

**International Water Association  
Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK)**

**Minutes of the 2nd Executive Committee Meeting**

**Venue** : WSD Headquarters Conference Room, Room 4819, Immigration Tower

**Date** : 9 September 2005 (Friday)

**Time** : 5:45 p.m.

**Present**

Ir Prof William C G KO	Director of Water Supplies ( <i>Chairman</i> )
Ir George F K LAI	Director of Drainage Services ( <i>Vice Chairman</i> )
Ir K L WONG	Managing Director, Metcalf and Eddy Ltd.
Ir Otto L T POON	Managing Director, Analogue Holdings Ltd.
Mr. Allard NOOY	Director, Leighton Contractors (Asia) Ltd
Ir Prof Howard J C HUANG	Department of Civil Engineering, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Ir P H LUI	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department
Ir C C CHAN	Deputy Director of Water Supplies ( <i>Secretary</i> )
Ir David C W CHAU	Assistant Director of Water Supplies/Mechanical & Electrical ( <i>Treasurer</i> )

**In Attendance**

Ir T O LEE                                      Water Supplies Department (Note Taker)

**Action**

(1) **Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed members to the 2nd Executive Committee Meeting of the International Water Association Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK).

(2) **Appointment of Co-opted Members for the New Term 2005-2007**

In accordance with Clause 9 of the Constitution, the Chairman announced the appointment of the following five co-opted members for the new 2-year term commencing from September 2005 :

- Ir K L WONG,  
Managing Director, Metcalf & Eddy Ltd
- Ir Otto L T POON,  
Managing Director, Analogue Holdings Ltd
- Mr Allard NOOY,  
Director, Leighton Contractors (Asia) Ltd
- Ir Prof Howard J C HUANG,  
Department of Civil Engineering, HKUST
- Ir P H LUI,  
Principal Environmental Protection Officer, EPD

**(3) Matters Arising from the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting**

Having reviewed the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting held on 5 March 2005, members confirmed that the minutes were taken as read. The latest status of the following particular items were reported :

**(a) 1<sup>st</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition**

Ir T O LEE reported to the meeting briefly on the trip of IWAHK's delegation to Singapore for attending the 1<sup>st</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASPIRE Council Meeting held alongside in July 2005.

The number of delegates was more than 700 from over 30 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region and some 360 technical papers were presented in 77 technical sessions. A total of 14 delegates from Hong Kong including the Chairman, three other WSD staff and one IWAHK co-opted member, ie Ir K L WONG participated in the event.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASPIRE Council Meeting, Chinese Taiwan was selected as the host member for the 3<sup>rd</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Conference to be held in 2009.

**(b) Communication with IWAHK Members**

Ir T O LEE reported to the meeting that in response to Ir K L WONG's recommendation, the IWAHK Secretariat had been promulgating IWA or IWA-ASPIRE conference information of special interest through e-mail. The practice would continue.

(c) Newspaper Supplement on World Water Day

The supplement on World Water Day 2005 cum 40 Years of Dongjiang Water Supply aiming at raising the public's awareness of the importance of water for the development of society was published in four Chinese newspapers (Ming Pao, Singtao Daily, Ta Kung Pao and Wen Wei Po) and one English newspaper (Hong Kong Standard) on 22 March 2005 under the sponsorship of eighteen organizations/companies. The Chairman expressed gratitude to Ir K L WONG, Ir Otto POON and Mr Allard NOOY for their contributions and efforts paid in respect of seeking adequate sponsorship from local engineering consultants and contractors so as to make the World Water Day a successful event in Hong Kong.

(d) Cancellation of the Proposed Regional Conference on Cross Boundary Water Resources Management in Pearl River Delta

Ir T O LEE reported that the original proposer, Dr Richard CHEUNG of City University of Hong Kong had confirmed cancellation of the previously proposed Regional Conference on Cross Boundary Water Resources Management in Pearl River Delta to be held in December 2005 due to the lack of supporting manpower. Another reason for the cancellation was that one of the co-organizer, Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management (Hong Kong) had committed in hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Conference (第六屆深、港、珠、澳供水界學術交流研討會) on 26-27 October 2005 in Shenzhen, PRC.

(4) **Forthcoming IWA, IWA-ASPIRE and Non-IWA Events of Special Interest**

During the meeting, a list of forthcoming IWA, IWA-ASPIRE and non-IWA events [**Attachment A**] was brought up again for the attention of all meeting members.

Regarding the IWA International Conference on Water Conservation and Management in Coastal Area to be held from 13 to 15 November 2005 in Qingdao, China, the Chairman briefed members that this conference would be the first IWA conference in China subsequent to the last one held in 1995 in Shanghai. The official language of this conference would be English. The support from IWA members and water industry

stakeholders in HKSAR would be essential to make the conference a success. Hence, the Chairman appealed to all IWA Members in the HKSAR to attend the conference in Qingdao and inform IWAHK Secretariat of their registration for participation so that a delegation could be organized. The organizer had expressed an expectation to welcome 20 or more delegates from HKSAR to participate in the conference.

Secretary

In relation to the IWA Young Researchers' Conference to be held in May 2006, Singapore, Ir Prof HUANG enquired about the criteria for being a young researcher. The Chairman replied that young researchers should be those of age under 35. He told Ir Prof HUANG that he could consider nominating his research students to participate in this conference.

**(5) Launch of IWAHK Internet Homepage**

To enhance the communication of IWAHK with its members and the public, it was proposed that an IWAHK website be constructed and made accessible through Internet. The website would be attached to WSD's server for convenience of future maintenance. Three mock-ups of different layout design were displayed for comments of the meeting members. After some discussions, the option with a banner of blue colour comprising a part world map and a drop of water marked with IWAHK at the location of HKSAR [**Attachment B**] was selected.

The following comments for enhancement of the website were also received from meeting members :

- (i) The Vice Chairman said that the welcome message should be expanded to enhance the sincerity of IWAHK and there should be links to the website made available at the websites of DSD and EPD;
- (ii) Ir P H LUI said that a separate item of upcoming events similar to "what's new" in many homepages should be included;
- (iii) Mr Allard NOOY suggested to incorporate a mission statement in IWAHK homepage and make a recommendation to IWAHQ to include links to all Governing Members' websites in IWAHQ's website.

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The Chairman asked Ir T O LEE to note and incorporate the above comments into the revised mock-up and let the meeting members have one final view of it before the official launch by end September 2005. Ir T O LEE

**(6) 2005 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong**

In response to IWAHQ's recent call for support to the World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD), ie, an annual global education event coordinated by America's Clean Water Foundation (ACWF) and IWA, the meeting agreed that IWAHK should continue to host the 2005 WWMD in Hong Kong. The Chairman appointed Ir T O LEE to take up the coordination with other co-organizers, ie Education & Manpower Bureau (EMB), EPD, DSD and WSD who had agreed in principle to co-host the event before this meeting, to form a working committee for promoting the event. Ir T O LEE

A draft proposal of 2005 WWMD event in Hong Kong [Attachment C] was tabled at the meeting. Ir T O LEE reported that the proposal would be very much similar to the WWMD last year. The proposed site for the ceremony to be held in the afternoon of 16 October 2005 (Sunday) was WSD's Tai Mei Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station, Plover Cove Reservoir. Due to late commencement of the work schedule, the test period would be deferred to 16 – 31 October 2005 instead of the official period from 18 September to 18 October.

With regards to the programme run-down, Ir Prof HUANG recommended that a quiz competition should be conducted during the ceremony to enhance the general knowledge of the participating students on water. The Chairman remarked that the proposed idea was highly educational and he requested Ir Prof HUANG to nominate his students in HKUST to assist in conducting the quiz competition. Ir Prof HUANG

Regarding sponsorship of the event, Ir T O LEE reported that the budget would be around HK\$ 50,000.00 including the costs for procurement of 200 testing kits, souvenirs and miscellaneous logistics for the ceremony as well as the winning prizes of the quiz competition. Mr Allard NOOY told that he had successfully engaged five partnering companies to sponsor the event. Ir Otto POON also volunteered to share the sponsorship with these companies. The meeting agreed that the details to be sorted out between Ir POON and Mr NOOY. Ir T O LEE would follow up with the sponsors on the exact details. Ir T O LEE

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[Post Meeting Note : Invitation letters to the six companies had been sent and they all confirmed to contribute HK\$10,000 each for the event.]

Ir Otto POON suggested IWAHK should invite either a senior government official or a Legco Member to officiate the ceremony. The Chairman noted the suggestion and replied that since a senior government official had been invited as officiating guest last year, he would prefer to invite a Legco Member who had closer connection with water industry. The meeting members agreed and the Chairman asked the Secretary to follow up the invitation of officiating guest.

Secretary

### **(7) Date of Next Meeting**

There being no other businesses, the meeting ended at 7:00 p.m. The date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting would be advised later.