

Chartered Institute of Housing Asian Pacific Branch 2009 Annual General Meeting

Kwok Pik King, Theresa, Honorary Secretary

The AGM was held on 22nd January, 2010 at 1830 at City Chinese Restaurant of City University of Hong Kong and was attended by 31 members in person.

Ms Kwok Pik King, Theresa, the Honorary Secretary, welcomed members to attend the Annual General Meeting and declared the Meeting commenced at 18:45 hours.

The Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting was motioned by Mr Yuen Ching Bor, Stephen, seconded by Mrs So Tam Kit Ying, Susanna, and unanimously approved by all members attending the meeting as a true, correct and formal record of the Meeting.

The Chairman, Mr Poon Yuen Fong, Sanford, reported the major achievements/ breakthroughs by APB during his term of office in the year of 2009.

1. Administration and Services

Focusing on further development of membership and improvement of membership services, the Branch Office and the IT Sub Committee collaborated to consolidate the Branch's administration and e-communication with members had been fully implemented

2. Review on Entrance and Subscription Fee for New Members

As endorsed by the headquarters in United Kingdom and with effect from January 2010, the entrance fee for new members would be waived while the subscription fees for the first year would be charged proportionally on monthly basis from the month of admission.

3. Validation of Professional Training Courses

The Branch continued to validate appropriate courses locally and from overseas. The Head of Education from CIH Head Office visited Taiwan in May and conducted the validation exercise for the first property management degree course organized by Hwa Hsia Institute of Technology.

4. Linkage to Professional Counterparts

The Branch maintained a close partnership with allies of Hong Kong Professional Property Services Alliance. Joint activities including participation in the Urban Renewal Strategy Review exercise in the Engagement and Concluding Forum held in May and November respectively, the tour to Taiwan in September with visit to the Legislative Yuan, Taipei County Government and related development projects, and the on-going consultation on the proposed licensing of professional property management companies and housing managers in Hong Kong. In addition, legal talks, technical visits, seminars and annual dinner were co-organized with HKIH during the year. Also, the Branch maintained close linkage with its counterparts in the Asia Pacific region; while Sanford and Fung Ping Yan had attended the South African Housing Foundation International Conference and Exhibition in Cape Town of South Africa in October.

5. The Breakthroughs

- a. The Branch visited Hanoi of Vietnam for the first time and was received by the Vice Minister of Construction, related officials and some leading developers of Vietnam in early January.
- b. The Branch had organized an International Housing Conference in Taipei in late February for which was the first step to foster closer relationship with members in Taiwan and to provide a forum for experience sharing among housing professionals from all over the world.
- c. A cooperation and friendship agreement was signed in April with Hwa Hsia Institute of Technology of Taiwan with the presence of the President of the Institute and Chairman of their Graduate Institute of Property Management.
- d. The Summit Forum was held in July in Shenzhen on "Property Management and Asset Management" of this nature for the first time.
- e. The professional platform for the region so called the Four Places on Both Sides of

the Strait (两岸四地), namely Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Mainland China, when the Branch conferred the first batch of corporate membership in Mainland China in late July.

- f. During the Presidential Visit in November, a property management seminar for students at the Wuhan University was held with the President Mr. Howard Farrand and Director of Scotland Mr. Alan Ferguson as the keynote speakers.

6. Honorary Advisors

The Branch is privileged to appoint Miss LC Wong and Mrs. Julia Wong as Honorary Advisors this year. With the wealth of their professional knowledge, commitment and passion to the industry, it is of confidence that the Branch will be benefited tremendously under their guidance and advice.

Mrs. Li Lam Chin Ching, Rita, Honorary Treasurer, reported the financial situation of the Branch for Year 2009, in which HK\$1,909,002.60 was received from members and remitted to the Head Office. Total expenditure at HK\$1,994,396.00 was reimbursed from the Head Office and the sum was within the approved budget for Year 2009. Rita stressed that "spend cautiously and wisely" was always observed by all the committee chairs. 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. Wong Kai Sang, Cliff
 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, Dr 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 2010 as above was motioned by Mr. Chan Wai Kong, Frankie, seconded by Mr. Chiu Sin Hung, Bonny, and unanimously passed by all members attending the meeting.

Mr. Chau Fu Keung, Edmond, the Council Member, briefed the meeting on the international connections established by the CIH Head Office

and the growing influence of the Institute in the global housing services. He also expressed his gratitude and the appreciation on behalf of CIH Council towards the efforts by APB Chair, Sanford and all the APB EC for their endeavours and contributions leading to fruitful achievements in the year 2009. Edmond also highlighted in his verbal report about the tremendous and fundamental changes of CIH structure and membership under the CIH Governance Review undertaken by the GRAG. Apart from the ongoing periodic reports to the Council, the proposals would be further discussed in the coming 2010 February Council Meeting, followed by approval at the 2010 June AGM in Harrogate and final submission to the Privy Council.

Mr. Yuen Ching Bor, Stephen, Past Chairman of the Branch, expressed his congratulation to all newly elected Executive Committee members. Mr. Yuen pointed out that property management involves wide range of services and many of these services involved professional knowledge and skills. Being a member of the Industry Training Advisory Committee for the property management industry (物業管理行業培訓諮詢委員會), Mr. Yuen conveyed that property management was the 4th industry endorsed to be included into the system of Qualifications Framework. Besides, the consultation on the proposed licensing of professional property management companies and housing managers in Hong Kong would be finalized in the coming year since its first discussion in 1984.

Mrs. Wong Ng Wenh Ky, Julia, Past Chairlady and Hon. Advisor of the Branch, thanked all previous Executive Committee members for their efforts and would congratulate all newly elected members. Mrs. Wong was of confidence that Mr. Chairman, with the strenuous support from the EC, would continue and strengthen professional development. Mrs. Wong emphasized that the changing environment aroused new challenges ahead for the industry. Taking a very good example is our active participation in the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (強制性驗樓計劃) for which is to be implemented in the coming year. We actively participated by input of our sound knowledge and practical experiences. This has demonstrated the professionalism of the industry. Through this, our professional image and status would be much enhanced.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee was proposed by Mr. Mak Yat Fung, Mason, and unanimously passed by all members attending the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:45 hours.