

The Chartered Management Institute Hong Kong Branch Annual General Meeting 2003 Report of Council

Dear Fellows, Members and Students

It is a privilege to have your presence at the Annual General Meeting 2003 of the Chartered Management Institute Hong Kong Branch. In particular, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your support and contributions.

I am pleased to state that the Hong Kong Branch's membership and financial position stay in fine health. I hope that this report enlightens you on how the Executive Council is continuing to move the Branch forward. Despite the outbreak of SARS in early 2003, the Branch organized various activities to provide platforms for members to network in Hong Kong. The year 2003 was a successful one, with new initiatives and recognition from local community.

Organization

The Hong Kong Branch and I sincerely thank our Executive Council members, who demonstrate vision, drive and dedicated hard work to serve members in Hong Kong. To recognize significant contributions of members, the Chartered Management Institute installed positions of Founder Chairperson and Founder Members of the Hong Kong Branch in December 2003. I am sure the Branch will uphold its vision and mission to serve members.

Website

Our website www.managers.org.hk has been playing its role to enhance communication within our community. You are invited to make good use of this channel to get up-to-date information of the Branch.

Newsletter – *Chartered Management Link*

As you know, the Branch published its 2nd issue of newsletter, *Chartered Management Link*, in professionally designed format in May 2003. I hope you find this newsletter a vehicle for public publicity, and for sharing information on Branch activities within the Chartered Management community.

Partnering with the Support & Consultation Centre for SMEs (SUCCESS),

Trade & Industry Department, Hong Kong SAR Government

In June 2003, I paid a visit to the Trade & Industry Department to solicit assistance for research studies. At the same time, as Chairperson of Executive Council (2002-2003) of the Branch, I was overjoyed that the Trade & Industry Department, Hong Kong SAR Government invited the Branch to join them as a collaborating organization with their Support & Consultation Centre for SMEs (SUCCESS). Since July 2003, the Branch has been providing free business advisory services to SMEs. Most of all, I am glad that this partnership provides the Branch an avenue to establish its presence and to make contributions to SMEs in Hong Kong.

Collaboration with the Singapore Branch – International Management Action Award (IMAA)

In early 2003, the Chartered Management Institute Singapore Branch invited the Hong Kong Branch to assist promoting the International Management Action Award (IMAA) in Hong Kong. The Branch sent letters and IMAA publicity literatures to major corporations, universities and professional institutions to promote the event. However, owing to travel complexities brought by SARS, there were no representations from the Hong Kong Branch at the IMAA gala dinner held in August 2003 in Singapore.

CPD Seminars

During the year, the Branch organized 3 CPD seminars, namely:

- 12 July 2003 – Seminar on "*Commercial Fraud*"
By Mr Tony Kwok, Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Branch, and Mrs Alison Wong, Director, Restructuring, Investigation & Insolvency, Grant Thornton
Jointly organized with the Trade & Industry Department, Hong Kong SAR Government and the Hong Kong Business Institute
- 22 September 2003 – Seminar on "*Doing Business in China*"
By Mr Paul Chan, Managing Partner, Paul Chan & Partners
- 9 October 2003 – Seminar on "*Organizational Responsiveness in a Turbulent Business Environment*"
By Mr Jeremy Kidner, Managing Partner, Insight Dynamics
Jointly organized with City University MBA Alumni Limited

These seminars were well attended and achieved positive synergy of collaborating with relevant organizations.

Organizational Visits

To strengthen our relationship with members and various business organizations in Hong Kong, the Branch organized 3 visits, namely:

- 20 March 2003 – Business Information Centre, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- 30 August 2003 – Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (HACTL) and Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited (HAECO)

These visits offered opportunities for members to better understand different business operations in Hong Kong.

New Product Evening

The Branch organized its first New Product Evening on 7 August 2003. The first meeting had a good mix of new product information on data / information security, software development and professional development programmes for managers. Initiated by Mr Tony Kwok, Vice-chairman of the Branch, this activity aims to encourage members to share innovative product / service information within the Chartered Management community in Hong Kong.

CMIHK Toastmasters Club

The CMIHK Toastmasters Club, serving as an interest group of the Hong Kong Branch, progressed in a step-by-step approach attracting membership as well as providing a platform for our members to practise communication, public speaking and leadership skills. During the year, the Club collaborated with a number of sister clubs in Hong Kong, along with the cultivation and establishment of its own Club culture.

Scholarship Award Trip to the Chartered Management Institute London Office

The Chartered Management Institute Hong Kong Branch Scholarship award winners, Miss Wong Hung-Yin and Miss Wong Mei-Yuk, had a visit to the Institute's London Office in early November 2003. Hung-Yin and Mei-Yuk were grateful to the Institute for the scholarship, and appreciated the Chartered Management Institute's contributions to professional development of managers.

The Institute's Newly Developed Qualification - Chartered Manager

The Institute formally announced the launch of its newly developed qualification "Chartered Manager" in late 2003. You are invited to see full details from the Institute's website www.managers.org.uk . All registrations are made on-line directly with the Headquarters.

Hong Kong Branch Annual Dinner 2003

Last but not least, the Branch had a successful annual dinner on 11 December 2003. There were more than 100 guests and members attended the event. I am particularly pleased with presence of our Hon. President, Sir S Y Chung and guest of honour, Mr C D Tam, CEO, Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation. There were also other VIPs, including chairmen / office bearers of about 10 professional institutions and senior officials from related organizations, such as the British Chamber of Commerce, Department of Trade & Industry, Hong Kong SAR Government, Hong Kong Productivity Council and Hong Kong Trade Development Council. The annual dinner 2003 was indeed a warm and cheerful evening.

As illustrated above, the Chartered Management Institute Hong Kong Branch had a fruitful 2003. Once again, thank you very much for your continuing support and participation. I

would also like to invite members to join me in thanking Miss Elaine Xavier and Mr D C Ha, Gold Mail Box (HK) Limited, for their professional secretariat support to the Branch during the year.

The Executive Council and I look forward to welcoming you at future Branch events.

Cecilia B S Tsui (Mrs)

Founder Chairperson, and Chairperson, Executive Council (2002-2003)

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