

The Chartered Management Institute

Hong Kong Branch



Chairman's report for the Annual General Meeting of 2004

Executive Council

At the Annual General Meeting held on 31st March, 2004, a new Executive Council was formed through election, consisting of the following members :

Chairman :	Mr Tony Kwok Man Wai, SBS, IDS
Vice-chairman	Mr George Mok Yuen Chee
Hon Secretary	Ms Signoree Ng
Hon Treasurer	Dr Albert Wong Wing Kuen
Members	Dr Edmund Lee Tak Yue
	Mr Chan Chung Kwong
	Mr Adonis Cheung Kwok Dong
	Ms Sally Kwan Yee Lan
	Mr Joseph Tsang Hin Kei
	Mr Timothy Wong
	Mr Patrick H.C. Wong
Immediate Past Chairperson	Mrs Cecilia Tsui

During the year, five Executive Council meetings were held.

Working Committees

Five Working Committees were established under the following chairmanship :

- Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Committee – Mr Adonis Cheung
- Social Committee – Ms Signoree Ng
- Finance Committee – Dr Albert Wong
- Membership Committee – Mr Patrick Wong
- Editorial Committee – Mr George Mok

New Secretariat

The former Secretariat, Ms Elaine Xavier tendered her resignation and Mr S.K. Lau was appointed as new Secretariat with effect from 1st June, 2004.

Hon Auditor

We are most grateful to the professional service offered by Messer Paul Chan & Partners, Certified Public Accountants, who was re-appointed Honorary Auditors for the year.

Finance

The Branch's finance is in a healthy state. Please refer to the financial report

Activities

Although the new Executive Council only came into office on 31 March this year, we have a busy and fruitful period during the last eight months in terms of organizing activities for members. Since the Hong Kong Branch is still a very young organization, it is hoped that more members can be attracted to participate in the Branch's activities and to form networking. Highlights of the activities during the year are:

Visit to Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

Around 30 members participated in our visit to the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks on the 15th May 2004. We are most delighted to have Mr. C. D. Tam, Chief Executive Officer receiving us at the Park and addressing the group. This was a valuable and educational function which gave our members an insight of the advance technology in Electronics, Biotechnology, Precision Engineering, IT & Telecommunications.

Familiarization visit to Shenzhen Nanshan District + Lychee Tour

On 20 Jun 2004, we organized a unique tour for our members to celebrate the Father's Day with family members and friends. A total of 45 participants joined our tour. It is our honour to have Government officials and district leaders of Nanshan District to present their recent development plans, phases on implementation and introduce the most valuable areas worthy for investment. This helped members to look for

investment opportunities in Shenzhen. We also visited a “lychee garden” where members enjoyed a good taste of the fresh and delicious lychee!

Cathay City Visit

On 21 August, 2004, we organized a visit to the Cathy City which is one of the world largest and most modern airline headquarters. Senior staff from Cathay Pacific presented to us the company’s successful management philosophy and we were given a guided tour of the City’s facilities including its flight training center and the high tech flight simulator. All participants also enjoyed a delicious buffet held at the privileged senior staff restaurant with panoramic view of the airport.

CPD seminars

A CPD Seminar on “Financial Planning Change your Life” by our Hon Treasurer, Dr. Albert Wong was held on 6 Sep 2004 in South Pacific Hotel. Around 30 members benefited from his presentation and apart from achieving CPD points, this was also an excellent opportunity for networking.

The other CPD Seminar on “Leadership and Risk and Crisis Management” will be held on 30th November, 2004. We are honoured to have an expert on this subject, Dr Joe Leung from the Hong Kong Productivity Council, to speak on this seminar.

The second “New Product Evening” was held on the 28th May 2004 at The Centre. There were 4 topics introduced at the gathering, namely “The Visi-Suite – The ‘Aha! I see what you mean’ products and services”, “Next IntelliForm”, “Red and White Wines – A Selection Guide” and “Introduction to Chartered Manager”. After the presentation, participants enjoyed the wine tasting to round off the evening

Newsletter

Under the leadership of the Editorial Board of the Branch, the 1st issue of Newsletter this year was circulated to members in August. For the first time, we have agreed to accept advertisements. Members are most welcomed to make good use of this Newsletter to promote their company products. The next issue would be published in December this year.

Website

Our Branch's website www.managers.org.hk includes updates and past events highlights and "on-line" Newsletter. Members could make good use of this channel to keep abreast with the activities of our Branch.

Conclusion and Way Forward

I would like to register my sincere appreciation for the excellent work done by all members of the Executive Council, all on voluntary basis and amidst the current climate in Hong Kong when no one can be spared from performing long hours of work!. The Branch is also grateful to the professional service provided by all staff of our Secretariat.

As to the future, we will continue to organize CPD and other activities for our member. We are preparing for a visit to Shanghai in February and once we have the details, it will be circulated to all members. We are also considering how the Branch can play a role in promoting management and professionalism in the society.

The Executive Council is also considering the feasibility of establishing a company incorporated by guarantee for the Branch, instead of registering the Branch under the Society Ordinance, which offers little legal protection.

(Tony Kwok Man-wai)

Chairman