



HKIUS 5th Anniversary & HKURC Inauguration Dinner

14 April 2008 Kowloon Shangri-La

In the celebration of Hong Kong Institute of Utility Specialists 5th Anniversary and Hong Kong Utility Research Centre Inauguration, a formal dinner was organized and held on 14 April 2008 at Kowloon Shangri-la which gathered government officials, representatives from utility related associations and universities departments. Such a joyful event had also attracted several renowned companies in sponsoring tables. It is with your heartfelt support and enthusiastic participation which made HKIUS and HKURC to growth further.

The dinner was successfully held and it was our great pleasure to invite **Mr. Chai Sung Veng, JP** (Director of Civil Engineering and Development Department), **Mr. Chan Chor Kam, FSDSM** (Deputy Director of Fire Services), **Mr. Chan Kin Sek, Raymond, JP** (Head of Geotechnical Engineering Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department), **Mr. Cheung Hau Wai, JP** (Director of Buildings), **Ms. Fung Yin Suen, Ada, JP** (Deputy Director of Housing Department), **The Hon Ir Dr. Raymond C.T. HO, SBS, JP** (HKSAR Legislative Councilor), **Prof. Ko Jan Ming** (Vice President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University), **Ir H.S. Kwong, GBS, FHKIE, JP** (Former Secretary for Works, HKSAR), **Ir Lee Shing See, GBS, OBE, JP** (Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation), **Mr. Ma Lee Tak, JP** (Director of Water Supplies), **Ir Dr. Tam Wai Ho, Samson, JP** (Chairman of Group Sense International Ltd.), **Mr. Wai Chi Sing, JP** (Director of Highways), **Mr. Yue Chi Hang, JP** (Director of Architectural Services) as our Guests of Honor.

Ir Damien C.C. Ku, President of HKIUS 2007/2009 session first delivered a welcoming speech in greeting all the dinner participants and approximately reported on the historical changes and the current membership development of HKIUS. He concluded by encouraging the dinner participants; included government officials, contractors, consultants, engineers etc. to have concerted effort in improving utility management and safety of underground facilities for the betterment of Hong Kong society.

Followed by **Ir Dr. Prof. William C.G. Ko, SBS**, Founding President of HKURC, he explained the necessity of establishing the Centre and apart from introducing the non-profit making research centre and the research projects already conducted, he also described the urgency of setting up the Utility Safety Index in further enhancing utility safety among the industry. Besides, he sincerely thank you for the support of



advisors and invited for donation to support research studies and the operation of HKURC.

The Hon Ir Dr. Raymond C.T. HO, SBS, JP made a congratulatory speech to our dinner guests. As a Honorary Fellow and Honorary Advisor of HKIUS and HKURC, he expressed his happiness in witnessing the growth of the institute in enhancing utility profession for the industry and hope for better cooperation between the institute and centre.

The dinner was followed by a brief and fantastic inauguration of HKURC in which Honorary Advisors and Consultants were invited to come to the stage. It is with great honor that both institutes were backed by experts and professionals from universities, companies which provide assistance when necessary. Meanwhile, committees of HKIUS were also invited to the stage and we truly hope that in the future, both parties can combine their effort for the betterment of utility industry.

Apart from celebrating the anniversary and establishment of HKIUS and HKURC, it was also a good occasion in rewarding our winners of a previous event- "Utility Protection and Work Safety in Road Excavation 2005-2007- Creative Writing and Practical Competitions". Winners of both competitions were invited to dinner and it was with great joy that their effort were recognized and shared amongst with their colleagues and guests; and awards were presented to them by our Honourable Guests.

With such a blissful atmosphere, HKURC seized the opportunity in introducing the purpose of research funding to the public in which to provide financial support to university students and professionals to conduct utility related research studies. In the meantime, raffle tickets were sold to dinner participants in which the amount received will be totally for research funding purpose after cost deduction. The fund raising had received immense support from the participants and a lucky draw session was also arranged in return for buyer's generous support in purchasing the raffle tickets.

More than 20 prizes were prepared for the lucky draw session, such as tea-pot, Turbojet Hong Kong to Macau Stored Value Card, DVD System, \$500 cash, Instant Dictionary, Limited Edition of New HK\$10 Note Charity Collection etc. We hope that all the prize winners were satisfied with those presents and especially we would like to take this opportunity to thank those who had sponsored the presents.

In addition, the dinner had attracted friends widely from different cities. For instance, Mr. Zheng Tai Qi, Tianjin Gas Group Company Limited, he also contributed two



valuable landscape paintings to HKIUS and HKURC.

Last but not least, Mr. Zico Kwok, First Vice President of HKIUS delivered a vote of thanks to all the dinner participants, especially to individuals, companies sponsors for the dinner, souvenirs, lucky draw session etc. Without your earnest support, the dinner would not be successfully held. We truly hope that you had an enjoyable evening and look forward to seeing you in our upcoming events and gatherings.



Guests of Honor were presented with souvenirs



Party poppers were prepared in celebrating the joyful occasion



Inauguration of Honorary advisors of HKURC and Committees of HKIUS were invited on stage



Raffle tickets selling for raising fund for HKURC research funding



Mr. Yue Chi Hang, JP presented the trophy to Champion of Creative Writing- Gammon Construction Limited



Mr. Wai Chi Shing, JP presented the trophy to Champion of Practical Competition- APC Survey and Building Limited



Our guest, Mr. Zheng Tai Qi from Beijing contributed two landscape paintings to Hkius and Hkurb



Ir H.S. Kwong, GBS, FHKIE, JP presented the First Prize- Limited Edition of New HK\$10 Note Charity Collection to our lucky dinner guest