

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It is my greatest honor to take up the Chairmanship of the Hong Kong Branch and work together with a team of dedicated and professional Executive Committee members for the term office of 2011 – 2012.



It is not my intention to make major changes in the structure or the role assignment of the Executive Committee, but to follow what have been established in past years. In this term office, I will follow the strategies as laid down by our Immediate Past Chairman with the following focus areas:-

1. Organize more OSH seminars and technical visits with high quality and professional standards to members;
2. Promote and uplift professional status of IOSH in Hong Kong and actively recruit more new members through various channels;
3. Build up strong connection and relationship with professional bodies in Hong Kong, and Mainland China.

In April, I visited Singapore and participated in the launching ceremony of the Singapore Branch. At the launching ceremony, I have the opportunity in meeting the Executive Committee members of the new Branch as well as the President of IOSH. We came up with a mutual agreement in organizing joint events in the coming years.

While we are at the early stage of this term office, I would welcome any suggestions from our members in order to advance the progress in our focus areas as well as meeting your expectations. I also take this opportunity to solicit continual supports and active participations on all events from every one of you

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming activities.

Y. M. POON
Chairman of Executive Committee (2011-2012)
IOSH (Hong Kong)

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Value, Vision and Mission of the Institution – What are we going to achieve in 2011-12?

Building on the success in the Strategy Map for 2010 to 2011, we are striving hard to continue raising the profile of health and safety of our Branch in Hong Kong and mainland China, uplifting health and safety standard in various industries and increasing membership and achieving membership satisfaction. With your support, we have every confidence that we will continue to build a safe, healthy and sustainable community in Hong Kong.

Value

We are passionate about protecting people and we are committed to professionalism. Our Executive Committee will uphold the values of professionalism and adopt a proactive attitude and react promptly and effectively to the needs of our members and the new demands on skills and knowledge in Hong Kong and the mainland China in order to sustain health and safety community.

Vision

To build a community which is safe, healthy and sustainable by positioning the local branch of IOSH as one of the leading occupational safety and health professional institutions in Hong Kong in terms of technical expertise and professionalism; promoting the branch to the community and nearby cities; and exploring opportunities to serve our community.

Mission

To promote the development of occupational safety and health through:

- Promoting benefits of good workplace health and safety and elevating the standard and knowledge;
- Supporting our members as leaders or facilitators in safety and health in workplaces;
- Organizing various events for advancing professionalism of our members;
- Building up connection with international, regional and local counterparts for developing safety and health;
- Facilitating exchange of information and ideas in safety and health;
- Achieving membership satisfaction and developing mentor-mentee relationship.

Professional Development

We anticipate organising about 20 high quality and professional CPD activities throughout the year.

Event Management

We plan to organize a few web-conferences or Webinars and a membership network gathering and a joint conference with other institutions, in addition to the Annual Dinner in April.

Membership

We plan to organise a number of membership drive talks at local universities or training institutions which are offering IOSH accredited courses. In addition, we plan to conduct a membership satisfaction survey to understand the needs of the existing members and consolidate the collected data to forecast the outlook and propose ideas to meet their expectations and needs, etc.

Mentor Programme

We will continue the mentor programme with the support of Hon. Advisor for members to become Chartered Members of the institution. Various discussion sessions and workshops will be organized to establish mutual trust relationship between mentors and mentees and assist the mentees in achieving the chartership.

Public Relationship

We will continue to promote the IOSH's brand image to the community. We aim at getting more recognition by the related government departments, local professional bodies, business organizations and the public in general.

International Affairs

We will continue to place priority on building up connections and liaising with overseas parties such as different IOSH branches. We plan to organise events related to international affairs including seminars or technical talks in collaboration with other branches and groups.

Mainland Affairs

We will continue maintaining work relationship with Guangzhou Association of Work Safety Administration and exploring opportunities to develop new relationship with government officials and private learned societies in Southern China. We plan to organise a few events in mainland for the promotion of the IOSH.

Internet and Website

We will continue to use the internet and website to enhance communication between the branch and our local members.

Publication

We plan to publish 3 newsletters and produce a new branch leaflet in English and Chinese for the promotion of the branch.

Introduction of New EC Members

Executive Committee of IOSH (Hong Kong) Branch for Year 2011/12



Ir POON Yut-ming,
Chairman



Dr Sammy WAN Kin-man,
Vice Chairman



Ir Richard TSE Wing-ning,
Honorary Secretary



Mr Bosco CHAN Tsz-yan,
Honorary Treasurer



Ir Vincent FONG Ping
Immediate Past Chairman



Mr CHEUNG Wai-lung,
Director – Mentor Program



Mr David WONG Kin-kwok,
Director – Membership



Dr LI Chi-moon,
Director – Public Relationship



Mr William LAU Wai-lam,
Director – Professional
Development



Mr Raymond MAN Siu-fung,
Director – Event Management



Ir LAM Chi-sing,
Director – Mainland China Affairs



Mr CHU Chun-wah,
Director – International Affairs



Mr Samuel NG Wing-hong,
Director – Technical Supports



Mr Gallerie LEUNG Chun Ming,
Director – Publications



Mr Rex YU Kin-wai,
Director – Webmaster

The following Honorary Advisors are offering their invaluable advice to the Executive Committee of Hong Kong Branch:



Mr Alexander CHAN
Chung-shing,
Hon. Advisor



Mr Philip NG Mau-cheong
Hon. Advisor



Ir Jonathan CHUNG For,
Hon. Advisor



Mr Alex TSE Chun-kuen,
Hon. Advisor

The Branch Executive Committee also appointed Ms Ann WONG Wing-sze to be the Co-opt Member of the Executive Committee for Year 2011-2012.

Branch News

Presidential Visit 2011

IOSH President, Mr. Steve Granger, conducted a presidential visit in the period between 25 and 27 April 2011. Mr. Granger and his delegation met with our Executive Committee members at a breakfast meeting on 25 April where he had fruitful discussions with our members on issues of strategic targets of IOSH and branch development. The delegation then visited the world-class transportation systems in Hong Kong including Tsing Ma and Tsing Sha Control Areas and MTRCL Control Room at Tsing Yi. On 26 April, Mr. Granger and his delegation arrived Guangzhou and met President of the Guangzhou Association of Work Safety Administration, Mr. Yu Shu-xi and his colleagues. They shared the ideas and experience in developing occupational safety and health in the regions. Mr. Granger presented a certificate of appointment to Mr. Yu for nominating him as the Honorary Vice President of IOSH and this appointment also reflected and acknowledged Mr. Yu's years of dedication and contribution to occupational safety and health in China. Mr. Granger and his delegation then visited the Industrial Centre of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Occupational Safety and Health Council on 27 April. Dr. Stephen O'Brien, Director of the Industrial Centre and his colleagues discussed with Mr. Granger and his delegation and then gave a guided tour to the delegation to introduce numerous advanced facilities in the Centre.



After visiting the Centre, the delegation travelled to Occupational Safety and Health Council and was greeted by Mr. Tang Wah-shing, Executive Director of the Council. After a video presentation of the Council, the attendants shared valuable experiences and expertise during the casual meeting and tour at the Council.



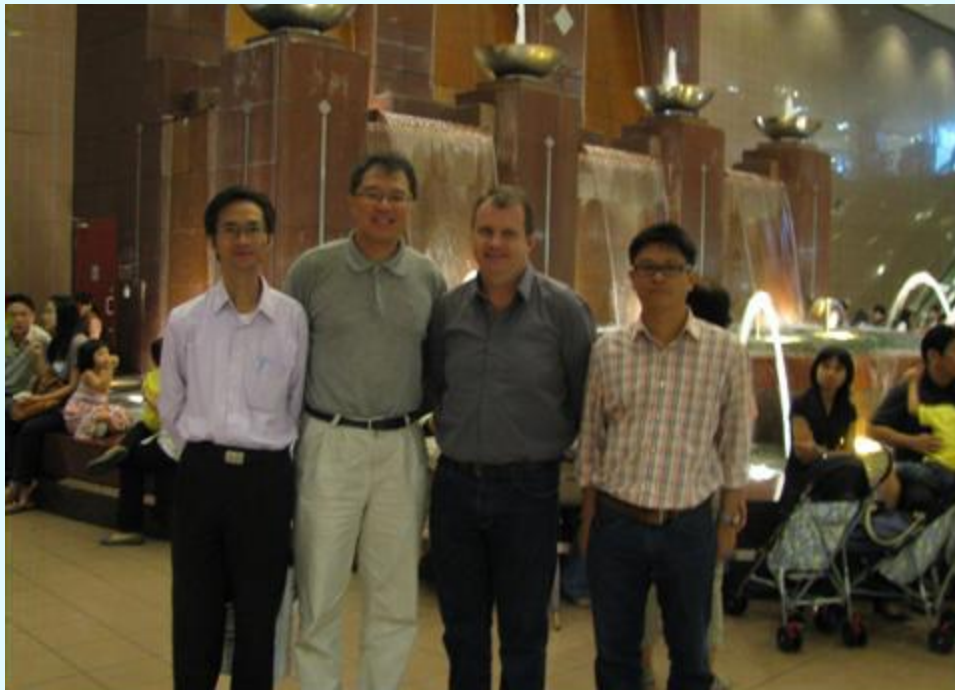
Then, Mr. Granger and his delegation were invited to join the Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner of the branch in the evening.

Branch News

Meeting with IOSH Singapore Branch

Casual meeting with EC members of IOSH Singapore Branch by Ir Richard Tse, Honorary Secretary of IOSH Hong Kong Branch on 2 September, 2011

A casual meeting between Hong Kong and Singapore was conducted on 2 September, 2011. Ir Richard Tse met with some EC members of IOSH Singapore Branch including Mr. Harry Ho (Chairman), Mr. Darren Brunton (Vice Chairman) and Mr. Kenneth Leong (Director – Events). During the meeting, views were exchanged between both branches for the branch operation, recent and future events, future branch co-operation opportunities and sharing of OSH practices at Singapore and Hong Kong.



From Left to Right - Mr. Harry Ho, Ir Richard Tse, Mr. Darren Brunton and Mr. Kenneth Leong

INTRODUCTION

It is the general duty of employers to ensure safety at work of their employees. As safety practitioners, we assist the employers in fulfilling this duty. Safety at work includes taking care of the employees' health as well (i.e. freedom from occupationally-related disease). In general, the nature of health risks (generally chronic nature) makes the connection between work activities and employees' ill health less easily seen than in the case of physical injury from an accident.

To prevent ill health, the first stage is recognition of health hazards (and thus risks) associated with the work being carried out including its environment. This stage is indeed critical because control can only be done after the significant risks are identified. Before recognition, you need to have a vital skill of anticipation of occupational health problems which usually require a person's considerable experience and knowledge in the field of occupational health and hygiene. Have we enough of such skill? Indeed, it is quite a challenge for a safety practitioner coming from a traditional 'safety' background to deal with occupational health problems. Having said that, assistance is now provided by material safety data sheets, legislation and supporting codes of practice, international standards, and plenty of advice available in the literature, various databases and electronic sites.

'Safety' and 'health' are so related to each other that they cannot be separated. So safety practitioners are expected to be able to deal with occupational health problems as well. Occupational health knowledge can be enhanced through, for example, pursuing additional sources of information and/or further study in the area of occupational health and hygiene. Occupational health has a close relationship with occupational hygiene. Occupational health means the maintenance of the individual employees' state of wellbeing and freedom from ill health due to work. Occupational hygiene is regarded as the practice whereby this is achieved; it is indeed a system of workplace management aiming to prevent or reduce occupationally-related diseases through the process of recognition, evaluation, control, implementation, monitoring and review.

Because of the nature of health risks, health may be irreversibly damaged before the risk is apparent and recognised. So it is essential to promote occupational health awareness in the first place, and this is the aim of this article. Awareness should start by looking at our local (i.e. Hong Kong) occupational health problems in recent years, and thus the following part of this article will focus on:

- Occupational health problems in Hong Kong,
- Occupational health information available for references, and
- Occupational health talks available for employers and employees.

Occupational Health Awareness

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG

To have an overall picture of occupational health problems in Hong Kong, we can refer to the official statistics of occupational diseases. Table 1 below shows the statistics published by the Labour Department of the Government of the HKSAR about the confirmed occupational diseases in recent years (2008 to 2010):

<i>Occupational Disease</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>Occupational Deafness</i>	58	77	70
<i>Silicosis</i>	65	86	61
<i>Tenosynovitis of the Hand or Forearm</i>	40	39	48
<i>Gas Poisoning</i>	4 (4)	17 (5)	17 (8)
<i>Mesothelioma</i>	1	15	12
<i>Tuberculosis</i>	25	18	11
<i>Occupational Dermatitis</i>	3	10	5
<i>Streptococcus suis Infection</i>	3	0	3
<i>Asbestosis</i>	5	5	1
<i>Compressed Air Illness</i>	0	1	1
<i>TOTAL</i>	204	268	229

*Table 1: Number of confirmed occupational diseases in Hong Kong, 2008 – 2010
(Based on the Labour Department's statistics)*

The above information indicates the confirmed occupational diseases contracted by employees in recent years. "Occupational Disease" here means the confirmed occupational disease reported under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance and the Pneumoconiosis & Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance. In studying the above data, please note the following:

- For the case of Gas Poisoning, the figure in bracket denotes the number of incidents.
- Mesothelioma was prescribed as a new occupational disease under the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance in April 2008. I believe this is the main reason for the significantly low figure in 2008 (only 1 confirmed case) in comparison with respectively 15 and 12 confirmed cases in 2009 and 2010.
- The number of confirmed cases of Occupational Deafness indicated above refers only to those cases having hearing loss of both ears caused by prolonged exposure to loud noise. But in April 2010, the coverage of the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance has been extended to employees with noise induced monaural hearing loss. As a result of this, there were 510 such cases in 2010, as reported in the Labour Department's Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Bulletin Issue No. 11 (July 2011). So, if taking this into account, Occupational Deafness becomes the most significant disease among all the confirmed occupational diseases.

Occupational Health Awareness

To enhance our awareness, let us have a further look at the above 10 occupational diseases about their distributions among various industries and occupations. Table 2 gives a picture taking last year as a reference:

<i>Occupational Disease</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Occupational Deafness (70)</i>	50.0%- <i>Rock grinding, chiselling, cutting or percussion</i> 14.3%- <i>Metal grinding</i> 14.3%- <i>Working near internal combustion engines, turbines, pressurised fuel burners or jet engines</i> 5.7% - <i>Using routing, planning, circular sawing machines, or automatic lathes</i> 5.7% - <i>Metal percussion</i> 4.3% - <i>Weaving or spinning</i> 4.3% - <i>Pile driving</i> 1.4% - <i>Others</i>
<i>Silicosis (61):</i>	<i>Most of these cases worked in the construction and the quarry industries; they had history of exposure to the silica dust in their occupations many years ago.</i>
<i>Tenosynovitis of the Hand or Forearm (48):</i>	47.9%- <i>Public administration, and social and personal services</i> 16.7%- <i>Import/export, wholesale and retail trades</i> 10.4%- <i>Manufacturing</i> 8.3% - <i>Accommodation and food services</i> 8.3% - <i>Professional and business services</i> 6.3% - <i>Transportation, storage, postal and courier services</i> 2.1%- <i>Financing and insurance</i>
<i>Gas Poisoning (17):</i>	<i>The noxious chemical agents identified were hydrogen sulphide, carbon dioxide, chlorine, etc.</i>
<i>Mesothelioma (12):</i>	<i>Most of the cases were engaged in the shipbuilding, repairing and construction industries.</i>
<i>Tuberculosis (11):</i>	<i>The disease most commonly occurred among doctors, nurses and other health care supporting staff.</i>
<i>Occupational Dermatitis (5):</i>	<i>The causative agents identified among the 5 cases of occupational dermatitis included fragrance, massage oil and detergent.</i>
<i>Streptococcus suis Infection (3):</i>	<i>All of them were meat handlers.</i>
<i>Asbestosis (1):</i>	<i>The worker was engaged in the shipbuilding and repairing.</i>
<i>Compressed Air Illness (1):</i>	<i>The worker was engaged in diving work.</i>

*Table 2: Confirmed Occupational Diseases (2010) with breakdown
(Source: Labour Department's Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Bulletin Issue No. 11, July 2011)*

By looking at Table 1 and Table 2, we can have an overall picture of the occupational health (OH) problems in Hong Kong. Do you have any of these problems in your workplaces? Are they well managed? Do you need any advice? Do you know where to get more OH information?

Occupational Health Awareness

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

There is abundant information available on internet concerning safety and health. As local safety practitioners, what we most concern is the safety and health problems in Hong Kong. In this respect, the Occupational Safety and Health Branch of the Labour Department (LD) has provided us with considerable online information relating to occupational safety and health. For the purpose of this article, let us focus on occupational health information provided by LD, which can be easily accessed online at:

http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2_9.htm.

In this connection, LD has published the following sections of information which are good for our references:

- Section A : Guides to Legislation and Codes of Practice
- Section B : General Guides on Occupational Health and Hygiene
- Section C : Occupational Disease and Work-related Disease Booklets
- Section D : Occupational Health Guides for Specific Industries
- Section E : Posters
- Section F : Audio and Visual Materials

Let us focus on Section C “Occupational Disease and Work-related Disease Booklets”. For this Section, the LD’s publications cover the following:

- Prevention of Occupational Diseases and Work-related Diseases
- Diagnosis and Compensation of Occupational Diseases
- Occupational Disease Casebook Series
- Work-related Disease Series
- Work and Common Disease Series
- Medical Examinations

It can be seen from the above that the relationship between work and disease is classified into 3 categories by LD: (i) occupational diseases, (ii) work-related diseases and (iii) common (or general) diseases affecting working populations. The LD’s categorization (including definitions) is based on that of the International Labour Organisation. Let us look at the definitions of these 3 categories which I have quoted from the LD’s “Work-related Disease Series”:

- Occupational diseases – have specific or strong relationship to the exposure to physical, chemical, biological or psychosocial factors in the workplace. These factors in the work environment are predominant and essential in the causation of the diseases, for example, silicosis, asbestosis, occupational deafness, etc.
- Work-related diseases - are multifactorial in origin, where factors in the work environment may play a role, together with other risk factors, in the development of such diseases, for example, plantar fasciitis, osteoarthritis of knee, shoulder tendonitis, etc.
- General diseases - are diseases affecting the working population. They do not have causal relationship with work but may be aggravated by occupational health hazards, for example, diabetes, mellitus, gout, rheumatoid arthritis, etc.

As safety practitioners, are you aware of these 3 categories of disease ? More information can be obtained by going through the above LD’s publications.

Occupational Health Awareness

In addition to the LD's information, another source of occupational health information which I would like to recommend is the "Occupational Health Toolkit" provided online by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH):

http://www.iosh.co.uk/information_and_resources/our_oh_toolkit.aspx

As emphasized by IOSH, the Toolkit is a free resource. It brings together information, guidance, factsheets, case studies, training materials, presentations and more to help you tackle occupational health problems. At present, the Toolkit covers the topics of work-related stress, musculoskeletal disorders, occupational skin disorders, inhalation disorders and non-work-related occupational health issues. Have a look, you can learn more and it's free !

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH TALKS

Finally, I would like to say about occupational health (OH) talks offered by LD. Talking is golden ! It is an effective way of communication because if you don't understand, you can ask questions and get answers. LD has provided such service by giving free OH talks to industrial and commercial establishments for the purpose of enhancing OH awareness of the employers and employees. In this regard, nursing staff of the Occupational Health Service pay promotional visits to them and give talks on possible health hazards in their workplaces and advise on the respective preventive measures.

Employers must, so far as is reasonably practicable, ensure the safety and health at work of all their employees. Therefore, employers should fully make use of the LD's service by (i) seeing what topics of talk provided, (ii) selecting the topics that suit, and (iii) contacting the LD's nursing staff for arranging the talks with their employees. I have read the synopsis of the talks on internet. The talks indeed give reinforcement to the LD's related publications. There are at present 38 topics of talk provided (1 hour each in average) for selection. The talks cover quite broadly, including strategies for the prevention of occupational diseases, occupational health concept, health hazards in various workplaces and occupations, occupational diseases, work-related diseases, work and general diseases, medical examinations for workers engaged in hazardous occupations in industrial undertakings, etc. More details of the talks can be found through the internet:

<http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/pdf/OHTalksSynopsis.pdf>

The service provides you with the opportunity to enhance your OH knowledge and awareness. Furthermore, you can ask questions to the OH professionals face-to-face for a better understanding of the OH hazards in your workplace and the necessary preventive measures. It is particularly helpful for those coming from a traditional 'safety' background to deal with occupational health problems in their companies, and also beneficial to the employers who cannot afford to employ additional occupational hygienists for such work.

Therefore, make full use of the LD's occupational health talks which are definitely (i) cost effective as the talks are delivered by the professionals and free of charge and (ii) convenient as the talks are conducted in your workplace. Are you aware of this service provided by LD ? Have you tried it ? If not, why ?

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Professional Development Activities

Major Professional Development Activities organized in the past quarter:

Date	Activity	Snapshots
20 May 11	Occupational Safety and Health Seminar on Safety Climate in Small Building Works Speaker: Mr. Murphy YUEN	
2 June 11	Occupational Safety and Health Seminar on Managing Risk Perception in your Organisation Speaker: Mr. David SMITH	
24 - 25 June 11	Technical Visit and Talk on Occupational Safety and Health A Safety Studying Trip to Guangzhou Speaker: Mr. YU Shu-xi	
28 June 11	Occupational Safety and Health Seminar on "Mortality of Malignant and Non-malignant Respiratory Diseases among Workers with Silicosis in Hong Kong" Speaker: Dr. TSE Lap Ah, Shelly	
21 July 11	Occupational Safety and Health Seminar on Safety and Health Management in Property Management Industry Speaker: Mr Ching Man Chuen, Simon	
23 July 11	Technical Visit "Sharing of Safety Aspects at MTR Airport Express Line"	

Date	Activity	Snapshots
12 Aug 11	Technical Visit on Occupational Safety and Health "Sharing of Safety Aspects in Fire Services Dive Rescue"	
25 Aug 11	Occupational Safety and Health Seminar on Crane Safety Speaker: Mr. Simon MAK	
20 Sep 11	Occupational Safety and Health Seminar on Marine Construction Speaker: Mr. MAK Fat-on	
23 Sep 11	Technical Visit "Sharing of Safety Aspects for Structural Firefighting and Rescue Operation in Fire Services"	
28 Sep 11	Seminar on Introduction of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) and its Commitment towards Construction Safety in Hong Kong Speaker: Mr. Alex Leung	

Study Tour to Guangzhou on Safety Management

A two-day study tour to Guangzhou was co-organized by the IOSH, Hong Kong Branch and Guangzhou Administration of Work Safety Association (GZAWSA) during the period of 24-25 June 2011.

In the morning, the team visited the Guangzhou Paper Manufacturing Company and toured around the production area. The company had implemented safety measure for the protection of workers safety and well-being at the workplace. Following are the key learning areas as noted in the factory visit:

- Mechanical protection devices installed to isolate hazards on revolving and spinning components.
- Handling of heavy paper rolls with the use of overhead crane.
- UV/IR trip guards along production line to automatically tripping the machineries.
- Warning safety notices displayed to raise workers awareness on safe operation.
- CCTVs adopted for monitoring the operators' behavior on safe operation.

In the afternoon, the team visited a heavy machinery manufacturing company at Nansha. The factory involved in manufacturing of heavy duty machines and equipment with large variety of production processes including steel casting, forging, deep gouge welding, in-situ heat treatment process, and assembly processes. Key learning outcomes in the factory visit included:

- Heavy lifting and component assembly.
- Heat stress when worker performing welding while work piece under pre-heating and heat treatment.
- Operation of huge machineries including lathes, milling machines, boring machines, etc.
- Intensive manual operation and handling on heavy loads.

The factory visits allowed all participants to broaden their views and triggered mindset in evaluating practicable risk mitigation measures and initiatives for managing workplace safety in heavy manufacturing processes.



In the evening, the team organized a casual talk on safety management. The casual talk included sharing of safety management concept by Mr. Yu Shu Xi, President of GZAWSA followed by a talk on “Sharing of safety aspects of majority construction projects in Mainland China” led by our Chairman Ir Y. M. Poon. All participants enjoyed greatly in the casual talk session even though they were all exhausted after the long day journey and the factory tours in the day time.

On the second day, Mr. Yu Shu Xi, our Honorable Vice President of IOSH and President of GZAWSA, delivered a talk on “Reinforcement of Safety Production on Enterprises issued by State Council of the People’s Republic of China” 《国务院关于进一步加强企业安全生产工作的通知》, and “Enterprise Safety Management, Government Safety Monitoring and Emergency System”. The OSH talks continued in the afternoon with topics related to “Commercial Enterprise Safe Production Standards and Requirements” 《商贸企业安全生产标准化管理规范》 and “Safety Regulations on Work-at –height for Air-conditioning Works” 《空调器高处作业安全规范》. The talks were well responded with active exchange of safety practices between the HK participants and the mainland counterparts.



In the conclusion, our members enjoyed the study tour at Guangzhou and considered that the event was very successful. The team not only learned a lot more on the PRC safety legislations and safety management practices in Guangzhou areas, but also took chance to exchange the Hong Kong experience with our counterparts in mainland China. Of course, the event allows both IOSH (Hong Kong) and GASWA to work closer and reinforce our friendship for future co-operations.



Upcoming Activities

Date	Event	Speaker
7 Oct 11	Joint-Seminar: Tower Crane Climbing method & Accident Case Study	Mr. Clement Yeung
19-20 Nov 11	Joint Course: CILTHK – Two-day course on Course on Law of Contract	Mr. Albert Leung, Mr. Philip Yang & Mr. Rimsky Yuen
25 Oct 11	Occupational Safety and Health Seminar on Managing Health in Police Force	Mr. Nikki Chow
26 Nov 11	Forum on “Route to Become Charter Member of IOSH”	Mr. David Wong Mr. CS Chan
Jan 12	OSH topic to be confirmed	Ms. Rosita Lau, Mr. CW Chu Ms. Annisa Leung
Feb 12	Seminar: Fire Safety by SDO	Mr. Tam Tai Keung

Other Activities Attended by the Executive Committee

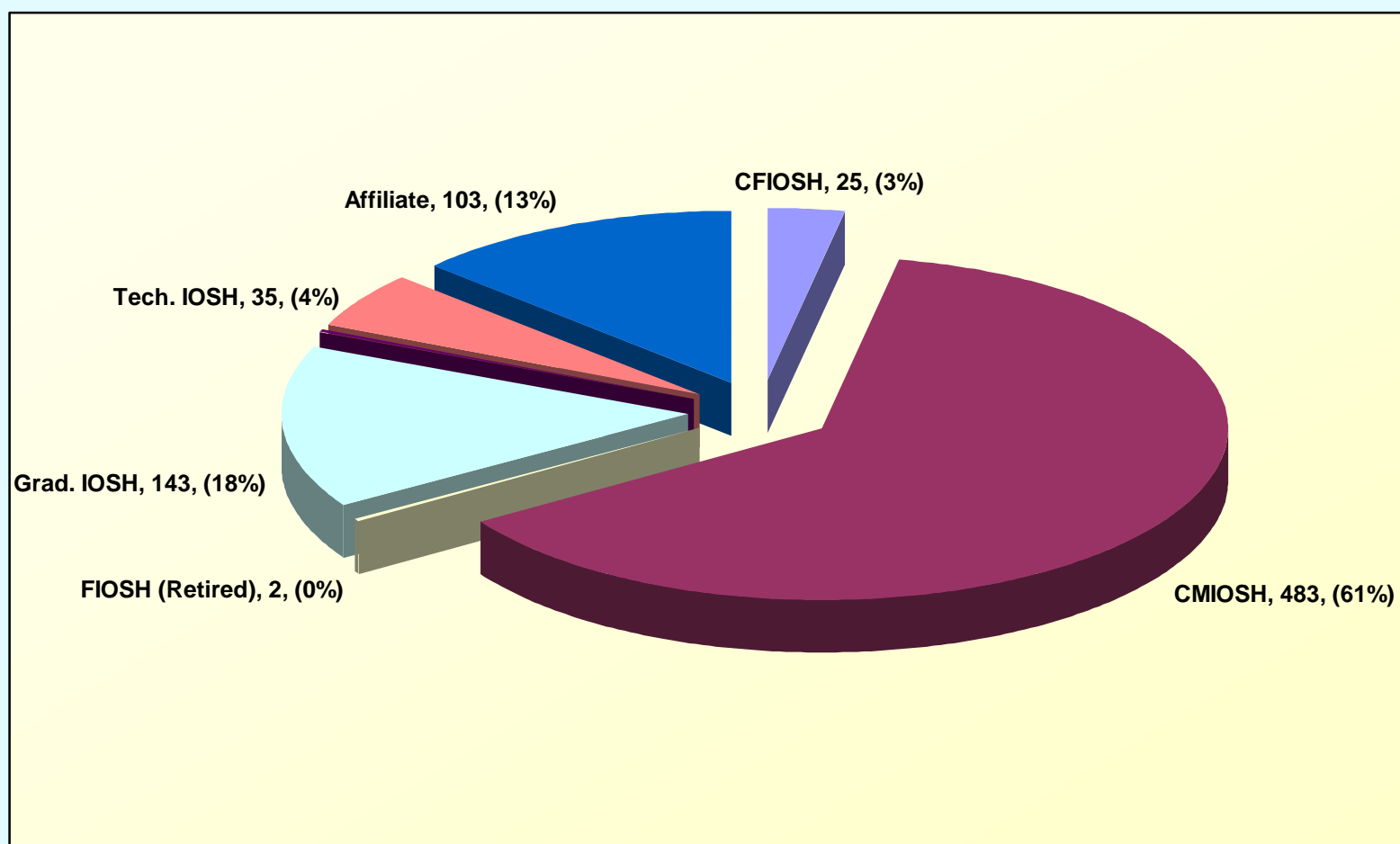
As a professional institution, IOSH (Hong Kong) was invited to participate in the following meetings / events to duly express our supports and show our professional advice on behalf of the Hong Kong Branch.

Date	Event	Hosting Organization
13 May 11	Participated in the Annual Dinner	Institution of Mechanical Engineers
20 May 11	Participated in the Opening Reception	Construction Industry Council
28 May 11	Participated in the MTR Society Link Social Gathering	MTRCL
3 Jun 11	Participated in the Annual Dinner	Society of Registered Safety Officers
24 Jun 11	Participated in the Annual Dinner	The Society of Accredited Safety Auditors
12 Aug 11	Participated in the Annual Dinner	SOE 8 th Anniversary Dinner
Sep 11	Collected and submitted feedbacks on the proposed amendment on Code of Practice for Metal Scaffolding Safety	Labour Department, HKSAR

Membership Update

Membership Numbers

As of 26 September 2011, the total number of members in IOSH (Hong Kong Branch) was 791.



Gathering for Affiliate Members

A gathering for affiliate members with our Hon Advisors and EC members is going to be organized on 26 November 2011 to introduce and explain the ways to achieve Chartered membership. Meanwhile, the gathering could provide a good opportunity for our Executive Committee Members in understanding the needs of our Affiliate Members.

Members' Benefit

The following organizations have kindly agreed to offer a discount program to the IOSH members. Please show your valid IOSH membership card to enjoy your members' benefit.

	Organization	Benefit	Valid Period
1	Asia Pacific Industrial Safety Equipment Asia Technologies Shop No. 1, G/F, No. 395-397 Shanghai Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong Tel: 2626 1997	20% off for safety products except special items & instruments	1 Jan 2011 – 31 Dec 2012
2	Swindon Book Co., Ltd. 13 – 15 Lock Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon Tel: 2366 8309	10% discount to IOSH members except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books marked at a specially reduced price, i.e. "net sp" • School Textbooks • Magazines • Stationery and Souvenirs • Tapes, Cassettes, Video, Laser Disk, Compact Disk, Software • HK Government Publications (The above offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts)	1 Jan 2011 – 31 Dec 2012
3	Hong Kong Book Centre Ltd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 Des Voeux Road, Central, HK • 211 Cityplaza 2, Taikoo Shing, HK 	10% discount to IOSH members except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books marked at a specially reduced price, i.e. "net sp" • School Textbooks • Magazines • Stationery and Souvenirs • Tapes, Cassettes, Video, Laser Disk, Compact Disk, Software • HK Government Publications (The above offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts)	1 Jan 2011 – 31 Dec 2012
4	Kelly & Walsh Ltd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop 236, The Mall, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, HK • Shop 305 – 307 Podium Level, 1 Exchange Square, HK • Shop B59-60, B1/F, Landmark, Central, H.K. 	10% discount to IOSH members except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books marked at a specially reduced price, i.e. "net sp" • School Textbooks • Magazines • Stationery and Souvenirs • Tapes, Cassettes, Video, Laser Disk, Compact Disk, Software • HK Government Publications (The above offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts)	1 Jan 2011 – 31 Dec 2012

Obituary

It is with great sadness that we write to inform you that our Director of Technical Supports, Samuel Ng, passed away on 29 September 2011. Samuel was a kind and gentle person who had made great contributions to our Institution over the past few years and we will cherish the memories of the times we spent together with Samuel in the Institution.

We express our deepest condolences to Samuel's family and friends.



Editorial

We welcome new and existing readers to this issue of our branch newsletter. The aim of the Newsletter has been to keep our members and professionals abreast of and more widely interested in our branch issues. As you will see from this issue, we have newly established our team for 2011 and 2012 and we are striving to continually improve our services and further promote the development of occupational safety and health, as this profession does not stand still. We have seen some remarkable successes over the past couple of years and with numerous fruitful collaborative discussions with Mr. Steve Granger and his delegation in late April 2011, it was delightful that our effort was acknowledged and it is vital that we should maintain the momentum developed in the previous years. Meanwhile, we are now getting more heavily involved in developing detailed budget plans for various meaningful events to serve all of you better in the near future.

Occupational health should aim at the promotion and maintenance of the highest degree of physical, mental and social well-being of workers in all occupations and it is really a cross-disciplinary areas concerned with protecting safety and health of employees. Going into work with muscle pain, or being made ill or worse by poor working conditions are commonplace. In this issue, we have a technical article on “Occupational Health Awareness” and you may find it helpful for you to understand the importance of occupational health problems in Hong Kong and various channels of getting suitable occupational health information for our workplaces.

We are in a time when health and safety at work could go to the wall. With infrastructural projects gradually getting underway and increasing number of alternation and renovation works, we should be well-prepared for stepping up occupational health and safety promotion in the industry. We hope our branch can provide suitable and necessary information resources and assistance and we have also arranged a series of technical visits and seminars for those who are interested and we hope to see you there.

We are happy to receive articles from prospective authors. If you have any article to contribute for the next issue, please do not hesitate to contact the editorial team at mailbox@ioshhongkong.com.

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