

Regional News for November 2010

Meeting with HKIES

Calvin Li

2 Nov 2010: The Hong Kong Region has had a good working relationship with the Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyor for many years, to discuss and explore more collaboration, our committee members Michael Wong and Calvin Li met with the HKIES counterparts, LAM Lit Yin and SONG Hong. They agreed to hold a series of CPD events in the coming months. The CPD will focus on the major ten infrastructure projects in Hong Kong with the first session of the series scheduled in coming January depending on the availability of venue.

Prominent speakers who are currently working on the MTRC railway construction and DSD drainage tunnels will be invited to share their experience with us.

Details of the CPD events will be announced very soon.

Talks in Macau

LIU Chun Kit

2 Nov 2010: A half day seminar was organized by the Hong Kong Region and Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of University of Macao. The topic titles were “Mobile Mapping System and Application” given by Mr. Andy Chan and “Managing Construction Risk by Effective Planning, Programming and Progress Monitoring” by Mr. John Battersby at the University of Macao. Andy shared his experience in Mobile Mapping System and its applications, whilst John held the second part of the seminar and talked about appropriate steps and monitoring techniques in managing risks successfully in construction projects. We took the opportunity to introduce the Institution to the students/academia of the University of Macao and at the same time, building networks with some local engineers.

BK SURCO Training

Miranda Lui

Building on Government's DRA initiatives in civil engineering sector and new procurement initiatives through the use of NEC and target cost contracts, BK SURCO Training, in support of the Lighthouse Club presented a full day conference at Marco Polo Hong Kong Hotel entitled "New Era for Dispute Avoidance in Hong Kong Construction's Industry" on Friday 26 November 2010. Key speakers included Robin Jones, Past President of ICES; Teresa Cheng, Senior Counsel; Ada Fung, Deputy Director (Development & Construction), Hong Kong Housing Department; Conrad Wong, President of the Hong Kong Construction Association Ltd; Martin Dunn, General Manager (Procurement & Contracts) of MTR Corporation; Alan Donnet, Executive Director of Dragages Hong Kong Limited; John Battersby, Group Managing Director of BK Asia Pacific Limited.

The conference was a great success with 152 delegates coming from different sectors of the construction industry. 50% of the profits from this conference was donated to the Lighthouse Club Charities.

BK SURCO Training for ICES

Miranda Lui

BK SURCO will present a series of "Contracts Surgeries" special for ICES members, the training course will include a number of contractual subjects such as EOT problems and solutions, risk management, valuation of variations, sub-contracting, dispute resolution and time and money claims. Details will be notified to members in due course.

Nomination for Principal Officers

Denny Mak

Nomination is now opened for the ICES Hong Kong Region Committee Principal Officers, i.e. the Region Chairman, the Region Secretary and the Region Treasurer.

To be eligible for election, full members or fellows (MCInstCES or FCInstCES) must be nominated and seconded by a full member or fellow.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at Cityview Hotel, Kowloon on 17 March 2011 at 19:00 where the Principal Officers will be elected at the AGM.

A nomination form is available on Hong Kong Region websites, the completed form must be returned to the Secretary via our Box No. 2526 GPO Hong Kong or email: dennymak@cices.org.hk no later than 1 January 2011.

Coming Events

11 Dec 2010: Joint societies Christmas Party will be held with other 10 societies at Gossip 51, 51/F China Online Centre, 333 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai

January 2011: Follow up topic about Civil Justice Reform to be given by Mr. Steven Yip, Hon Legal Adviser of the Hong Kong Region, details to be confirmed.

17 Mar 2011: Annual General Meeting to be held at the Cityview Hotel, Kowloon.