

The Chartered Management Institute
Hong Kong Branch
Annual General Meeting 2002

Report of Council

Fellow members

It is a pleasure to give you an overview of the Chartered Management Institute, Hong Kong Branch's accomplishments over the past year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank your contributions. Our membership and financial position stay in fine health. It is my hope that this report enlightens you on how the Executive Council is continuing to move the Branch forward.

I would like to review a few of the Branch's highlights in the past 12 months.

Change of Name

At the Annual General Meeting 2001, the proposed name change from "The Institute of Management, UK (Hong Kong Group)" to "The Institute of Management, Hong Kong Branch" was endorsed by members.

Following the award of Royal Charter to our UK Headquarters in April 2002, the registered name of the Branch at present is "The Chartered Management Institute, Hong Kong Branch".

Executive Council and Organization

I highly appreciate the vision, drive and dedicated hard work of Executive Council (EC) members. Working together with Office Bearers of the Council, EC members exert their expertise and put in efforts to work towards goals of establishing the Branch's presence and networking with members in Hong Kong. The Executive Council will uphold its mission and make sure its organization fits the needs of the Hong Kong Branch.

Toastmasters Club

Recognizing the importance of effective business communication and public speaking skills, the Branch set up its Toastmasters Club, as an interest group, in January 2002. It works closely with the Toastmasters International, Hong Kong Division. The club serves as a platform for members to brush up their communication and leadership skills.

Scholarship Award Ceremony

The Branch had sponsored a Scholarship Award Scheme for the School of Business, Hong Kong Baptist University. An award ceremony was held in April 2002 at the Hong Kong Baptist University. Professor Yiu-Kwan Fan, Dean of the School and I presented addresses, emphasizing on the importance to incorporate lifelong learning in today's knowledge economy.

CPD Seminars

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

- *"Effective Lifelong Learning - Effective Management"*
With School of Business, Hong Kong Baptist University
- *"Modern Logistics Development in the Mainland and Hong Kong "*
With Hong Kong Logistics Association
- *"Opportunities and Avenues for SMEs to Enter the Mainland Market"*
With MBA Alumni Association Limited, City University of Hong Kong

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

Social Gathering - Visit to Maipo Marshes

To strengthen our relationship with members in Hong Kong, we organized a visit to Maipo Marshes in October 2002. The event offered an opportunity for members to mingle with one another as well as to enjoy the autumn weather in a nice environment.

Website

The Hong Kong Branch is proactive in developing its virtual presence. As from July 2002, our website www.managers.org.hk has been providing an electronic means to enhance channel of communication between the Branch and members. We will further develop the website to ensure it brings benefits to all parties.

Finally, thanks very much for your continuing support and participation. The Executive Council and I look forward to welcoming you at future events of the Branch.

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The Chartered Management Institute, Hong Kong Branch