

# Branch Chairman's Report

## IMechE HK Branch Activities - Session 2008/2009



Dear Members

### **Annual General Meeting – Session 2008-09 Branch Chairman's Report**

On behalf of the Branch Committee, it is my honour and pleasure to present to you the Chairman's Report for Session 2008-09.

The Branch Committee is fully aware that value-added learned society activities would facilitate our members to exchange views, share experiences, do net-working and foster closer co-operation among themselves and with others. This has now become more important for members to make a living as many corporate/organizations are pursuing cost savings measures needed to cope with the current severe credit crunch. With the resourcefulness and untiring efforts of our Young Member Section, the Branch has managed to organize or jointly organize with liked minded professional institutions 54 learned society events. Apart from technical talks and visits, these events have included seminars on Route to Membership, Professional Development Tutorship, leadership, public speaking, communication and business/marketing; competitions such as Best Final Year Project, Speak Out for Engineering Presentation and Young Inventor Competition; fund raising for Rebuild Sichuan; etc. I trust our members have benefited from participating in the aforesaid events.

One of the important events that took place during the session was the Institution's adoption of new Logo which has drawn very different responses from members. Another one close to us is the formation of Asia Oceanic Forum (AOF) with election of Forum Chairman and Forum YMS Representative. The first Forum meeting attended by Branch Chairmen of Hong Kong, Australia, Malaysia and Singapore, Branch Vice Chairman of India, and Correspondence Members of China and Sri Lanka was held on 4-5 April 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It is pleasing to report that our Mr Ricky Kan has been elected as the (AOF) YMS Representative. Furthermore, our Ms Eunice Chan has won the 3<sup>rd</sup> (AOF) SOFE competition held on 4 April 2009 in Kuala Lumpur.

At the request of Headquarters, the Branch received 38 applications in 2008 and conducted 36 professional review interviews for corporate membership applications, among them 24 applicants were recommended for acceptance, representing a success rate of 66.7%. The Branch Committee wishes to convey its gratitude to members acting as Assessors for undertaking such onerous assessment task.

Up to end of April 2009, the total number of Hong Kong members recorded an increase of 3% to 2532 from 2460 a year ago. Among them include one Hon Fellow, 93 Fellows, 1256 Members, 389 Associates and 793 Affiliates. There are little changes in both classes of Fellow and Members, but a significant drop of 3% in the class of Associates. The increase in the numbers of Affiliates by 10.3% is healthy due to free membership for students. For a generation, the best and brightest engineering students have been lured into high finance, with its extraordinary monetary rewards. Now that financial wizardry has fallen into at least temporary disrepute, it is hoped that more gifted students will return to engineering to build useful things and create real wealth, rather than devising complex toxic derivatives.

Finally, I wish to put on record my heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of Branch Committee and YMS Committee and helpers for their dedication and contributions. My tribute should also go to our Past Chairmen, Mr Otto Poon, Mr Edmund Leung and Prof Ronald So for their advice and guidance, without which I would be able to perform my duties as your Chairman for the past 3 years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C W Tso'.

C W Tso (Dr)  
Branch Chairman  
14 May 2009

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	<b>Date</b>	<b>Events</b>
1	24 May 08 (Sat)	IMechE Team participated in HKIE MMNC Division 30th Anniversary Colour Boat Racing Cup (Joint Function)
2	6 Jun 08 (Fri)	Seminar on ANSYS CFD Modelling Application in Engineering Industry
3	6 Jun 08 (Fri)	2008 symposium on i-Management – Challenges and Opportunities (Supporter)
4	10 Jun 08 (Tue)	Presentation Workshop on Impromptu Speaking (Making a speech/presentation without preparation) (Join function)
5	12 Jun 08 (Thur)	Fund Raising – Rebuild Sichuan “We Care May 12 Quake Relief Night” – Jointly organized by local engineering professional bodies
6	3, 8, 10 & 12 Jul 08	Conference Training Course on Energy Audit & Energy Conservation (Joint Function)
7	18 Jul 07 (Fri)	Conference on Disasters: Preparedness, Response & Recovery (Supporter)
8	23 Jul 08 (Tue)	Talk on Professional & Dynamic: Leadership Communication Skills: Learn to present more effective as a Leader (Joint function)
9	23 Jul 08 (Tue)	Seminar on Ecological Sustainable Design for Building
10	27 Jul 08 (Sat)	Competition on Inter-School Solar Vehicle Model Design Contest (Joint function)
11	30 Jul 08 (Wed)	Seminar on Building Energy Benchmarking
12	30 Jul (Wed)	Undergraduate Final Year Project Competition Submission closing (Joint function)
13	9 Aug 08 (Sat)	Technical Visit to HKUST CLP Wind/Wave Tunnel Facility
14	16 Aug 08 (Sat)	Technical Visit to Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals
15	26 Aug 08 (Tue)	YMS Committee Informal Dinner with Branch Officers
16	1 Sep 08 (Mon)	Seminar by Young Engineers for 512 Sichuan Province (Experience sharing on relief work) (Jointly organized by local engineering professional bodies)
17	22 Sep 08 (Mon)	Seminar on Green Design for Product and Environment
18	30 Sep 08 (Tue)	Seminar on Youth Marketing Strategy and Social Responsibility (Joint function)
19	4 Oct 08 (Sat)	Presentation Workshop on “Toolbox for making Your Presentation Lively & Interactive (Joint Function)
20	4 Oct 08 (Sat)	Seminar on Service Marketing (Joint Function)
21	9 Oct 08 (Thur)	Technical Visit to Johnson's Control
22	20 Oct 08 (Mon)	Seminar on Tactics in Promoting your Engineering Business to Clients
23	23 Oct 08 (Thur)	Seminar on How Quality Management System to be established for an Organization

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24	31 Oct 08 (Fri)	Seminar on Simulation in Building & Civil Engineering – Evacuation, Infrastructure a& Airflow Solutions (Supporter)
25	1 Nov 08 (Mon)	23rd International Coastal Cleanup – Rocky Bay, Hong Kong Island (Supporter)
26	3 Nov 08 (Tue)	George Stephenson Lecture cum Presidential Reception
27	4 Nov 08 (Thur)	Professional Review Interview Assessor Workshop – organized by Headquarters
28	15 Nov 08 (Sat) 22 Nov 08 (Sat)	Young Inventor Competition Promotion for Secondary Schools - Information Session & First Round Competition (Joint function)
29	27 Nov 08 (Thur)	Route to Membership cum Tutorship Program
30	28 Nov 08 (Fri)	Technical Visit to Green Island Cement Plant
31	30 Nov 08 (Sat)	IMechE Team participated in HKIE MMNC Division 30th Anniversary Football Cup (Joint function)
32	4 Dec 08 (Thur)	Seminar on Negotiation Skill
33	6 Dec 08 (Sat)	Technical Visit to HKIVE Motor Servicing Centre
34	13 Dec (Sat)	Christmas Party (Joint function)
35	16 Dec 08 (Tue)	Seminar on Process Safety Control System (Joint function)
36	19 Dec 08 (Fri)	Seminar on Secrets of Effective Power Point (Join function)
37	10 Jan 09 (Sat)	Tram Parade Around HK Island - Young Engineers for 512 Sichuan Quake Relief Work (Joint Function)
38	10 Jan 09 (Sat)	Speak Out for Engineering Presentation Competition
39	18 Feb 09 (Wed)	Seminar on Application of Electrical Infrared Thermography Technology
40	19 Feb 09 (Thur)	Technical Visit to Air Traffic Control Tower
41	21 Feb 09 (Sat)	BBQ cum Sharing with Outstanding Engineers (Joint function)
42	28 Feb 09 (Sat)	Youth Media and Culture Marketing Conference (Joint function)
43	28 Feb 09 (Sat)	Young Inventor Competition for Secondary Schools – Final Round (Joint function)
44	1- 4 Mar 09	1st International Conference on Utility Management & Safety (Supporter)
45	4 Mar 09 (Wed)	Seminar on Tunnel and Station Design Train Fire Scenarios – Fundamental Issue (Joint function)
46	7 Mar 09(Sat)	Visit to Olympic Waste Composting Plant
47	9 Mar 09 (Mon)	Talk on Calibration of High Precision Angle Standards (Joint Function)

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48	2 Apr 09 (Thur)	Talk on Mechanical Engineer – Helping Reduction in Carbon Emission
49	10 Apr 09 (Fri)	Visit to Toyota Assembly Line
50	23 Apr 09 (Thur)	Talk on Crane Safety
51	24 Apr 09 (Fri)	Conference on Advanced Technology in Transportation for a Better Environment (Supporter)
52	8 May 09 (Fri)	YMS AGM and Route to Membership
53	8 May 09 (Fri)	Certificate Course on Design and Implementation of Road Tunnel Ventilation (Joint function)
54	14 May 09 (Fri)	Hong Kong Branch AGM and Annual Dinner