

Summary of the International Symposium on Sustainable and Safe Water Supplies, HKU 15-16 January 2007



During January 15-16, The University of Hong Kong held a two-day International Symposium on Sustainable and Safe Supplies which was attended by 314 participants including over 70 from Mainland China and overseas. Dr. Sarah Liao, Secretary of ETWB, delivered the opening address and Mr. C. C. Chan, Director of WSD the closing address. This Symposium was supported by IWAHK as well as five other local institutions.

Nineteen internationally renowned speakers from four continents were invited to deliver speeches in four areas related to Sustainable Water, which is one of the strategic research themes recently identified by HKU. Professor Peter Wilderer from Germany, who is the Stockholm Water Prize recipient (2003), and two members of National Academy of Engineering from China and the US, i.e. Professor QIAN Yi of Tsinghua University and Professor Daniel P. Loucks of Cornell University, are among the invited speakers. Local speakers include Professors Joseph H. W. Lee, Herbert H. P. Fang and David Dudgeon of HKU and Professor Paul K. S. Lam of CityU. Other speakers are from Australia, US, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Mainland China and Macau.

This Symposium was considered a success by many participants, not only because of the large number of attendants, but also because of the high caliber of all the invited speeches and the inspiring discussion in each of the 5 panel discussion sessions.

Professor Herbert H. P. Fang, who is the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, feels that this Symposium has reached goals