. David YEUNG (Chairman) and Freeman CHEUNG (Honorary Treasurer) reported respectively on the Institute’s accomplishments and finances for 2008-9, which was a very fruitful year. Claudine LEE, Mrs. Shirley LEE, Josh LAM and Henry LEUNG were elected to fill vacancies in the Committee for a term of 3 years. Members also agreed on the re-appointment of Louis Lai & Luk Certified Public Accountants as the Institute’s Honorary Auditor for Year 2009-10. Apart from

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the formalities of the AGM, we also had the opportunity to share with our Guest of Honour, Professor Anthony Hedley from the Department of Community Medicine of the University of Hong Kong, some of his research findings and views on air quality issues in Hong Kong.



AGM dinner

Marcus IP

HKIEIA Membership

The Institute has currently a total of 222 members, including 20 Fellows, 177 Corporate Members, 39 Associate/Student Members and 3 Honorary Members.

Members are reminded to make your annual membership renewal together with the completed CPD record immediately to Ms. Clara U.

Clara U

HKIEIA Finances

Thanks to our members who have paid their subscriptions in a timely manner to maintain a healthy balance of HK\$823,346 in our Bank Accounts at the end of September 2009. For those who have not paid their dues, please send the cheques to the Hon Treasurer.

Freeman CHEUNG

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