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Regional News for February 2009

Past Events

28 February 2009: Half day seminar with showcase was jointly organized by ICES Hong Kong, the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICES HKA G&S), the Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyors (HKIES) and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE AMC) at the Exhibition Hall of Hong Kong Productivity Council. The seminar attracted over 100 attendees. The seminar covered some interesting topics on BIM, GIS and Point Cloud data solution etc. Francis Leung, Director/Head of BIM of WSP and David Fung, BIM Division Head & Senior Associate of Aedas gave talks on Understanding BIM and Benefits to Engineers. Eric Yau, GIS manager of AECOM Asia, spoke on Spatial Information Hub as an Effective Tool to Facilitate Information Flow during Landslide Investigation. Bruce Pang, Chief surveyor of China States Construction Engineering (H.K.) Ltd., spoke on Design Visualization – Explore, Validate and Communicate. Henry Kwok, Sale and support engineer of Leica Geosystems, spoke on 3D Laser Scanning Enhance Survey Professional. In parallel to the seminar, there were 4 showcases including Engineering GIS in HK project, cases of BIM, demonstration of Laser Scanning and case of Road Design Visualization



Present at the Infrastructure Solution seminar were (l-r front row) David Fung (speaker), Eric Yau (speaker), Andrew Keung (Chairman ICES HK), Allen Poon (Vice-Chairman ICE HKA G&S), (l-r back row) Dai Kwok Leung (showcase), Richard Chan (Sale Manager of Autodesk), Henry Kwok (speaker), Bruce Pang (speaker), Francis Leung (speaker), Steven Leung (President of HKIES) and Ray Ng (Chairman of HKIE AMC)



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Over 100 professionals attended the Infrastructure Solution event





The audiences of the seminar were interested in the exhibition booths of Showcases

6 March 2009: 85 participants joined the CPD function "The Management of Time - Programming" conducted by Mr. DS. Chan, the Technical Director of MJ-Alpha Consultants Limited. We would like to thank you for the overwhelming response to the seminar whilst 185 numbers of members and guests have registered for the event. We would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere apology for those who have been left out for the event.

On that evening, Mr. Chan has shared his valuable experience in respect of the principle and methodology of construction planning and programming with the audiences. The basic theory and procedure for delay analysis by using Critical Path Method has also be discussed and demonstrated. The regional committee has invited and Mr. Chan has kindly accepted to consider arranging for a sequel for the talk with concentration on delay analysis.



Our Moderator Mr. Alan Cheung (L) presented a souvenir to the Speaker Mr. DS Chan

The audiences at the lecture theatre for the function





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- 9 April 2009: The Annual General Meeting is now scheduled on 9 April 2009 to be held at Eaton Hotel and will be one of the 40th anniversary activities. The President and past president from UK and some past Hong Kong Region Chairmen and founding members will join us in this special occasion.
- June 2009: Technical Visit Development of Anderson Road, date to be confirmed, most likely on Saturday morning. This will be a joint function with the Lighthouse Club Hong Kong. Please visit <u>www.dar.com.hk</u> for introduction to this CEDD project.

The Civil Justice Reform - Mediation Practice

Following the Woolf Reform in UK, the Chief Justice of Hong Kong appointed a working party to review the civil rules and procedures of High Court and an interim report was produced in late 2001. The report contained recommendations as to the greater use of mediation in the civil justice system. However, there is considerable resistance by the legal profession to the introduction of mediation into civil justice system. One of the objections voiced was the adequacy of mediation services in Hong Kong.

As you all know, mediation is very active in construction circle and the volume of construction disputes going into litigation is relatively small in Hong Kong. The Chief Justice's Working Party, despite opposition, made several recommendations to introduce mediation and ADR into the courts. The Chief Justice has also recently delayed the implementation date of the mediation reforms until January 1, 2010 and a new mediation Practice Direction will be promulgated.

ICES Hong Kong encourages our members to get familiar with the mediation process. ICES Hong Kong, in collaboration with Hong Kong Mediation Centre, takes up the initiative and conduct a mediator training course for construction professionals to be held over 5 weekends in April and May 2009. The first course is now full and if more members are interested, ICES Hong Kong will arrange more classes. To register your interest, please contact our Regional Chairman, Mr Andrew Keung at andrewkeung@ices.org.hk.