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Dear Members / Professionals / Friends / Readers,

Seasons Greetings! And we wish our members a fruitful 2008 too. With the Hang Seng Index at all time high levels despite the roller coaster pattern, plus all the talks about further price increases in Hong Kong real estate in view of a declining US\$, we may be heading toward some interesting and challenging times. We also had had our AGM in November and a new committee and Chairman were elected. Congratulations to them plus our gratitude to the past committee and Chairman for their hard work and immense effort in 2007.

A Message from our Past President Mr. Po Chi Lau

Dear Fellow Members,

I look back with pride at what have been achieved by our Council in serving our members and the industry as outlined in my 2nd President's Message in the mid-year of 2007 and detailed in the Council's Report for 2006 / 2007 presented at the last AGM held on 15th December, 2006.

The FM Year of 2006 / 2007 was very interesting and rewarding year. We can be proud to note the successful launch of PSDAS twin countries visits to Tokyo, Yokohama, Japan in March and Pearl River Delta- Macau, Zhuhai, and Zhongshan in June. In July, we organized a very interesting visit to the Oncology Block and Infectious Disease Centre of Princess Margaret Hospital.

To look ahead, action has commenced to plan a new PSDAS project for the year of 2008/2009. And our CPD program and technical visits are also in our program or in the pipeline.

I offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Ip Man Chip, a veteran in the industry, as our new President to lead our Institute. I will extend my full support to him and would like to seek your support to him and the new Council in the FM Year. I am sure HKIFM will continue to grow from strength to strength and have a very successful year in 2008.

I wish you all very best and very happy New Year.

LAU Po-chi
Immediate Past President
HKIFM

A Message from our New President Mr. M. C. Ip

Dear all,

I am indeed thrilled and honored to have been elected as your new President and we have plans for many events, big and small, in the coming year. While my committee and I naturally hope you would be able to join in and benefit from these events, be they talks, site visits, conferences, or luncheons, as much as possible, we also hope you could help us with organizing these events, which at times do demand much effort and liaison for them to materialize.

I would also wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

M C Ip
President
HKIFM

Useful and Enlightening Content from:

We have spotted a few very interesting articles in www.rfpmagazine.com including business continuity planning, data center security, and a new hotel concept in Asia:

Business Continuity Planning (BCP) = an interesting article on the concept of BCP and how you may structure your facilities and operations to reduce the impact from someone intended on doing harm to your operations

http://www.rfpmagazine.com/rfp_pages/facilities_25.html

Data Center Security Measures: Myths or Realities = this article dwells on the common sense and balance essential for coming up with a secured yet functional security arrangement

http://www.rfpmagazine.com/rfp_pages/realestate_23.html

Kuala Lumpur: A new hotel and a new kind of hotels too = this article introduces a new hotel which may bring a new operating concept to the country and region

http://www.rfpmagazine.com/rfp_pages/projects_10.html

Announcements:

New PSDAS Scheme: we have just got word that the government has agreed to support a PSDAS event applied for by the HKIFM and the University of Hong Kong. The focus would be on how facility management is crucial to real estate development and investment. The event is likely to be held either toward the end of 2008 or early 2009. More details would be provided later.

Recent Events:

[The HKIFM 8th AGM & Annual Dinner 2007 & 7th Anniversary Celebration](#) was held on November 2, 2007 at the World Trade Centre Club. The event was well attended with members and their guests and a new committee was elected. Here is the new committee list and some photos taken during the evening:

http://www.hkifm.org.hk/doc/2007_11_AGM_photos.html

<http://www.hkifm.org.hk/whatsnew.html>

Members have paid a visit to the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks which are now into their 3rd phase of development. They help to encourage scientific and technological R&D to be undertaken in Hong Kong.

Useful Web Resources:

We seek to introduce members and readers to **potentially useful and / or interesting web resource including web-sites and web-pages**. Members and readers are also encouraged to submit such resource for our consideration. In this issue, we have found:

ADMS-DRIVE (Advanced Disaster Management Simulator) = seen in www.YouTube.com and apparently it is a promotional-technical video posted by a disaster management simulation service company based on airport operations. It is quite easy to view and contains some interesting points <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQkGVdLEZYI>

The Lighter Side:

We would like to share **a few jokes or light-hearted stories that we overhear or come across via the web / email from time to time** with members and readers. Members and readers are again encouraged to submit such resource for our consideration:

Members who travel regularly to China and Asia would have come across English signs that appear baffling or somewhat incomprehensible at times. Your humble editor's favorite is one seen in the Mainland which in Chinese warns passer-bys to be careful enough so as not to fall into the pond. However the English version reads "Fall carefully into the water" i.e. literally you are to fall into the water but hey pal, just do it carefully, will ya?

Here's an interesting website for funny English signs found in Asia = <http://www.english.com/>.

Another classic involves the Hong Kong International Airport and guys who have visited the washrooms (or to be exact the urinals) would have noticed a sign above them saying something complex like "Electronic Flushing Toilet Systems" (so complicated that your humble editor cannot fully recall it) with an added phrase "No Touch Required". First, there is a grammatical error, it should be 'No Touching Required' even if this style of writing is to be followed (or alternatively "No Touching" or "Do Not Touch"). Second, a sign like "Automatic Flushing" would probably have been sufficient and read more efficiently.

We hope you have enjoyed reading the above and we would certainly look forward to receiving article contribution from members. Thank you.

Best regards,

For and On behalf of the Editorial Team / HKIFM,

Stephen Chung

BTW, a new editor will take over starting the next issue as your humble editor thinks it is time for him to make way. Thanks to all who have been supportive of this newsletter and may you continue giving such patronage to future issues.

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