

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

Minutes of the 4th Executive Committee Meeting

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

Date : 5 October 2006 (Thursday)

Time : 5:45 p.m.

Present

Ir C C CHAN	Director of Water Supplies (<i>Chairman</i>)
Ir C K WONG	Director of Drainage Services (<i>Vice Chairman</i>)
Ir K L WONG	Vice Chairman, Metcalf and Eddy Ltd.
Ir Otto L T POON	Managing Director, Analogue Holdings Ltd.
Mr. Allard NOOY	Director, Leighton Asia (Northern) Ltd
Ir P H LUI	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department (EPD)
Ir K W CHAN	Deputy Director of Water Supplies (<i>Secretary</i>)
Ir David C W CHAU	Assistant Director of Water Supplies/Mechanical & Electrical (<i>Treasurer</i>)

Absent with Apology

Ir Prof Howard J C HUANG	Department of Civil Engineering, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
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In Attendance

Ir T O LEE	Senior Engineer/Headquarters, Water Supplies Department (WSD) (<i>Note Taker</i>)
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(1) Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed all members to the 4th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the International Water Association Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK).

(2) Matters arising from the 3rd EC Meeting

The minutes of the 3rd EC Meeting held on 8 June 2006 were confirmed. The latest status of the following particular items were reported :

(a) Revised IWAHK Mission Statement

The Chairman advised that the mission statement had been revised and uploaded onto IWAHK's website. He thanked Mr Allard NOOY for his effort in aptly expanding the mission statement so as to reflect the scope of the committee's work with a broader outlook.

(b) The 5th IWA World Water Congress, Beijing

On behalf of the Chairman, the Treasurer reported that the 5th IWA World Water Congress was successfully held in Beijing from 10-14 September 2006. Some 3,000 delegates from all over the world including not less than 21 Hong Kong delegates (13 from government departments and 8 from the private sector) attended the Congress. About 200 international companies and organizations had demonstrated their latest innovation and technology development in the exhibition. The plenary and technical sessions were well received in general. Particular interest was paid to the latest development of nanotechnology in water purification.

Apart from the congress, he also accompanied the Chairman to attend on behalf of Hong Kong, China the Governing Board meeting on 8 and 9 September 2006 in which the representatives of various committees and groups of IWA reported their work and business plans. During the Governing Board meeting, the Vice Presidents of the new 2-year term, i.e. Dr Glen DAIGGER (USA) and Prof Shinichiro OHGAKI (Japan) had been elected after several stages of voting. Also, it was announced that the 2012 IWA World Water Congress would be held in the Asia Pacific Region and four countries, viz Japan, Korea, Singapore and Malaysia had expressed interest of hosting the event.

In this congress, Hong Kong, China had received a number of awards. They were :

- (1) Honorary Membership Award for Ir Dr William C G KO;
- (2) IWA Innovation Projects Awards – Regional Winner and Global Prize Winner under “Design Projects” category Tai Po Water Treatment Works and Aqueducts Project
- (3) IWA Marketing and Communication Highly Recommended Awards for WSD under the categories of “Annual Report” and “Customers Activities”.

Ir T O LEE added that as advised by the IWA staff during an informal meeting, IWA had decided to set up a regional office in Singapore to enhance communication among members in the Asia Pacific Region. Also, the members of IWAHK would be invited to contribute articles for the IWA Newsletters for experience sharing with other international water practitioners.

Regarding the post-congress tour and presentation in Hong Kong suggested by Mr Allard NOOY during the last meeting, the Chairman informed members that the IWAHK Secretariat had issued an invitation e-mail to the overseas speakers of the World Water Congress in end July 2006. There was no positive response received and it was finally decided to cancel the proposed post-congress activity in Hong Kong.

(c) 2006 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong

The Secretary informed all members that the launching ceremony for the “2006 World Water Monitoring Day” programme in Hong Kong would be held at Tai Lam Chung Reservoir on 15 October 2006. The Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Works), Ir C K MAK, JP would be the officiating guest. A total of 20 secondary schools had been selected from more than 70 applicants by drawing lots for participating in the programme and a briefing had been conducted on 4 October 2006. Five sponsors namely ATAL Engineering, Black & Veatch Hong Kong Ltd, Leighton Contractors (Asia) Ltd, Town Gas and United Utilities International had registered their support to the event by each donating HK\$10,000 for purchasing the testing kits and T-shirts. Invitations for guests including all IWAHK co-opted members had been sent out and the list was to be finalised shortly.

(d) Technical Visits for Undergraduates

Ir T O LEE reported that an initial contact with the PhD students of HKUST had been made on the proposed technical visits. The feedback indicated that the students would welcome and participate in organising the IWAHK visits for all universities concerned. But to make the visits a bit more interesting, they had suggested a best report competition be included. After some discussions, the Chairman concluded that as this would be the first time we host this tour, the response was yet to be seen. Considering the workload involved in holding a best report competition, Ir T O LEE should liaise further with the students to outline a more detailed and practical proposal for the consideration of the Executive Committee. Mr Allard NOOY enquired if there would be a target time for the activity. Ir T O LEE suggested that the event should preferably be held before

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the HKU International Symposium to be held in mid January 2007. All members agreed.

(3) Forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE Events

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

Event	Venue	Period
7 th International Symposium on Water Supply Technology www.congre.co.jp/iwst2006	Yokohama, Japan	22-24 November 2006
4 th IWA Specialist Conference on Efficient Use and Management of Urban Water Supply (Abstract Submission Deadline : 15 October 2006) www.efficient2007.com	Jeju, Korea	20-23 May 2007
4 th IWA Leading-Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies (Abstract Submission Deadline : 15 November 2006) www.iwa-let2007.com.sg	Singapore	4-7 June 2007
2 nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition (Abstract Submission Deadline : 15 December 2006) 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

Regarding the 2nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition, Ir T O LEE informed members that WSD would arrange to submit proposed technical papers to support the event.

(4) Report on the 1-day Special Workshop on Regulations, Technologies and Risk Assessment in Wastewater Reclamation and Reuse, 18 September 2006

The Chairman informed members that IWAHK had successfully co-organized with HKUST the 1-day Special Workshop on water reclamation and reuse at Kowloon Regal Hotel on 18 September

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2006. The workshop was well attended by around 100 participants including 67 officers from EPD, DSD and WSD and the four speakers including the 2001 Stockholm Water Prize winner, Prof Takashi ASANO had made presentations on different aspects of wastewater reuse and reclamation. Ir P H LUI said that he had attended the workshop in person and considered the topics covered were very useful for Hong Kong.

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

Referring to the earlier e-mail correspondence between all members, the Chairman advised that IWAHK had agreed to sponsor the HKU International Symposium on Sustainable and Safe Water Supplies on a non-financial committal basis. Since pre-registration had already started and would end by 15 December 2006, he asked the Secretary to send the latest information of the event to all IWA members in Hong Kong.

The Secretary

(6) **2007 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong cum 40th Anniversary of Plover Cove Reservoir**

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the return of the sovereignty of Hong Kong to China, there was a proposal to upgrade the participation level of the World Water Monitoring Day programme in Hong Kong next year together with the celebration for the 40th anniversary of the commissioning of Plover Cover Reservoir. Mr Allard NOOY enquired if the activity could be held in conjunction with the 2nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition in order to draw the attention of the international arena to the event. The Chairman responded that the purpose of tabling this item was to let all members start thinking about how the proposal would be implemented. No concrete proposal was to be made for the time being. Members were welcomed to inform the Secretary if there were any constructive ideas before further discussion in the next meeting.

All Members

(7) **Date of Next Meeting**

There being no other businesses, the meeting ended at 7:00 p.m. The date of the 4th Executive Committee Meeting would be held before the 3rd IWAHK General Meeting in March 2007. Details would be announced later.