



Editorial

A Glass Half Full?

Despite much fanfare from the first incarnation of the Environment Bureau (ENB) under Edward Yau and the leadership of Donald Tsang, but, with what pundits have called, a report card showing precious little action to tackle the big environmental challenges, there is still as much to do today, in terms of Hong Kong's environment, as there was when Yau took office on 1 July 2007.

This may be contrasted with a genuine optimism springing from the CY Leung's apparent understanding that the environmental quality of Hong Kong is critical for community health reasons but is also equally serious in terms of Hong Kong's regional competitiveness and business prosperity.

Hope, thus, springs eternal, amplified by the appointment of new Secretary for the Environment, Wong Kam-sing, and Under Secretary for the Environment, Christine Loh. Wong a green architect, and previously actively promoting green buildings and energy efficiency, and Loh an advocate for harbour and natural resource protection and better air quality from her days in both the Legislative Council (LegCo), and as CEO of the respected think tank, Civic Exchange.

Whilst, it is early days, it would appear the administration and the duo's policy priorities will be to materially improve air quality, promote a low carbon economy, reduce waste at source whilst managing our waste arisings more strategically, and conserving our dwindling natural resources.

From these mooted outlines, ENB must first communicate their vision and timing of the delivery of a greener Hong Kong to the wider community and business. The subsequent challenge for Wong and Loh will be to identify priorities, responsibilities, and deadlines through detailed policies as a blueprint to take us forward briskly towards this vision.

Under the considerable turbulence of CY Leung's first few months of leadership and the recently elected, highly fragmented and radicalised LegCo, betterment of Hong Kong's environment may comprise one of the few areas, apart from narrowing the wealth gap and increasing support for the poor, that the administration, the community, business and LegCo can squarely agree on. In this regard, HKIEIA can be relied on to play its role and support HKSARG, ENB and EPD through the technical EIA process to jointly achieve this green vision for a better and more environmentally sustainable Hong Kong.

Timothy J. PEIRSON-SMITH
Newsletter Editor

Chairman's Remarks

Dear Members,

I take this opportunity to welcome you to our newsletter. This is very important for me as the newly appointed Chairman for a period of two years. I am grateful to our Immediate Past Chairperson, Mrs Shirley Lee for her relentless effort in striving for the growth of the Institute. I will continue to work closely with my newly elected Executive Committee to provide more development opportunities to broaden the reach of EIA practices in Hong Kong through training and sharing by the local and overseas experts. We will also support our members to develop their skill in the stakeholder management in preparing for the implementation of the major infrastructure projects in Hong Kong. I trust it will bring out a new thinking and horizon in the development of our future EIAs.



In appreciation of Shirley's relentless effort

Henry LEUNG
Chairman

From the Secretary

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2012 was successfully held on the 21st June 2012. The new Executive Committee has been established:

- Chairman: Mr. Henry Leung
- Vice-Chairlady: Ms. Clara U
- Immediate Past Chairperson: Mrs. Shirley Lee
- Honorary Treasurer: Mr. Freeman Cheung
- Honorary Secretary: Ms. Claudine Lee
- Membership Secretary: Ms. Clara U and Ms. Sophia Lau
- Professional Development: Mrs. Shirley Lee and Mr. Mohamed Hasan Isa (AMP)
- Newsletter Editor: Mr. Timothy J. Peirson-Smith, Ms. Felice Wong
- Event Organizer: Ms. Sophia Lau and Mr. Felix Fai-fai Yeung
- Website Management: Ms. Eva Ho and Mr. Felix Fai-fai Yeung
- External Secretary: Mr. David Yeung and Mr. Timothy J. Peirson-Smith
- External Affairs: Mr. Josh Lam and Dr. Glenn Frommer
- Co-opted Ex-co Members: Dr. Glenn Frommer and Mr. Felix Fai-fai Yeung

We will continue our efforts in organising events and activities to assist the professional development of our members and socialising among members as well as other institutes. The

new Event Sub-committee has also been formed, which includes:

- Ms. Clara U
- Ms. Claudine Lee
- Mr. David Yeung
- Mr. Felix Fai-fai Yeung
- Mr. Mohamed Hasan Isa
- Ms. Sophia Lau



Newly Elected Executive Committee of HKIEIA

We welcome your suggestions and ideas on events / activities organising, approaches in response to environmental topics, and the role of the Institute in society, etc. You can simply talk to anyone of our Executive Committee or send an email to hkieia.hk@gmail.com or to me at hon.sec.hkieia@gmail.com.

Claudine LEE
Honorary Secretary

HKIEIA Events/Activities

- Events / Activities Review

Annual General Meeting 2012 (21 June) –

Over 100 members and guests of the HKIEIA attended the AGM on the 21st June 2012.

We welcomed our newly elected Chairman and his elected Executive Committee members who are all fully enthusiastic and devoted to the “EIA business”. On behalf of HKIEIA, our new Chairman gave a little surprise to our immediate past Chairperson Mrs. Shirley Lee by presenting

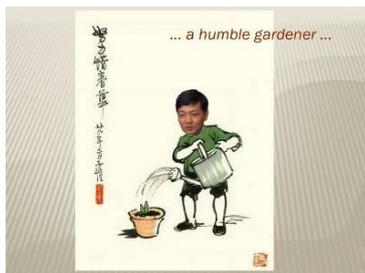
her flowers in appreciation of her unfailing commitment to the institution.

The HKIEIA was also very pleased to confer the Honorary Membership to Professor Lam Kin-che of the Chinese University of Hong Kong for his many achievements and remarkable contributions to the environment and urban development of Hong Kong for the past 30 years.



Conferment of Honorary Membership of HKIEIA to Professor Lam Kin-che

Following the AGM, members and guests gathered to share fine food and drinks, social chit-chat and much laughter. The institute also took the opportunity to invite Professor Lam as our honourable speaker and throw him a retirement party. Our honourable performer Dr. Glenn Frommer was invited to sing a few songs dedicated to Professor Lam, as part of the party. I know all participants had a really enjoyable evening.



Our warmest wishes to Professor Lam



Gigs by our Fellow Member Dr. Glenn Frommer

Felice WONG
Newsletter Editor

IAIA SEA Prague II Debriefing (5 July 2012)

On 5th July 2012 a debriefing session on the IAIA SEA Prague II conference was held by the institution at the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building. Over 30 participants attended this interesting debriefing session. We were honoured to have Mrs. Shirley Lee, our Immediate Past Chairperson who was the only delegate from Hong Kong at the conference, shared with participants the topics and key issues covered at the conference.



Mr. Henry Leung (HKIEIA Chairman) presented the souvenir to our honorable speaker Mrs. Shirley Lee

Shirley also highlighted the potential application of SEA principles from a local perspective by quoting several examples from Hong Kong projects. There was interactive and fruitful discussion between Shirley and the audience in the question-and-answer session.

Fai Fai YEUNG

Debriefing on "Tree Hazard Assessment Course with Integrated Assessment" (21 August 2012)

The Institute sponsored two corporate members, Ms. Grace Leung and Ms. Ida Yu to attend the "Tree Hazard Assessment Course with Integrated Assessment". Congratulations to both of them who have passed the examinations successfully and obtained their certificates. They generously have delivered a debriefing session to our members and shared with us the difference between the UK assessment method and the US one, and the relevance and application of the assessment method in EIA and daily work of arborists and ecological consultants.

Claudine LEE

Seminar on EIA Ordinance for Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (21 August 2012)

It seems we cannot deny that EIA has become a hot topic since the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge judicial review. To share our EIA knowledge with our peers, our Vice Chairlady Ms. Clara U has delivered an interesting presentation on EIA Ordinance to over 150 members of Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS). Clara shared with participants her knowledge on the evolution of EIA reports to cater the demands of more and more information from the public and NGOs, the need for greater focus on alternatives' consideration and measures to avoid and minimise impacts from projects. Success stories were also presented and discussed. The seminar provided an excellent platform for exchanging of views and sharing of EIA knowledge among members of two professional institutes.



Our Vice Chairlady shared some interesting success stories about EIA with our HKIS peers



A token of thanks from HKIS representative to our Vice Chairlady Ms. Clara U

Felice WONG
Newsletter Editor

Hong Kong Waste Management Association AGM (25 September 2012)

The Chairman had led the committee members in attending the AGM organized by HKWMA and had sent his warm congratulation on behalf of HKIEIA to the newly elected Chairman, Ir. Barry Lee



The newly elected Chairman of HKWMA, Ir. Barry Lee (left), Henry Leung, HKIEIA (middle) and Ms. Kitty Lee, HKWMA (left)

Claudine LEE
Honorary Secretary

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- **Upcoming Activities**

Christmas Party 2012 (11 December 2012)

This year, the HKIEIA will organize a Christmas Party jointly with Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics (HKIOA) and the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM). The party will be held on 11 December, 2012 at World Trade Centre Club Hong Kong in Causeway Bay. Members are also welcome to invite their friends and family members to join the party. Registration details will be announced shortly.

On behalf of Executive Committee of HKIEIA, may I wish you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and joy! Look forward to seeing you in the Christmas party.

Felice WONG
Newsletter Editor

HKIEIA Membership

The Institute currently has a total of 315 members, including 4 Honorary Members, 22 Fellows, 214 Corporate Members, 68 Associate Members and 7 Student Members.

Members are reminded to *immediately* submit to me their *annual membership renewals* together with the *completed CPD records*.

Clara U
Vice Chairlady

HKIEIA Finances

The accounts remain healthy with accumulated fund of HK\$889,673.30 on 15th October, 2012. You are reminded to remit your membership dues to the Honorary Treasurer in accordance with Clause 26 of the Institute's Memorandum, all members shall pay an annual subscription as

decided by the Committee payable in advance on the first day of May each year. Please send your cheque, without delay, to the following address for my attention if you have not paid the membership subscription.

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