Editor’s Note

The President, Mr. LOW Hon-wah talked about demand for FM managers in South China Morning Post in August 2014. Separately, the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Alex Cheung, shared his experience as a FM manager in another article with the newspaper.

In August 2014, the judging panel of EFMA 2014 was busy carrying out adjudication of the nominations / applications. The results will be officially announced in the coming Annual Dinner cum EMFA Award Presentation Ceremony to be held on 13 November 2014.

The FM Blog in this issues gives an overview of Legionnaires’ Disease, as a continuation of the introduction of Sick Building Syndrome and Building Related Illness last month.

Wish you all a happy mid-Autumn Festival!

Edward LEE
Immediate Past President & Director of Communications
News and Announcement

The President, Mr. LOW Hon-wah and the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Alex Cheung, were interviewed by South China Morning Post. Please refer to links to the two articles published on 16 August 2014:

"Multi-skilled facilities managers are in demand as companies look for greater property efficiencies"
"The learning never ends in multidisciplinary job"

Upcoming Event

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FM Blog

Legionnaires' Disease

Legionnaires' disease (LD) is an infectious disease caused by a type of bacteria called Legionella. The disease was named after an outbreak of chest infection occurring in a Legion Convention in the United States in 1976. In Hong Kong, LD has been made a statutory notifiable infectious disease since March 1994.

Legionella bacteria are found in the natural environment, usually in water. They grow well in warm water (20 – 45°C), like the kind in water tanks, hot and cold water systems, cooling towers, whirlpool and spas, water fountains and so on. The bacteria are killed almost instantly at temperatures above 70°C.

People may get infected with the disease when they breathe in contaminated droplets (aerosols) or mist. The disease is not transmitted by person-to-person contact, eating or drinking.

A FM manager could help to prevent LD through proper maintenance of the water systems, including piped water systems, hot tubs, fountains, and cooling towers.

More information about LD could be found at: http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/content/9/24/2117.html
CPD Requirements for Members

Continuing professional development (CPD) is a common requirement of most professional institutes to ensure effective execution of professional duties throughout the members' working life. With the approval of the Council, the Institute has laid down the CPD requirements for its members.

In brief, all members (including fellows) and associates should complete a minimum of 20 hours per year on a mandatory basis starting from 1 July 2014. The CPD may come under 3 categories: (1) education and training, (2) community, institutional, and social services, (3) private study. A minimum of 10 hours should fall within the type of education and training, of which at least 4 hours should be related to activities organized by the HKIFM. Private study should be subject to a maximum claim of 5 hours per year.

The detailed requirements have been uploaded to the HKIFM homepage. Please click HERE for details.

Recruitment

HKIFM is committed to promoting the facility management profession in the territory. Just contact us via email: communications@hkifm.org.hk, if you wish to join the various committees to work with our experienced Committee Directors for the well-being of all members.

Please contact Mr Edward Lee, Immediate Past President & Director of Communications, should you have any comments and suggestions on this issue of FM Communicator.

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