

Intensive Workshop for Aspiring Young Professionals

The Young Members Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Project Management (HKIPM) organized a half-day workshop towards their current student members and young construction professionals entitled "*Route to Professional Project Managers - Joy and Tears*" at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturday, 20 September 2014 at the campus of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with over 30 registered attendees.

The workshop was intended to provide a clear route and valuable insights for young professionals and student members on how to become professional project managers in different disciplines, and the key roles of project managers in the genuine working environment, with the aim of equipping themselves in moving towards a professional project manager in future.

Firstly, Mr ChiMan Chan, Chairman of Young Members Committee (YMC) of HKIPM, delivered a welcome speech, an introduction of YMC and the workshop rundown towards the audience. Dr Francis Chan, Immediate Past President of HKIPM, then provided an introduction to HKIPM and the key roles of project managers. An experience-sharing session in form of an interviewing format chaired by Dr Daniel Chan, Chairman of CPD Committee of HKIPM, was launched by raising some insightful questions on joy and tears throughout their personal career developments as a professional project manager so far towards the three council members of HKIPM (Dr Francis Chan, Mr Hugo Wong and Mr ChiMan Chan).

Interactive group discussions about a recent real-life project case scenario in Hong Kong [i.e. Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Hong Kong Section) 廣深港高速鐵路 – 香港段 Project - West Kowloon Terminus Station North (MTRC Contract 810A)] based on a role play format were held and steered by experienced project managers as the group facilitators. All the workshop participants were divided into four main groups by taking various roles in the project (i.e. Hong Kong SAR Government, Client Organization, Project Design Engineer and Main Contractor) to deliberate on two given questions in terms of the minimization of potential delay and cost overrun to the project for 15 minutes, followed by a brief oral presentation for 10 minutes made by a representative from each group to summarize their responses and feedback.

Finally, an opinion survey form was dispatched by Mr Hugo Wong, Honorary Secretary of HKIPM, for soliciting the opinions, ideas and directions of the upcoming activities of YMC, towards the workshop participants. Mr ChiMan Chan gave concluding remarks at the end of the workshop. A complimentary lunch of two tables between the four council members of HKIPM and the workshop attendees was organized after the workshop as a token of thanks for their participation.



Welcome speech by Mr ChiMan Chan,
Chairman of YMC of HKIPM



Introduction to HKIPM by Dr Francis Chan,
Immediate Past President of HKIPM



Full house participation by student
members of HKIPM and
young construction professionals



Interviewing snapshot of experience-sharing
session by the three professional
project managers



Briefing on the project case scenario by
Dr Daniel Chan, Chairman of CPD
Committee of HKIPM



Some council members of HKIPM (from left):
Mr Hugo Wong, Dr Daniel Chan,
Dr Francis Chan and Mr ChiMan Chan



Group discussion on the project case scenario by taking the role of the Project Design Engineer



Group discussion on the project case scenario by taking the role of the Client Organization



Group discussion on the project case scenario by taking the role of the Main Contractor



Group discussion on the project case scenario by taking the role of the Hong Kong SAR Government



Oral presentation by a representative from the group as the Project Design Engineer



Oral presentation by a representative from the group as the Client Organization



Oral presentation by a representative from the group as the Main Contractor



Oral presentation by a representative from the group as the Hong Kong SAR Government



Group lunch after the workshop



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Group photo of some HKIPM council members with workshop attendees