

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

Minutes of the 8th Executive Committee Meeting

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

Date : 27 August 2009 (Thursday)

Time : 5:45 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
Ir C Y FONG	Director, ATAL Engineering Ltd
Dr H Y YEUNG	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department (EPD)

Absent with Apology

Prof Herbert H P FANG	Chair Professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, HKU
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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 8th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the International Water Association Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK).

(2) Briefing on Singapore International Water Week

The Chairman reported that he had participated in the 7th Minister Forum on Infrastructural Development for Asia-Pacific Region

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and then the Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) in Singapore from 20 to 26 June 2009. Despite the economic downturn and the impact of Influenza A (H1N1), the event with a theme of sustainable water solution for cities continued to receive strong support from industry players and practitioners. More than 10,000 trade attendees comprising delegates, visitors and exhibitors from over 85 countries and regions participated in this year's SIWW, surpassing last year's attendance of 8,500.

In the Water Convention programme, the Chairman was offered an opportunity to present a paper on the importance of technology for Hong Kong's water supply providing information on the local development. Participating in the China Business Forum, he observed that the country was searching and adopting new technology for different applications in integrated water resources management. He also took the chance to visit SingSpring Desalination Plant, Changi Water Reclamation Plant, Marina Barrage and Water Hub. Shared by the Vice Chairman and Ir Alan MAN who also participated in the SIWW, he remarked that this year's event was a successful one in terms of its high quality technical programme, organisation and presentations. It was worthwhile for IWAHK members to support and participate in next year's SIWW.

The Chairman added that he had discussed with some exhibitors on the possibility of providing a mobile TV system that could be used in a small diameter (say 25mm) water pipe for inspecting its internal condition so as to help pinpoint the exact location of any water leak in the plumbing system of buildings.

Regarding membrane technology, he observed that there was a downtrend of the unit energy consumption. The leading suppliers were competing in finding technological breakthroughs with a view to further reducing the energy requirements. It was expected that more economical and environmentally friendly plant designs would emerge in the near future.

(4) Forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE Events

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

Event	Venue	Period
3 rd IWA-ASPIRE Conference	Taipei,	18-22 October 2009

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and Exhibition www.aspire2009.org	Chinese Taiwan		
7 th IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition www.iwa2010montreal.org	Montreal, Canada	19-24 September 2010	
6 th International Symposium on Environmental Anaerobic Technologies *	HKU, Hong Kong	12-13 2009	November

* Non-IWA event supported by IWAHK

Ir T O LEE informed members that two WSD colleagues viz Ir Vincent S C MAK and Ir T H YEUNG would attend the 3rd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition, Taipei and the alongside council meeting.

Regarding the 7th IWA World Water Congress, the organising committee was currently inviting paper submissions. Ir T O LEE reported that the invitation had already been sent to all IWAHK members. The deadline for submission of abstracts or outline paper would be 24 September 2009.

All members

Ir T O LEE also informed members that Prof Herbert FANG was the chair of the organising committee for the 6th International Symposium on Environmental Anaerobic Technologies. Though absent from the meeting, Prof FANG would welcome all IWAHK members with particular interest in wastewater treatment to participate in the symposium for free admission in the University of Hong Kong.

All members

(5) 2009 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong

The Chairman briefed members that in light of the declaration of waterworks monuments on 18 September 2009, it was opportune to organise a combined event, ie the Ceremony for Declaration of Waterworks Monuments cum World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) 2009. A proposal had been sent to all members as an attachment to the agenda. The combined event would take place at Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station in the afternoon of 18 September 2009 (Friday), the official date for the WWMD. The Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie LAM and the Chairman of Antiquities Advisory Board, Mr Bernard CHAN would officiate the declaration ceremony as well as the opening

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ceremony for the Tai Tam Waterworks Heritage Trail. A PR firm was appointed by WSD to organise the event. An invitation card had been sent to all IWAHK Co-opted Members for the event. To go to the venue, guests might choose to take the pre-arranged shuttle buses departing from Admiralty and WSD Red Hill Water Treatment Works (for those members who would be driving). As the ceremony was to start at around 1:00 pm, light lunch would be served for all participating guests at the venue. The Chairman invited the presence of all members to grace the special occasion.

All members

Regarding the WWMD, Ir T O LEE reported that through the coordination of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, a group of some 120 Form 2 students from Pui Kiu College would carry out tests for water samples collected from Tai Tam Tuk Reservoir this year at Tai Tam Tuk Raw Water Pumping Station. Waterworks chemists would take charge of the test as usual and brief participants on the testing instructions. They would take the opportunity to participate in the ceremony and tour around the pump hall. As the WWMD activities this year were to be organised as a combined event with the Ceremony for Declaration of Waterworks Monuments, sponsorship from members to meet the expenses of WWMD activities would not be invited.

(6) Co-opted Membership for the next 2-year Term

The Chairman informed members that according to Rule 10 of the IWAHK Constitution, the co-opted membership should be for 2 years and that the current one would expire by end August 2009. In response to invitations sent to all current Co-opted members, all indicated that they would be pleased to continue serving on the regional committee for another 2 years. Appointment letters would be issued in due course.

Secretary

(7) AOB Item – Promotion of IWAHK

In view of the on-going initiatives taken by the Government for promoting water conservation and water saving devices, the Chairman invited members to give thoughts on how IWAHK should participate and support the associated campaigns. Ir Alan MAN opined that easy-roll-up banners for promoting IWAHK should be made available for display in suitable occasions.

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The Chairman also informed members that a meeting with IWA President, Dr David GARMAN during his stop-over in Hong Kong would be conducted on 31 August 2009 before Dr GARMAN headed for the 5th IWA Specialised Membrane Technology Conference for Water and Wastewater Treatment, Beijing, 1-3 September 2009. He would take the opportunity to exchange ideas with Dr GARMAN and see if there would be any initiative from IWA Headquarters requiring the support from IWAHK.

The Vice Chairman added that there would be a few DSD staff participating in the afore-mentioned conference on membrane technology.

[Post Meeting Note : A breakfast meeting with the presence of Dr David GARMAN, Deputy Secretary (Works) 2 of Development Bureau – Ir Enoch LAM, IWAHK Chairman and Vice Chairman, and Ir T O LEE was conducted in Langham Hotel on 31 August 2009.]

(8) Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:30 p.m. The date of the 8th Executive Committee Meeting would be announced later.