



Dear Governors, Officers, Members and distinguished guests, Good evening and thank you for coming to ASHRAE Hong Kong chapter AGM2009

I am extremely delighted and honorable to be elected and appointed as the incoming President of ASHRAE Hong Kong Chapter for a yearly term from 2009 to 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the nominating committee for the nomination and election of my Presidency. I would like to express my special and sincere thanks to the support from the Governors, the officers, all committee chairs and members.

Forest Gum once said "Life is like a box of chocolate. You never know what you are going to get". This sentence has signified an extraordinary life of an ordinary person. It is true that life is like a journey, an adventure that is full of surprise, happiness and opportunities. By seizing the opportunities, an ordinary person can make his life, the society and the world extraordinary. In ASHRAE, I am so proud that I have witnessed this quality of life and achievements in everyone of you. It is because of your support that has made this society so successful.

2009 is a very special year. This year is the 25th anniversary for ASHRAE Hong Kong chapter. This is also a very challenging year for HK's economy and our industry. I am particularly thankful to our committee chairs and committee members who have contributed their own time after office hours and during weekend to support the activities and functions of the chapter. As ASHRAE HK chapter is 100% contributed and supported by our member voluntarily. This is so valuable under today's economic situation.

I am so glad and excited to share with you regarding the plans for this coming fiscal year 2009-2010. Our first exciting event is the silver jubilee dinner held in Kowloon Shangri-La hotel in 3rd, April to celebrate our 25th anniversary. The happiness of our celebration will continue followed by several great events, such as our "Cool Hong Kong" Ceremony which has been tentatively scheduled end of November this year.



In my coming presidential term, I would like further enhance the HK Chapter's development by focusing in the following areas.

1. Membership Promotion & Student Activities

In the Presidential term 2007 ~2008, our previous president Mr. S.L Li has started to organize membership promotion visiting to major consultant firms and large organizations such as PBA , MTRC , EMSD . In the presidential term 2008~2009, our president Mr. K.L Chan has enhanced this work. We have organized membership promotion visiting to full day time student in different universities. We hope to recruit more students and young engineers to become members. This year, we will promote ASHRAE to part-time students. We will arrange visit to them in their classes. We believe this will help chapter to recruit more potential members.

Retention

Proper care of the chapter's members leads to increase retention. When new members are engaged, they stay. When they are ignored, they leave, it's that simple. This year we will put more manpower and effort to serve our member in areas like help them to renew their membership, follow up and update the contact list of member, and make good use of our newsletter as one of the most efficient communication channel between members and chapter.

Student Scholarship

After having a lunch meeting with one of the key person of our sponsor of "Blue Sky Tomorrow" scholarship few days ago, both of us agreed to further strengthen the relationship between the sponsor and the student. We will focus in providing a more comprehensive interface platform for the industry and the student. One of the ideas is that ASHRAE HK chapter will coordinate with the sponsor companies to provide some external advisers to our student member. The external advisers can provide effective guidance to the student regarding their design projects.

2. Certified Program

As you know, there are many professional certification programs offered by ASHRAE Headquarters in USA. Operations & performance management professional (OPMP) certification program is one of what we believe will become popular and welcomed by local industry. Our technical working group has already started to study the detail content of this program and we also start to contact our headquarters and other local institutions. We are truly confident that the implementation will go smooth. We strongly believed that this type of training program not only can enhance our reputation and status, but also increase our income for the local chapter.



3. Establishment of ASHRAE HK chapter Limited company

This is also a very important task in my presidential year term. I strongly believe that all the members of board of governors will support and contribute in this task. We are confident that this is one of our milestones for HK chapter. We truly believe that several years later, ASHRAE Hong Kong chapter can successful to become charity organization.

Most importantly, I would like to pay my tributes to all previous officers, committee chairs and members who I strongly believe that will continue to support us to ensure a smooth transition. And, I would also like to make special thanks in advance to all coming committee chairs and members whose names the incoming officers and I will confirm in coming weeks.

I am sure that this coming year will be another exciting and interesting adventure for all of us. And I am extremely confident that every one of you will continue contribute to the success of our journey.

Thank you very much and have a nice evening.

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