

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

**Minutes of the 2nd General Meeting**

**Venue** : WSD Headquarters Conference Room, Rm4819, Immigration Tower

**Date** : 5 March 2005

**Time** : 10:00 a.m.

**Present**

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 C C CHAN	Deputy Director of Water Supplies ( <i>Secretary</i> )
Ir David C W CHAU	Assistant Director of Water Supplies ( <i>Treasurer</i> )
Ir K L WONG	Managing Director, Metcalf and Eddy Ltd. ( <i>Co-opted Member</i> )
Ir Otto L T POON	Group Managing Director, Analogue Holdings Ltd. ( <i>Co-opted Member</i> )
Mr Allard NOOY	Director, Leighton Contractors (Asia) Ltd ( <i>Co-opted Member</i> )
Mr David T W WONG	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department ( <i>Co-opted Member</i> )
Ir T H TAI	Chief Electrical & Mechanical Engineer, Drainage Services Department
Prof G H CHEN	Department of Civil Engineering, HKUST
Dr A KOENIG	Department of Civil Engineering, HKU
Dr Y LIANG	Department of Biology, HKBU
Dr Priscilla CHOY	Director, Cinotech Consultants Ltd
Dr Shaun NICHOLSON	Associate Director, Meinhardt Mouchel Ltd
Dr Q WU	Science Officer, CK Life Sciences Int'l., Inc

**Absent with Apologies**

Prof Howard J C HUANG	Department of Civil Engineering, HKUST <b>(<i>Co-opted Member</i>)</b>
<b>Dr C SHANG</b>	<b>Department of Civil Engineering, HKUST</b>
<b>Dr J D GU</b>	<b>Department of Ecology and Biodiversity, HKU</b>

**In Attendance**

<b>Ir T O LEE</b>	<b>Water Supplies Department (Note Taker)</b>
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(1) **Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed members to the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting of the IWAHK. Members congratulated the Chairman for he had just been appointed an Adjunct Professor by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to recognise his valuable contributions to the water industry as well as tertiary education in the region.

[Note : Prof William C G KO had received two Honorary Professorships years ago, one from Harbin Institute of Technology Research Institute in Shenzhen (哈爾濱工業大學深圳研究生院) and the other from Ocean University of China (中國海洋大學).]

(2) **Matters Arising from the 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of IWAHK**

Having gone through the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting held on 30 August 2003 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2004, members confirmed that the minutes were taken as read. The latest status of the following particular items were reported :

(a) **Registration of IWAHK**

The Chairman re-confirmed that there was no need for IWAHK to be registered as a non-profit making organization or charitable body as it was regarded as an attachment to WSD.

(b) **The IWA 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Congress**

Ir C C CHAN reported to the meeting briefly on his last trip to Marrakech for attending the IWA 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Congress and the Board Meeting held alongside in September 2004. The number of delegates was more than 2,100 from over 100 countries and some 900 technical papers were presented in over 100 technical sessions. However, there were only 6 delegates from Hong Kong for this biennial event. This might be due to the long geographical distance of the venue from Hong Kong.

(c) **World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) in Hong Kong**

Ir T O LEE reported that IWAHK had successfully held the educational event, ie World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong in collaboration with three government departments and one government bureau, namely Water Supplies Department, Drainage Services Department,

Environmental Protection Department and Education and Manpower Bureau at Pokfulam Reservoir on 3 October 2004.

Apart from being attended by the Permanent Secretary (Works) Ir Y C LO, Director of Water Supplies Prof William C G KO and Director of Drainage Services Ir Raymond T K CHEUNG, Some 60 students from 10 secondary schools had participated in the event. They made use of the testing kits to perform simple tests on water qualities including temperature, pH, turbidity and dissolved oxygen. The test results were already uploaded to the official website: [www.worldwatermonitoringday.com](http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.com). From the test results, it was concluded that the water sourced from the reservoirs of Hong Kong was of good quality.

**(3) Appointment of New Vice Chairman**

As a result of the retirement of Ir Raymond T K CHEUNG, the former Director of Drainage Services in February 2005, the Chairman announced that Ir George F K LAI had accepted IWAHK's invitation to take up the Vice Chairmanship in the capacity of Director of Drainage Services according to Clause 9 of the Constitution of IWAHK. He asked the Secretary to notify IWAHQ of the new appointment.

Secretary

**(4) Forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE Events**

The following IWA and IWA-ASPIRE Conferences/Events to be held in 2005 to 2006 were highlighted during the meeting:

- 2nd Conference on Instrumentation, Control and Automation in Water and Wastewater Treatment to be held from 29 May to 2 June 2005 in Busan, South Korea.
- 3rd IWA Leading Edge Conference and Exhibition on Water and Wastewater Treatment Technologies to be held from 6 to 8 June 2005 in Sapporo, Japan.
- 1<sup>st</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Regional Conference & Exhibition to be held from 10 to 15 July 2005 in Singapore. (Early bird registration on or before 15 March 2005)

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- 5<sup>th</sup> IWA International Symposium on Wastewater Reclamation and Recycling Reuse for Sustainability to be held from 15 to 17 November 2005 in Jeju Island, South Korea.
- 5<sup>th</sup> IWA World Water Congress to be held in 10 to 14 September 2006 in Beijing, China.

Prof G H CHEN, who was the Programme Committee Member, invited the members to attend the 3rd IWA Leading Edge Conference and Exhibition on Water and Wastewater Treatment Technologies to be held from 6 to 8 June 2005 in Sapporo, Japan as there would be papers presented by delegates from Hong Kong. The Chairman responded that WSD would consider sending delegates to attend this conference.

**WSD**

Ir T O LEE informed that WSD was arranging its staff to attend the 1st IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition as well as the Council Meeting on behalf of IWAHK in July 2005. The Chairman requested all IWAHK members intending to attend this conference to inform the IWAHK Secretariat so as to form an IWAHK delegation.

**All IWAHK members**

Ir K L WONG enquired if WSD would present papers during the 1<sup>st</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition. Ir T O LEE replied that WSD would present no papers in this occasion but the Director of Water Supplies had served as the Programme Committee Member of the conference and participated in vetting technical papers on a voluntary basis.

[Post-meeting Notes : The deadline of paper submission for this conference was November 2004 and the early bird registration should be on or before 15 March 2005. Members who planned to attend the conference should register in time.]

In the light of wide use of electronic communication means for promulgation of IWA or IWA-ASPIRE conference information nowadays, Ir K L WONG also asked if IWAHK Secretariat would assist to disseminate the information regarding invitation for paper submission and early bird registration etc in future for the attention of all IWAHK members. The Chairman agreed that this was an effective way of promoting IWA or IWA-ASPIRE events and requested Ir T O LEE to follow up. Dr KEONIG and Prof CHEN supplemented that the same information was available on the IWA website and the Water 21 magazine.

**Ir T O LEE**

(5) **Publishing Newspaper Supplement on World Water Day**

The background of World Water Day (WWD) as United Nations' initiative to boost the global attention to the importance of water for life was tabled during the meeting (refer to supplementary information attached). In view of the relevance of this global activity to the objectives of IWAHK, after some discussions, members agreed that IWAHK should take part in publishing a supplement about reminiscences of the 40-year importation of raw water from Dongjiang in several Chinese and English newspapers in Hong Kong (preliminary draft supplements attached) in order to raise the public's awareness of the importance of water for the development of society. As IWAHK did not have funds to support the activity, the following co-opted members had volunteered to help seek sponsorships to cover the expenses to be incurred:

- (i) Ir K L WONG would help seek sponsorship from the Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong (ACEHK) or its individual members;
- (ii) Ir Otto POON would help seek sponsorship from engineering contracting firms;
- (iii) Ir Allard NOOY would help seek sponsorship from partnering consultants.

To meet the tight publishing schedule, the Chairman requested the above co-opted members to advise IWAHK Secretariat the final number of sponsors they successfully sought by the end of the coming week.

Ir K L WONG  
Ir Otto POON  
Ir Allard NOOY

(6) **Regional Conference on Cross Boundary Water Resources Management in Pearl River Delta**

IWAHK had been invited to co-organize with the Department of Biology and Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Productivity Centre and the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management (Hong Kong) a conference on Cross Boundary Water Resources Management in Pearl River Delta to be held in City University of Hong Kong in December 2005. Having discussed the details of the proposed conference tabled (refer to the supplementary information attached), members agreed that IWAHK should be involved in co-organizing the event with other parties.

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Dr Y LIANG volunteered to offer assistance in organizing the conference on behalf of IWAHK. The Chairman thanked Dr LIANG for her prompt response on the matter and requested Ir T O LEE to inform the organizer of the meeting's decision to accept the invitation and notify Dr LIANG when she would need to attend the coming organizing committee meeting.

Ir T O LEE  
Dr Y LIANG

**(7) Date of Next Meeting**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.  
The date of the 3rd General Meeting would be advised later.

**Enclosures**

- (i) Supplementary information sheets tabled during the meeting on 5 March 2005
- (ii) Preliminary draft newspaper supplement (both English and Chinese Versions)