



# Blackout in North America - A Lesson for Facility Managers

- Guest Speaker** : Alex K. Lam, President - The OCB Network, Toronto, Canada  
**Date** : 23 September 2003 (Tuesday)  
**Time** : From 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.  
**Place** : LG109, Lower G/F, KK Leung Building, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong  
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The closing date for reservation is **Thursday 18 September 2003**.

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On August 14th 2003, the power went out. Eastern North America was knocked back to the new 21<sup>st</sup> century realities of power supply. Time magazine declared this as the worst ever in North America affecting some 50 million people. Within nine seconds, 5 states in the US and one province in Canada were completely immobilized. Twenty-two nuclear-generating facilities and eighty fossil-fuel-fired plants in Canada and the United States closed systematically to avoid burning up. Cities like New York, Toronto, Detroit, and Buffalo are in the dark. Six major airports came to a halt. The corrective measures will cost \$105 billion over the next 20 years to fix the problem.

What should facility managers be doing? Can we forecast and prevent such losses? Is there anything we have to do? What role should facility managers play in a situation like this?

In this session we will examine the root causes of this kind of disaster and explore ways to minimize damages from a facility managers' point of view. What are the value-added services a facility manager can give to the corporation to ensure business continuity and safety of the employees?

Programme Agenda:

- Introduction
- Facts about the Blackout story from US and Canada
- Root Causes of the Problem and Losses in Business
- Lessons for Facility Managers
- Disaster Recovery Plan and Business Continuity Process
- Checklist for your own BCP
- Conclusions and Discussions



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