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Dear Members / Professionals / Friends / Readers,

Sign Up Now! Our PSDAS Conference this year will be held in Chongqing on October 26 and the theme is “Total FM Solutions: Mapping Customer’s Aspirations in a Changing World”. For details and enrollment, please refer to the President’s message and the Announcement Section below.

Globally, most economies continue to thrive amidst a pause in rising interest rates notwithstanding an observed slowing down in the USA. Politically, the Middle East continues to harbor various points of conflict. The China economy appears to be vibrant still despite the various market cooling measures which in part are aimed at certain real estate sectors. In Hong Kong, the stock market regains its momentum after some setbacks in May. A Goods and Services Tax (GST) was also proposed by the government which in turn led to much debate in the community.

A Message from our President Mr. Alfred Sit

Our project proposal submitted under the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme (PSDAS) to the Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau (CITB) of the Government of the HKSAR has been accepted.

A major event to be conducted under the project is a conference to be held in Chongqing, China in October 2006. This is part of a joint conference co-organized with the Hong Kong Chapter of International Facility Management Association (IFMA). Under the cooperation, the Hong Kong Chapter of IFMA will be mainly responsible for a conference “Integrate 2006: Facility Management Conference” held in Hong Kong on 24 October 2006. The HKIFM will be concentrating its effort on a conference “Total FM Solution: Mapping Customer’s Aspirations in a Changing World” held in Chongqing on 26 October 2006. This is a golden opportunity to join these major events in Facility Management in one go which is something you should not miss.

Chongqing is a famous city with three thousand years of history and civilization. It is the biggest city on the upper stream of Yangtze River, some 1500 miles from Shanghai. Under the “Go West” strategy, Chongqing is undergoing a rapid social and economical development to become a trading gateway for the China’s southwestern provinces. The key to the strategy lies 360 miles downriver, at the Three Gorges Dam. When the Three Gorges project began some years ago, Chongqing and 50,000 square miles of its hinterland were sliced away from Sichuan province and made a municipality directly under the control of the central government. When the dam is completed, large oceangoing cargo ships will be able to reach Chongqing for the first time.

Chongqing is well known for its hot weather. Worst still, we have seen a drought at the

summer time of this year. However, I am sure the situation would improve a lot when our conference is held there in October. The conference is the third of such events held in China, following that in Beijing in 2004 and another one in Shanghai in 2005. Our speakers will share with you their experience and insights in four areas, namely Changing Customer Needs in FM Market, HR Development for FM, Quality Management of FM, and Technology & Workplace. Please refer to the details posted on the web and act now for enrolment, if you have not yet done so.

Whilst we are busy with the preparation for the coming conference, I would like to add that we have not forgotten the development of our young members. A CPD event for members and especially for our young members is being planned for end September or early October. More details will be available soon.

Alfred W H SIT
President, HKIFM

Useful and Enlightening Content from:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facility_management

This comes from the world's most popular web-based encyclopedia and it is interesting to see what people may comprehend from the description. Members may also contribute to the website, and thus further enhancement of the facility management description, via becoming an editor.

<http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm>

This website offers the statistics related to the internet including the user population and its global distribution etc. While not every facility manager would need to deal with web-based equipment all the time, those who offer services to corporate groups which business relies on having a very dependable internet communication infrastructure may benefit from gaining some insight on user intensity.

http://www.edfacilities.org/rl/facilities_management.cfm

This website offers educational materials and text related to facility management with a focus on school FM. Handy for members involved in educational facilities.

Announcements:

- The HKIFM - PSDAS Conference will be held on 26 October 2006 at Chongqing with the theme of "[Total FM Solutions: Mapping Customer's Aspirations in a Changing World](#)". Numerous prominent experts and executives will be guest speakers and participants may also take the opportunity to visit one of the world's historic cities and to appreciate what our ancestors had gone through during ancient times, facility challenges included. Places are limited so please don't hesitate! Click the link below for details and to enroll:

http://www.hkifm.org.hk/PSDAS/Conference_on_26102006/CQ_Conference.pdf

- [Hong Kong Real Estate Services and City Development Expo, Hangzhou](#) organized by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council will be held on 7-8 December 2006. For those who are interested, please click the link below for more details:

<http://www.tdctrade.com/realestate/>

Recent Events:

A technical visit to the EMSD Headquarters was held in early July and members had had fun with the various exhibition galleries. There was also a symposium on health care and built environment organized by the Hospital Authority and HKU SPACE. In June, The 7th Asian International Showcase for Building Automation and Management Systems featuring Asian Facilities Management and HVAC & R Show was held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre.

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:

<http://skyscraperpage.com/>

This website offers some basic information and data on skyscrapers in the world with graphics and plans where available. It also lists out countries and cities and their skyscraper counts.

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:

Pluto is out and textbook publishers are all smiles. Notwithstanding the scientifically correct decision, it is not easy to shake out what was fed to you while you were still in primary school. And speaking of galaxies, space, and the universe, your humble editor's mind was brought back to the days when he day-dreamed of becoming an astronomer, which for the uninitiated is different from an astrologist who tells and makes \$\$\$ fortunes out of star signals. That dream ended when he flunked physics. So surveyor and FM professional he'd be.

Nonetheless, your humble editor suspected physics and universe might have something to do with headaches and dizziness. Hypothesis = despite you do not feel it, you are in fact moving at speeds of tens of thousands of miles per minute (or even per second?) all the time. Not convinced? Here's proof = first, there is the Earth's own rotation and the diameter of Earth has some 22,000 miles (if memory serves me right) and mind you it completes one full circle per day i.e. if you live right at the equator, you would have moved 22,000 miles per day even if staying put all day; second, there is the Earth's orbiting of the Sun which again involves millions of miles; third, our Sun according to scientists also goes round and round in our Milky Way Galaxy, and this again is millions if not billions of miles; and fourth, what's more is that our Galaxy also moves around in the universe, which means so many trillions of miles (or light years?) and so on. Also, these various movements are not in straight line or on the same plane i.e. if our movements are plotted out, we would be swirling and twirling all the time. Imagine all the 'spaces' in the universe are given unique 3-D coordinates, i.e. in terms of absolute space, we are moving at a very high speed and in weird patterns. One moment you are at Space Coordinate Alpha1XBetaQ34Roger99, presto! The next second you are already at Space Coordinate CharlieS45Baker606Sugar88, and blink! And now you are in Apple232Dog61Cosine77. Sort of like the Monkey King.

Gee, no wonder your humble editor felt dizzy when writing up this issue.

We hope you have enjoyed reading the above and we would certainly look forward to receiving article contribution from members. We also need help on various committee work and those interested could use the attached form indicating their interest. Thank you.

Best regards,
For and On behalf of the Editorial Team / HKIFM,

Stephen Chung

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