

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

Minutes of the 3rd General Meeting

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

Date : 30 March 2007 (Friday)

Time : 6:00 p.m.

Present

Ir C C CHAN	Director of Water Supplies (<i>Chairman</i>)
Ir K W 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	Vice Chairman, Metcalf and Eddy Ltd (Co-opted Member)
Ir Otto L T POON	Managing Director, Analogue Holdings Ltd (Co-opted Member)
Ir Prof Howard J C HUANG	Department of Civil Engineering, HKUST (Co-opted Member)
Mr. Allard NOOY	Director, Leighton Asia (Northern) Ltd (Co-opted Member)
Ir P H LUI	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department (Co-opted Member)
Ir Alan MAN	Director, B&V Water
Dr W QIANG	Corporate Strategy & Planning Manager, C&G Environmental Technology Ltd
Mr Victor C L KWONG	Risk Management & Environmental Manager, The Hong Kong and China Gas Co Ltd
Mr Stephen LAU	Deputy General Manager – Water Business, The Hong Kong and China Gas Investment Ltd

Absent with Apology

Ir C K WONG	Director of Drainage Services (<i>Vice Chairman</i>)
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In Attendance

Ir T O LEE	Water Supplies Department (WSD) (<i>Note Taker</i>)
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(1) **Welcoming remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the 3rd General Meeting of the International Water Association Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK).

(2) **Matters arising from the 2nd General Meeting and the 4th Executive Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the 2nd General Meeting and the 4th Executive Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2005 and 5 October 2006 respectively were confirmed. The items to be followed up were to be covered by these meeting minutes.

(3) **Chairman's report on recent activities**

(a) **Meeting with the IWA Executive Director, Mr Paul REITER in Hong Kong on 5 January 2007**

The Chairman informed members that Mr REITER had taken the chance to visit WSD during his vacation in Hong Kong. A short meeting was held between Mr REITER and the Chairman with the presence of the Treasurer and Ir T O LEE to discuss various issues including in particular the forthcoming establishment of an IWA regional office in Singapore. This strategic development of IWA was one of the results subsequent to the signing of an agreement on "Sustaining Innovation Partnership" between the Singapore PUB and IWA during the 2006 IWA World Water Congress in Beijing. Before Mr REITER came to Hong Kong, he had attended a workshop in Singapore hosted by PUB to discuss the way forward on the issue. It was expected that the operation of this regional office would facilitate the extension of IWA's service in the Asia Pacific Region.

[Post Meeting Note : According to the message dated 7 April 2007 from IWA HQ, the regional office with a planned ultimate staff establishment of 2 people in the WaterHub, Singapore will be opened as part of the 4th IWA Leading-Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technology activities, 4-7 June 2007]

(b) International Symposium on Sustainable and Safe Water Supplies, HKU, 15-16 January 2007

The 2-day International Symposium was successfully held and attended by some 300 participants including over 70 from Mainland China and overseas. A wide range of topics were covered by the presentations and inspiring discussions were conducted during the 5 panel discussion sessions. The Chairman recalled that one of the presentations on the subject “Biofilm and Potential Microbial Contamination in Water Supply Systems” and the subsequent debate on the method of sampling and the quality of water supply in Hong Kong between WSD chemists and the speaker in the discussion session had drawn the media’s attention.

(c) Technical Visit to Ngong Ping Sewage Treatment Works and Ngau Tam Mei Water Treatment Works for undergraduates, 3 March 2007

The technical visit for undergraduates was successfully held with some 40 participants from the University of Science & Technology, the Hong Kong Baptist University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the University of Hong Kong. To echo the appeal of IWA for IWAHK’s assistance in promotion of membership, Ir T O LEE had taken the opportunity to introduce the IWA Student Membership and its application procedures to the participants. Members agreed that this type of technical visits should be conducted on an annual basis.

Apart from the technical visit, Prof HUANG opined if it would be possible for WSD or DSD to make presentations on the complete water cycle in the local universities to enhance the knowledge of students studying on relevant courses. Supporting in principle the suggestion, the Chairman responded that WSD and DSD staff had been invited to present on water-related subjects in many occasions. It was however necessary for the two departments to take into account the availability of resources to extend the activity to include universities.

(3) Forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE Events

The following forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE events were brought up for the attention of all members:

Event	Venue	Period
4 th IWA Leading-Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies www.iwa-let2007.com.sg	Singapore	4-7 June 2007
14 th International Symposium on Health-related Water Microbiology watermicro2007.jp	Tokyo, Japan	9-15 September 2007
2 nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition www.awa.asn.au/events/aspire	Perth, Australia	28 Oct – 1 Nov 2007
6 th IWA World Water Congress www.iwa-vienna2008.org	Vienna, Austria	8-12 September 2008

The Chairman encouraged members to support and participate in the IWA events.

Regarding the 14th International Symposium on Health-related Water Microbiology and the 2nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition, Ir T O LEE informed members that WSD had submitted proposed technical papers to support the two events.

[Post Meeting Note : Ir David C W CHAU is invited to present a paper entitled “How energy can be saved in large flushing water supply system - Hong Kong experience” during the 2nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition.]

(4) 2007 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong cum 40th Anniversary of Plover Cove Reservoir

The World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) programme in Hong Kong 2007 cum the 40th anniversary of Plover Cove Reservoir was included in the celebration programme of the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of Hong Kong SAR. All members supported the idea and agreed that the participation

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level should be increased for this function. Ir Alan MAN added that since Plover Cove was the first reservoir in the world built at sea and it symbolised the Hong Kong people's innovation to tackle the local water shortage problem during the 1960's and 1970's, he wished the organizer would increase the coverage of the publicity programme for the event. The Chairman agreed to Ir MAN's comment and said that the details of the event proposal were not finalised yet and they would be publicised for information of the members in due course. He added that similar to last year, the expenses of the event would be met by sponsorship.

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The Chairman also briefed members about the change of the official date of WWMD from 18 October to 18 September starting this year as recently announced by the organizer, Water Environment Federation. However, the organizer indicated that those who had already made arrangements for events to be held in October could stick to their plan. As such, the meeting decided to fix the date of WWMD in Hong Kong to be 14 October 2007, the Sunday closest to 18 October.

[Post Meeting Note : The 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Establishment of the Hong Kong SAR – Events Calendar in which the WWMD cum 40th Anniversary of Commissioning of Plover Cove Reservoir is included has been formally announced. Please refer to website : www.gov.hk/10]

(7) Date of Next Meeting

There being no other businesses, the meeting ended at 7:00 p.m. The next IWAHK General Meeting would be held before March 2009 according to the Constitution. Details would be announced later.