

Debriefing seminar on delegation visit to Malaysia and Singapore

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On 25 July 2009, a debriefing seminar on delegation visit to Malaysia and Singapore was organized by the Association of Engineering Professionals in Society (AES) and the Civil and Environmental Divisions of the HKIE at the HKIE Headquarters.

This seminar was opened by Ir K P Yim, Past Chairman of the HKIE Environmental Division and Senior Vice Chairman of AES. He gave an overview of the engineering and infrastructure development in the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Region and a series of activities, comprising a high-power conference in Hong Kong and visit to Guangxi and Vietnam in November 2009.

Then, Mr Sunny Chau, Economist from Research Department of Hong Kong Trade Development Council, introduced ASEAN and its relevance to Hong Kong. As a professional economist, he compared the economical situations of the ASEAN countries and briefed us the current and future engineering opportunities of Hong Kong in the ASEAN Region.

The second part of the seminar was the sharing session by the members of delegation visits to Malaysia and Singapore. The delegations were organized by the Civil and Environmental Divisions of the HKIE and the AES between 20-23 November 2008 and 27-30 May 2009 respectively. The delegations are two of the activities under the Project entitled "Enriching Hong Kong Engineers' Understanding of Practising Requirements, Current and Future Engineering Industry Development in the ASEAN Countries, and the Competitive Strengths and Opportunities for Hong Kong Enterprises to Enter the Market", funded by the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme (PSDAS) of the HKSAR Government.

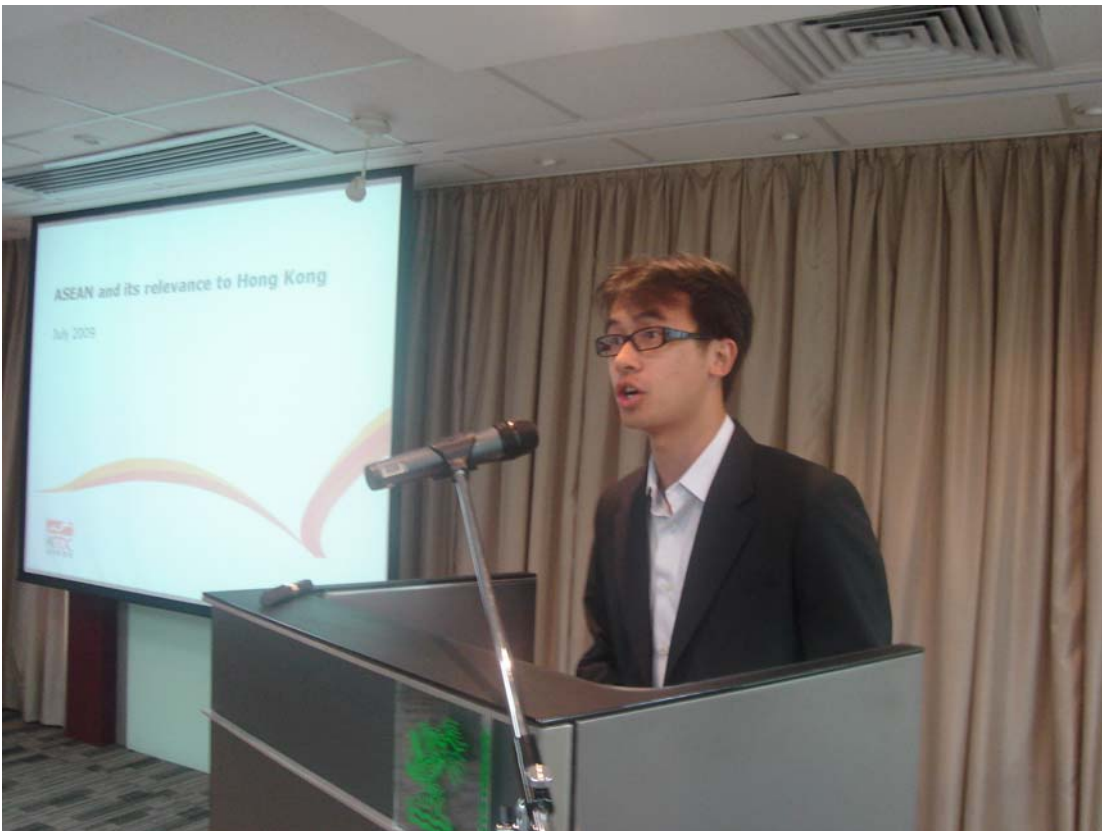
The sharing of the delegation visit to Malaysia was given by Ir C S Lam. He presented an overview and development of construction industry in Malaysia; development, management and maintenance of transportation and roads; a brief introduction about the transportation hub – KL Sentral; and the practice of design and construction of pile foundation.

Finally, a group of young engineers shared with us what they had learnt and experienced during the delegation visit to Singapore. They had visited a number of places such as Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), Changi Water Reclamation Plant, NEWater Visitor Centre, Tuas South Incineration Plant (TSIP), Land Transport Authority (LTA), etc. Four discussion topics in the presentation included future development & historical conservation, land transportation system, water resources in Singapore and incineration energy.

In the last Q & A session, a number of questions and remarks were raised regarding the position of Hong Kong in the ASEAN Region and the application of technology from Malaysia and Singapore to Hong Kong. The seminar was very successful in disseminating to the Hong Kong engineers the experience and knowledge learnt from the visits to two of the ASEAN countries



Ir K P Yim, Past Chairman of the HKIE Environmental Division and Senior Vice Chairman of AES



Mr Sunny Chau, Economist, Hong Kong Trade Development Council



The debriefing seminar was well attended by members.



Ir K P Yim (middle, back row), Ms Hazlinda Anwar (5th left, back row), Assistant Trade Commissioner and Ms Vicky Hui (3rd left, back row), Marketing Officer, from MATRADE Hong Kong, AES Council Members and a group of young engineers who shared their experiences in the seminar.