

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

Minutes of the 4th General Meeting

Venue : WSD Headquarters Conference Room, Room 4819, Immigration Tower
Date : 31 March 2009 (Tuesday)
Time : 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Present

Ir L T MA	Director of Water Supplies (<i>Chairman</i>)
Ir K K LAU	Director of Drainage Services (<i>Vice Chairman</i>)
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>)
Ir Alan H L MAN*	Director, Black & Veatch
Mr Alex K K CHAN	Senior Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department
Dr X Y LI	Department of Civil Engineering, HKU
Dr Y LIANG	Department of Biology, HKBU
Mr Victor C L KWONG	Risk Management & Environmental Manager, The Hong Kong and China Gas Co Ltd
Mr Tom CHEN	Engineering and Operations Manager, Swire Environmental Services Ltd.
Dr Johnson LEE	Director, Asia Water Solutions Co. Ltd
Ms W M TANG	Asia Water Solutions Co. Ltd

Absent with Apology

Dr H Y YEUNG*	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department
Ir C Y FONG*	Director, ATAL Engineering Ltd
Prof Herbert H P FANG*	Chair Professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, HKU

In Attendance

Ir Bobby M T NG [#]	Assistant Director of Water Supplies/ Development
Ir T O LEE	Water Supplies Department (WSD) (<i>Note Taker</i>)

* Co-opted Member

[#] Presenter of Total Water Management Strategy

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(1) **Welcoming remarks**

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

(2) **Matters arising from the 3rd General Meeting and the 7th Executive Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the 3rd General Meeting and the 7th Executive Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2007 and 23 July 2008 respectively were confirmed as read. The items to be followed up were as follows:

(a) **2008 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong**

Ir T O LEE reported that the 2008 World Water Monitoring Day continued to receive overwhelming response. More than 70 countries/regions participated in the global event with the total number of participants at around 73,000. Locally, the 2008 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong comprising a launching ceremony and a monitoring programme was conducted successfully for its fifth time. The ceremony took place at the East Dam of High Island Reservoir in the afternoon of 28 September 2008. 33 schools with some 300 students participated in the ceremony by carrying out simple tests for water quality. The results, being satisfactory had been submitted and included in the 2008 Year in Review published by the organisers, ie the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the International Water Association (IWA). School reports were uploaded onto the IWAHK's homepage as well.

(b) **Resignation and replacement of Co-opted Member**

Ir T O LEE reported that since the 7th EC Meeting in July 2008, efforts had been made to search for a replacement Co-opted Member for Mr Allard NOOY but a positive response had yet to be received. As the term of the existing Co-opted members would expire by end August 2009, there would be no urgency to have the vacancy filled. The Chairman concluded that the term of service for the replacement Co-opted member lasting for merely 5 months would be too short. He asked the Secretary to follow up Secretary

inviting new Co-opted member(s) in conjunction with the renewal exercise for the 2009-2011 term in due course.

(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
Aquatech China 2009 (http://www.china.aquatechtrade.com/aquatechcn09/e)	Shanghai, China	3-5 June 2009
6 th IWA leading-edge conference & exhibition on water and wastewater technologies <i>cum</i> 2009 Singapore International Water Week (http://www.siww.com.sg/)	Singapore	22-26 June 2009
5 th IWA specialized membrane technology conference for water and waste water treatment (http://www.iwa-mtc2009.org/about.asp?CategoryID=50)	Beijing, China	1-3 Sep 2009
3 rd IWA ASPIRE conference & exhibition (http://www.aspire2009.org/)	Taipei, Chinese Taiwan	18-22 Oct 2009
7 th IWA World Water Congress (http://www.iwa2010montreal.org/)	Montreal, Canada	19 – 24 Sep 2010
<u>(Non-IWA Event)</u> 第八屆深、港、珠、澳供水界學術交流會暨第五屆海峽兩岸水質安全控制技術與管理研討會	Macao	28-29 Oct 2009

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The Chairman encouraged all members to support and participate in the IWA events. He said that he would participate in the 2009 Singapore International Water Week with three WSD staff. There would be two oral presentations and two poster presentations. The Chairman would present a topic on “A View from Hong Kong on the Importance of Technology”. The Vice Chairman added that he would also participate in this event with three DSD colleagues. An oral presentation would be conducted by DSD as well.

All members

Ir Alan MAN told members that B&V had two joint papers each with WSD and DSD for oral presentation in the 3rd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition in Taipei.

All members

Ir T O LEE appealed for the support of members to participate in this non-IWA event “8th Shenzhen-HK-Zhuhai-Macau Water Supply Seminar”, of which WSD was one of the co-organisers.

(4) 2009 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong

All members agreed that IWAHK should continue to support the World Water Monitoring Day. In this regard, Ir T O LEE proposed that the venue for the 2009 World Water Monitoring Day - Hong Kong launching ceremony was to be the open area of the historic Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station. The tentative date would either be 20th or 27th September 2009 and water sampling would be arranged to be carried out at the Tai Tam Tuk Reservoir at a distance of 1 to 2 km away. He explained the reason for choosing the historic site was that heritage conservation was becoming a contemporary issue of the society and this pumping station was a rare local industrial monument with a service history of over a century. As such, it would be a good opportunity to promote heritage conservation to the younger generation while promoting water conservation. Members showed support to the proposal and the Chairman asked Ir T O LEE to provide more details when the programme was developed further.

Ir T O LEE

(5) Presentation on Total Water Management Strategy

In association with the launch of Total Water Management strategy in late 2008, Ir Bobby M T NG, Assistant Director

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of Water Supplies Department took the opportunity to present the subject to members. The set of presentation slides is attached in **Appendix I**.

A useful exchange of views on a number of issues including Dongjiang water supply, protection of local water resources, water reclamation as well as desalination with RO membrane technology ensued.

(6) AOB – Promotion of Membership

Dr Johnson LEE enquired if measures could be taken by the committee to promote membership of IWAHK. Ir T O LEE responded that from time to time IWA would request IWAHK to recommend a list of potential organisations to join the corporate membership and the IWA marketing agent would approach them subsequently. IWAHK also attempted to recruit student members from local universities. The Chairman said that IWAHK would be open to any opportunities to promote membership. However, the committee would need to conduct more activities. One possible way was to support and co-organise conferences or seminars with academics. He welcomed members' suggestions on this subject and asked the Executive Committee to keep this matter in view.

Co-opted
Members

(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 2011 according to the Constitution. Details would be announced later.