Successful Conclusion of APOSHO 33 by President of IOSH

After over a year of planning I am pleased to report that the 33rd Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization (APOSHO) annual conference, hosted by IOSH in Hong Kong, was a lively and well-received event. With an excellent array of speakers from 18 countries, and with more than 350 delegates attending from over 25 countries across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, it was a truly international conference. Important themes addressed by the conference included innovative ways to communicate safety to the workforce; how virtual reality and new technologies can make the world safer; how to communicate safety in schools and to young workers; and how working together with a global focus can yield positive results.

I am very proud of what we have managed to achieve in hosting this event. In doing so, we have strengthened our strategic position in the region and have been able to develop good working relations with significant players in our profession, as I outline below. The event also puts IOSH Hong Kong a leader in the OSH profession in the Asia Pacific Region. Many delegates were asking for IOSH training course providers in this region.

Strategic collaborations

APOSHO 33 was a momentous event for IOSH, giving us an excellent opportunity to engage with policy-makers, professionals and business in this part of the world. IOSH’s Global Engagement and Partnerships team held a series of constructive meetings with several organizations. A highlight for me was signing Memoranda of Collaboration with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Malaysian Occupational Safety and Health Practitioners Association (MOSHPA), and the Malaysian Society for Occupational Safety and Health (MSOSH), developing possibilities for collaborative work in Malaysia. We have much to be encouraged about as we continue to spread our influence and work with others.
Successful Conclusion of APOSHO 33 by President of IOSH (Cont.)

NTTL at APOSHO
No Time to Lose (NTTL) Ambassador John Lacey presented the campaign to APOSHO’s Education and Training Committee, encouraging the organization’s involvement. This was the first time we have presented NTTL to key OSH organizations from across the region. NTTL was also showcased throughout the conference, with around 100 organizations and companies signing our NTTL board to show their support. IOSH staff continue to follow up with these signatories, inviting them to add their organizations’ messages of support for the campaign. We will do our part to continue promoting NTTL in Hong Kong and regions nearby.

Inspiring OSH Student Award
Alongside the main APOSHO 33 conference, IOSH and APOSHO organized a student event and award to recognize the importance of developing the future leaders of the profession. This is the first time the APOSHO conferences ever hold a student event. During this workshop I had the honour of presenting the Inspiring OSH Student Award to the winner, Rens Duisters from the Netherlands, studying at Strathclyde University in Scotland, for his paper Contractor management: Do we communicate about safety with our contractors? It was exciting to hear how current work from individuals at the beginning of their careers is shaping the future of OSH.
Successful Conclusion of APOSHO 33 by President of IOSH (Cont.)

Photo Competition
Another first-ever event we put together for APOSHO is the safety photo competition. With overwhelming responses from all over the world, the Hong Kong Branch formed a judge panel to shortlist the top entries for the APOSHO members to vote for the top winners who are from Sri Lanka and Hong Kong.

Mr Rens Duisters (Left), Winner of OSH student award, presented his research paper

Ir Prof. Vincent Ho, President of IOSH, announced the voting result for the safety photo competition
Successful Conclusion of APOSHO 33 by President of IOSH (Cont.)

New Opportunities
APOSHO 33 puts IOSH Hong Kong a leader in the OSH profession in the Asia Pacific Region. Many delegates were asking for IOSH training course providers in this region. This opens the doors for members of Hong Kong Branch to pursue opportunities. We now also have a Chinese version for Managing Safety, the most attended OSH training course in the world. People are looking for trainers, and we are here.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank again our sponsors and supporting organizations in making our dream comes true – to run a very successful APOSHO conference that people will remembers for years to come. Last but not least, I must thank the Hong Kong Branch volunteers who spent days and weeks in organizing the conference. I am forever in your debt.
Participation in MTR Society Link Gathering on “MTR Major Exercise” on 30 November & 1 December 2018

On 30 November & 1 December 2018, Mr William Lau, EC Member – Membership, and Mr K H So, Co-Opted Member attended the Society Link Gathering on a Major Emergency Exercise which was jointly organized by the MTR corporation, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Fire Services Department at MTR Kowloon Tong Station.

The scenario involved simulation of an electrical appliance cubicle smouldering in a train moving from Tai Wai Station to Kowloon Tong Station and the train stopped in the tunnel. The Major Emergency Exercise aimed to test the Corporation’s emergency evacuation procedures, and to enhance the public understanding of the emergency procedures in the railway system.

Mr Allen Ding, Head of Operating – North & East Regions of MTR welcomed the participants and briefly introduced the MTR Major Exercise.

Smouldering occurred in a train compartment at the start of the Major Exercise.

MTR staff assisted all ‘passengers’ to leave the train via the train equipped detrainment ladder.
Participation in MTR Society Link Gathering on “MTR Major Exercise” on 30 November & 1 December 2018 (Cont.)

Mr Andy Lo expressed some views to MTR senior management.

Mr Siman Tang, Head of Operations Strategic Business Management, hosted the debriefing session at end of the Exercise.

Group photo taken immediately after the Exercise Briefing Session before Major Exercise commence.
Half Day Seminar on IOSH Hong Kong Student Research Project Competition and Award Presentation Ceremony 2018/2019

IOSH Hong Kong hosted the Student Research Project Competition 2018/19 for the postgraduate and undergraduate students of our IOSH accredited programmes to encourage them to conduct and present outstanding projects in the field of occupational safety and health.

This year, all IOSH accredited programmes conducted in Hong Kong leading the graduate membership were invited to select the outstanding research projects of final year students. A specially convened judging panel with members from academic and industrial professionals conducted further assessment to decide on the First Place Award candidates among the outstanding projects submitted. All the nominated final year projects were judged on the basis on depth of knowledge in occupational safety and health; relevance and worthiness to the industry; innovation and creativity; originality and feasibility of solutions or recommendations to the problems; the overall presentation.

Members of the Judging Panel for the postgraduate accredited programmes included Dr K.M. Ngan, Former Vice Principal of Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Chai Wan), Mr C.S. Chan and Ir Dr Sammy Wan, Honorary Advisors of IOSH Hong Kong Branch.

Members of the Judging Panel for the undergraduate accredited programmes included Dr C.M. Li, Senior Manager of Health, Safety and Environment Office in The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Mr Andy Lo, Council Member of IOSH and Mr Y.M. Poon, Honorary Advisor of IOSH Hong Kong Branch.

There were 2 nominated submissions for the postgraduate programme. Mr Ting Chi Kiti of HKU SPACE - Master of Science in Safety, Health and Environment and Miss Lai Yuet Yee, Linda of HKU SPACE - Master of Science in Occupational Hygiene were awarded First Place Award. Their project titles were "Prevalence of work-related musculoskeletal disorders among stevedores in a container terminal of Hong Kong" and “Barriers preventing physiotherapists from use of gait belt for assisting patient in ambulation training or gait assessment” respectively.
Half Day Seminar on IOSH Hong Kong Student Research Project Competition and Award Presentation Ceremony 2018/2019 (Cont.)

For the undergraduate programme, a total of 6 submissions were received for the competition. Mr Yau Hok Ching of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University was awarded First Place Award. The project title was “A Comparison of Worldwide Statutory Requirements for Prevention of Fall of Person from Height in Construction Industry”. Miss Law Hiu Ching and Miss Law Lok Fun were awarded the Merit Award with their respective projects, namely " Study of Control Labors in Relation to Safe Use of Metal Scaffold in Construction Industry " and " A Study of Accidents Associated with Falling from Height in the Construction Industry in Hong Kong ".

Meanwhile, Miss Lam Oi Lin, Irene of OUHK LiPACE and Middlesex University was awarded First Place Award. The project title was “The study on Animal Bites for Utility Outdoor Works in Kowloon Hong Kong”. Miss Yeung Kwan Ying and Mr Szeto Chi Hang Eric were awarded the Merit Award with their respective project, namely “Study in Enhancing Fire Safety in a Warehouse” and “The intention for construction workers to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in Hong Kong”.

The presentation ceremony was held on 19 January 2019. After the opening speech being made by Vice Chairman, Mr Duane Cheung, our President of IOSH, Ir Prof. Vincent Ho gave the IOSH update and promoted IOSH Student Membership to all attendees. The award presentation was made by our President and Vice Chairman to all awardees. The First Place Award candidates gave presentations on their projects, which were helpful for improving the health and safety standards in various industry and sectors. There were about 70 participants for the event. We appreciated the hard work of the judges in making the competition a success.
The President of IOSH gave all attendees an update including the introduction of Student Membership.

Before the end of ceremony, it was our honour to invite Mr Philip Leung, who was the Outstanding Achievement Awardee in the OSH Student Award of “The 33rd Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization” (APOSIO 33) to give the presentation on his awarded research project, namely “A Critical Study on Safe Working at Height Below 2 Meters” in that event.

Mr Philip Leung gave the presentation on his awarded research project “A Critical Study on Safe Working at Height Below 2 Meters” in this event.

The goal of the competition could encourage students to have a rewarding experience educationally, personally and professionally in the field of occupational safety and health. This was an exciting opportunity for the undergraduate and postgraduate students studying at IOSH accredited programmes to showcase their final year research projects. In addition, they could get a chance to interact with students from other tertiary institutions and safety practitioners in Hong Kong during the presentations at our Branch seminar for our members.
Membership briefings for OSH Students from Hong Kong and Macau

Ir Prof. Vincent HO, IOSH President, Mr Lewis CHENG, Treasurer IOSH Hong Kong, Mr William LAU, EC-Membership and Mr KH SO, Co-opted Member of IOSH Hong Kong delivered the briefing to OSH students in the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) on 20 February 2019.

During the briefing to the students, Ir Prof. Vincent Ho expressed that IOSH provides world class leadership and they can join the best if they want to be best.

Mr Lewis Cheng introduced the Peer Review Interview to the students while Mr William Lau and Mr KH So introduced IOSH membership journey. In addition, they helped students to choose the route to membership that’s right for them. They explained how joining IOSH can help:
- increase their career prospects
- maximize their potential
- enhance their knowledge and keep them up-to-date
- build their network and connections
- provide access to technical advice and expertise
- give a voice in the global movement for change

Ir Prof. Vincent HO explained the benefits on being member of IOSH.

Ir Prof. Vincent HO presented the certificates to the graduated students.

Group photo taken with the Executive Members of IOSH Hong Kong and the OSH students in the Macau University of Science and Technology.

Mr KH SO presented the flow for the IOSH membership programme.
Mr KH SO delivered a briefing to the Safety Auditing students of CityU on 26 February 2019.

Mr William LAU delivered a briefing of IOSH Membership to RSO students of CityU on 31 January 2019.
Upcoming events in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} quarter of 2019

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# Membership update

Membership Statistics as of 1 April 2019

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### Percentage of Members by Membership Category

- **CFIOSH**: 3.00%
- **CMIOSH**: 54.37%
- **CMIOSH (Retired)**: 0.78%
- **FIOSH (Retired)**: 0.13%
- **MIOSH**: 0.13%
- **Grad IOSH**: 23.73%
- **Tech IOSH**: 4.69%
- **AIOSH**: 0.39%
- **Affiliate**: 12.78%
Editorial

We would like to appeal to members who have articles, papers, etc. being valuable for sharing in this Newsletter to contact the Editorial Team at mailbox@ioshhongkong.com for coming issues.

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