**Editor’s Note**

**Flu season winds down**

Although severe cases and fatalities are still being reported, from the data of the Department of Health, the harsh influenza season is starting to slow down.

Health officials expect that Hong Kong will remain in the winter influenza season for a few more weeks and urged the public to exercise vigilance and get vaccinated against seasonal influenza.

When things get tough, the toughs get going. We shall overcome.

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability**

Starting from April, we are going to select and share latest thinking and best practices of captioned topic in the FM Blog. You are welcome to contribute.

Wishing you good health and every success.

**Percy Kong**
News and Announcement

- Amendment (Re: Newsletter, 1 March 2015)

Advanced Diploma in Facility and Property Management (HKU SPACE) was accredited by HKIFM.

- FREE public article - Performance measurement for teaching hotels: A hierarchical system incorporating facilities management, by Joseph Lai & Edmond Choi.

http://authors.elsevier.com/a/1Qe6k5F7AFVwde

Upcoming Event

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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.

Recruitment

HKIFM is committed to promoting the facility management profession in the territory. Just contact us via email: communication@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 Percy Kong, Director of Communication, should you have any comments and suggestions on this issue of FM Communicator.

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Sustainable Development and Agenda 21

- In 1987, the term “sustainable development” was first introduced in a public context in the World Commission on Environment and Development Report “Our Common Future”.

- In 1992, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development met at Rio de Janeiro and signed up a Division of Sustainable Development to promote sustainable development.

- **Agenda 21**: A comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally and locally... in every area in which human impacts on the environment.

- In 1997, the HKSAR Government commissioned the Study on Sustainable Development for the 21st Century (SUSDEV 21) as an initiative towards bringing sustainability considerations into the planning of day to day activities in Hong Kong.

- **Making Hong Kong an ideal Home, the SUSDEV 21** defines:
  - 8 guiding principles;
  - 27 sustainability indicators;
  - 15 social check lists.