

2008 Annual General Meeting Chartered Institute of Housing Asian Pacific Branch

Theresa Kwok
Honourary Secretary

The meeting was held on the 15th January, 2009 at 18:30 at City Chinese Restaurant, 8/F Amenities Building, City University of Hong Kong and was attended by 32 members in person and 6 members by proxy.

Mr Chow Chiu Hung, Victor, chairman of APB, reported the major achievements/breakthroughs by APB during his term of office.

1. Since the renaming of Hong Kong Branch to Asian Pacific Branch in 2001, the Branch had to, besides Hong Kong, take care of the CIH affairs within the Asia Pacific region. With the full support of the Executive Committee and the members, the Branch had developed into a regional hub of the industry in the Asia Pacific region and maintained close linkage with its counterparts in Mainland China, Taiwan, Macau, Korea, Malaysia and others.
2. Pursuant to the success in recruiting the first batch of Corporate Members in Macau and Taiwan last year, the Branch had conducted a training course in Mainland China in July 2008. In October and November 2008, the Branch conducted professional interview with some students of the training course in Beijing and Shenzhen respectively to pave the way for the conferment of corporate membership. Besides, students from the Bachelor of Arts in Housing degree program of the Wuhan University would be graduated in 2009. Therefore, there would soon be housing professionals in Mainland China joining the Institute to become Corporate Members.
3. In response to the evolving challenge of devolution and to facilitate smooth operation, the national branches in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales had developed into National Business Units (NBU) in early 2006 with the approval of the CIH Council.

Each NBU acts as a vehicle to deal with issues specific to its region. It is believed that the Asian Pacific Branch would follow suit to be transformed into a NBU or similar model to meet with the rapid development of the Branch. An ad hoc committee had been formed to tackle the issue and members would be kept informed of the development.

Mrs Li Lam Chin Ching, Rita, the Honorary Treasurer, reported the financial situation of the Branch for the Year 2008. In the year, HK\$1,903,678.00 was received from members and credited to the Head Office. Total expenditure of HK\$1,979,853.32 was reimbursed from the Head Office, which was within the approved budgeted expenditure amounting to HK\$2,787,300.00. The report was unanimously approved by the members attending the meeting.

The following nominations for Officers and Members of the Branch Executive Committee were received: Chairman - Mr Poon Yuen Fong, Sanford; Vice - Chairman - Mr Chiu Pak Lung; Hon. Secretary - Ms Kwok Pik King, Theresa; Hon. Treasurer - Mrs Li Lam Chin Ching, Rita; Training Officer - Mr Ng Kwong Ming, Paul; Membership Officer - Mr Ng Mei Chuen, Frederick; Committee Members - Mr Fung Ping Yan, Mr Ho Chun Nin, Edwin, Mr Luk Wai Lun, Stanley, Ms Wong Siu Ling, Linda, Dr Yip Ngai Ming and Mr Yuen Wai Kay, Ricky.

No election was required for the officer and the committee member posts as the number of candidates did not exceed the vacancies. The composition of the Branch Committee for the Year 2009 as above was motioned by Mr Kwan Sze Ming, Mingo, seconded by Mr Chan Wai Kong, Frankie, and unanimously passed by all members attending the

meeting.

Mr Chau Fu Keung, Edmond, CIH Council Member thanked Victor for his efforts during his term of office and the support from the members in the past years. He conveyed that CIH Council appreciated APB and its works as it was the largest branch of the CIH. The Head Office believed that APB would continuously expand as the number of members from Mainland China, Macau, Taiwan and others was increasing.

Mr Poon Yuen Fong, Sanford expressed that the works of the executive committee would focus on certain areas, including membership service and professional development within the region. APB would continue to promote professional housing management and upkeep the celebrity and professionalism of the Institute. Mr Poon also thanked Our Honorary Advisors, Mr Edmund Chung and Mr Eddy Mak, for their kind support and advice in the past year.

Mr Chow Chiu Hung, Victor and Mr Poon Yuen Fong, Sanford presented souvenirs to the members who had served the executive or functional committees for ten years or more.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee was proposed by Mr Mak Siu Hung, Eddy and unanimously passed by all members attending the meeting.

