Editor’s Note

**Tap Water Quality**

While the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) has just died down, "lead in tap water (a potential health hazard)" becomes a recent hot topic. FM practitioners are now reviewing the water supply quality and looking for ways to protect building occupants and facilities users from the potential hazard. Some of the basics and guidelines are recapped in the FM Blog of this month.

**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

Professional Programmes

To keep abreast of latest technological development of building services and sustainability, HKIFM is among the supporting organizations of continuous professional development. There are 4 major programmes in the pipeline:

- 20 August, BSOMES’s Technical talk on Wireless Technologies;
- 26 August, IFMA’s Industrial Spotlight: Appreciating Chinese Couplets;
- 12 September, HKIS Annual Conference, Smart World City: Hong Kong;
- 12 September, IFMA’s Guided Tour: Natural Gas Fired Generating Unit;
- 22-23 September, APAC Innovation Summit 2015;
- 14 November, HKIS and AIQS Joint Conference, How QS will succeed in Tomorrow’s World;

Please visit HKIFM website for full information.
FM Blog

Mitigation Measures against Water Contaminants

Apart from the water supply quality, we should pay attention to 3 other possible ways for "lead" to enter our bodies:

1. Stagnant water in pipeline;
2. Detached paints from furniture or toys; contact with batteries;
3. Works related to welding, cutting, processing.

Please refer to WSD and related publications for details.
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.

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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 Percy Kong, Director of Communication, should you have any comments and suggestions on this issue of FM Communicator.

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