



# HK NEWSLETTER

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## Message of President Elect of IOSH



Right now, our Institution is going through a very exciting and important time in its history of over 70 years.

The extensive activities the Institution is going through will certainly raise OSH profession to a different level. Therefore, it is perhaps one of the most important time since the formation of the Institution and the gaining of Royal Charter status. I am honoured to be chosen as the President Elect at this time.

IOSH was founded in 1945 when the Institution of Industrial Safety Officers (IISO) was formed as a division of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA). The Institution gained its charitable status in 1962 and continues to operate as a not-for-profit organisation. In 1981, the IISO was renamed as the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), and in 2002 was awarded a Royal Charter.

To date, IOSH acts as a champion, supporter, adviser, advocate, and trainer for those who protect the safety, health, and wellbeing of others. With over 40 branches, nearly 20 Professional Groups, 47,000 members from over 130 countries, IOSH is the world's biggest membership organisation in safety and health.

Leaders of successful organisations in Hong Kong subscribe to the higher goals of sustainable safety, that is, a company shall be upholding OSH excellence, environmentally friendly, socially desirable, and economically viable. This requires safety professionals to go beyond simply finding technically efficient solutions for achieving safety excellence, but to find a delicate balance between the competing and complementary goals for achieving a high level of safety while meeting business objectives.

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## Message of President Elect of IOSH (cont.)

The IOSH Hong Kong Branch, founded 17 years ago, has served as an essential platform for our members and safety practitioners in Hong Kong and region nearby to exchange views and share good practice. IOSH (Hong Kong) is at the best position to guide Hong Kong's leading organisations in achieving sustainable safety. The best strategy in achieving this goal is to fully embrace 'WORK 2022 – shaping the future of safety and health' and the three pillars driving the strategy: Enhance, Collaborate and Influence.

One underpinning action in meeting WORK 2022 is to host the APOSHO 33 Meeting and Conference in Hong Kong, 4-5 December 2018, our first signature event in the Asia Pacific region. Taking the 'One IOSH' approach, the Hong Kong Branch will work closely with IOSH HQ to bring this event to live. The theme for APOSHO 33 is 'Driving OSH excellence through communication and collaboration'. Building on the success of the past 32 conferences and combining the vibrancy of Hong Kong, APOSHO 33 sets to create an excellent and lively platform for forging connections and collaborations.

As an ambassador to influence safety and health and strengthen our impact worldwide, I am delighted to be the APOSHO 33 General Chairman to deliver a strong message that IOSH means business as we aim to deliver our strategy in building a safer and healthier workplace for all across the globe. Your presence at this event will greatly help amplify this message. Therefore, please mark your calendar and join us at this historical moment.

Since the creation of the Institution over 70 years ago, for the very first time, IOSH has a President Elect who is from outside of Europe; from a place we call home, our beloved Hong Kong. My election would not be possible without your support, the seeds planted by our past Hong Kong Branch Chairmen, and the dedication of our founding members.

Together, we have made history. Together, we have put Hong Kong in a prominent position in the OSH world. It is a joint effort of all safety practitioners in Hong Kong and the results of all IOSH members' dedication.

I am proud to be a member of IOSH, I am proud to be a member of the Hong Kong Branch.

Using this opportunity, may I wish you and your loved ones a Safe and Healthy 2018.

One IOSH. Live well and prosper.

Vincent Ho, PhD  
President Elect  
IOSH

## Briefings on Pathways towards IOSH Membership

With the support of Mr CW Chu, Chairman and Mr CS Chan, Hon Advisor, the membership and mentorship team, including Ir Dr KF Cheung, EC Member - Mentorship Programme, and Mr KH So, EC Member – Membership, proactively conducted briefings to the students of the following IOSH accredited courses:

- Postgraduate and undergraduate courses of HKU SPACE and University of Greenwich on 2 Sep 2017;
- Undergraduate course of OUHK LiPACE and Middlesex University on 18 Sep 2017;
- Postgraduate course of OUHK on 24 Sep 2017; and
- Undergraduate course of CityU SPACE on 18 Dec 2017.

The briefings covered the following contents:

- Overview of IOSH background and its royal chartered status
- membership structure and its pathways towards IOSH Chartered Membership
- professional recognition
- Hong Kong branch inclusive of benefits, planned programme and past activities
- Initial Professional Development (IPD) process, comprising Skills Development Portfolio (SDP), Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Peer Review Interview (PRI)
- Mentoring Programme

In the Q&A session, the students were interested in:

- The way to join IOSH and the detailed requirements for Chartered Membership;
- The appropriate timing for applying the mentoring programme and the detailed process; and
- The contents of the IPD/SDP, etc.



Briefing session was held at HKU SPACE

- Dr Franky Wong, Programme Director (left)
- Dr David Thomas, Senior Lecturer of University of Greenwich (2nd from left)
- Dr Kostis Evangelinos, Senior Lecturer of University of Greenwich (right)
- Mr CS Chan, Hon Adviser (3rd from left)
- Branch EC members



Mr CS Chan was promoting IOSH to the students of HKU SPACE

# Briefings on Pathways towards IOSH Membership (cont.)



Briefing session was held at OUHK LiPACE

- Dr Esther Cheung, Associate Programme Director, Health and Science Team (left)
- Branch EC members



Students of OUHK LiPACE joined the briefing session



Mr CW Chu was introducing the status of Royal Charter of IOSH to students of OUHK



Briefing session was held at OUHK

- Mr Eric Leung, Guest Lecturer (middle)
- Branch EC members



Ir Dr KF Cheung was introducing the Mentoring Programme to the students of CityU SPACE



Mr KH So was conducting the briefing of Membership to the students of CityU SPACE

## Lighthouse Club Site Safety Practitioner Award 2017

Lighthouse Club Hong Kong organised the Contractors Safety Award 2017 to recognize the excellent safety performance of the contractors. The branch was one of the supporting organisations for the 'Site Safety Practitioner Award', which was given to individual safety professionals who had made outstanding contribution to construction site safety.

The Site Safety Practitioner Award had the following basic entry requirements:

- A Registered Safety Officer or a Chartered Safety Professional or Equivalent;
- 5 years post-qualification experience in health and safety;
- 3 years working experience in the Hong Kong construction industry, and
- Currently employed in the Hong Kong construction industry

After the initial assessment by the assessment team, 5 of 14 candidates were shortlisted for the final round assessment. In the final round assessment, each candidate had to attend an interview to elaborate what and how they had made the safety contribution for their sites and / or the safety profession at large.

The candidates had outstanding performance. The assessment results were submitted to the Lighthouse Club Hong Kong Safety Committee for approval.



Winners of the Site Safety Practitioner Award (from left)

- Mr Ng Wai Lun (Gammon)  
2nd Runner-up;
- Mr Ho Tsz Ching (Gold Brilliant)  
2nd Runner-up;
- Mr Kiu Chung Yiu, (Gammon)  
Champion;
- Mr Kwok Yung Tai (Dragages)  
1st Runner-up;
- Mr Gabriel Ngai (Leighton)  
2nd Runner-up

Members of the assessment team (from right)

- Ms Daisy Tang, Sales Manager of Hilti (HK) Ltd;
- Mr KY Chow, Member of the Disciplinary Board Panel under F&IU (Safety Management) Regulation;
- Mr Lewis Cheng, Organising Committee Member of Lighthouse Club Contractors' Safety Award 2017;
- Mr KH So, branch EC Member

## Branch Seminar on 'Beware the Law of Unintended Consequence...'

Mr Vince Butler, who was the EC Member of IOSH Thames Valley Branch, delivered the talk to our members on the topic of "Beware the Law of Unintended Consequence..." in the evening on 17.11.2017 at Lai King Learning Centre of OUHK.

In the talk, Mr Vince explained the findings, through his own study and research, the likely unintended consequences of a small, quite insignificant change to a technical standard within the UK in 1991 that 'might' lead to a death rate of UK workers from silicosis some 10 times greater than deaths caused by exposure to asbestos.

The HSE report for 2016/2017 stated that UK asbestos deaths were circa 4,500 per annum. Anecdotal evidence suggested by the HSE in the UK had estimated the 10 x death rate figure. The high-speed concrete and masonry cutting activity was likely to cause these deaths by exposure to high concentrations of respirable crystalline silica and is in use across most of the world.

Mr Butler shared with the attendees what he had done personally to endeavour to have some scholarly research of the anecdotal evidence to either prove or disprove it, as well as raising awareness of the problem within the energy and utility industries in the UK and, creating a national record of persons exposed to respirable crystalline silica in the past.

More importantly, Mr Butler further suggested that additional research and improvement were needed for enhancing the protection to workers from unnecessary exposure to silicosis causing occupational lung diseases and the increasing consequence accordingly to the newly introduced sentencing guidelines for HSE offences in UK with respect to the discussed issue.



Mr Vince Butler was conducting the seminar on 17.11.2017



Ir Prof. Vincent Ho, Vice President of IOSH (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), presented the certificate of appreciation to Mr Vince Butler (middle)

## Branch Seminar on Design for Safety – Working at Height

On 25.9 2017, Mr Andy Lo, Council Member of IOSH gave a talk on 'design for safety – working at height'. The presentation covered the application of design for safety at different project stages, from preliminary design through to tendering, construction, operation and maintenance. Andy shared several HK design for safety initiatives, including examples for working at height at the design and construction stages from MTR Corporation, the Housing Authority, the Airport Authority and the Highways Department.



Mr Stephen Kong, EC member presented the certificate of appreciation to Mr Andy Lo (right)



Over 60 participants attended the seminar

## Branch Seminar on Marine Construction Safety

On 19.12.2017, Ir CW Lau, who had over 40-year practical experience in UK, HK and Macao SAR on Marine Construction Safety, gave a presentation on relevant legislation concerning the Safety & Health aspects of Marine Construction. Both on board of vessels and fixed base marine structure construction had been covered.



Ir CW Lau (right) received the certificate of appreciation from Mr Stephen Kong



Snapshot taken at the seminar

## Branch Technical Visits to Liantang / Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point Site Formation and Infrastructure Works

On 14.10.2017 and 9.12.2017, two technical visits were organised for the members at CEDD's projects, viz "CV/2012/08 Liantang / Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point Site Formation and Infrastructure Works – Contract 2" and "CV/2013/08 Liantang / Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point Site Formation and Infrastructure Works – Contract 6" respectively. Over 40 members participated in the events. The representatives from Dragages Hong Kong Limited and CRBC-CEC-KADEN Joint Venture gave informative presentations to the participants about the scope of works and the safety measures of tunneling, segmental bridge construction and associated works for the projects during the visits.



Group photo taken on 14.10.2017 with the team of Dragages Hong Kong Ltd and the participants



The team of CRBC-CEC-KADEN Joint Venture introduced the bridge construction



Participants had the chance to visit the tunnel section under construction



Group photo taken on 9.12.2017 with the team of CRBC-CEC-KADEN Joint Venture and the participants



The representative of Dragages Hong Kong Limited received the certificate of appreciation from Mr Tony Tang, EC member (left)



Mr Stephen Kong, EC member (left), presented the certificate of appreciation to the representative of CRBC-CEC-KADEN Joint Venture

## 25<sup>th</sup> Cross Strait Two Coasts, Hong Kong and Macao Occupational Safety & Health Symposium

A two-day 25<sup>th</sup> Cross Strait Two Coasts, Hong Kong and Macao Occupational Safety & Health Symposium was held on 21-22.9.2017 at Kun Lun Hotel in Xinjiang Urumqi. Ir CS Lam, EC Member - Mainland China Affairs, represented the branch to attend the Symposium.

The Symposium was organised by the China Occupational Safety & Health Association, co-organised with other mainland regions, Hong Kong and Macao, including China Association of Work Safety, Sinosteel Corporation Wuhan Safety & Environmental Protection Research Institute, Industrial Safety & Health Association of Taiwan, Occupational Safety & Health Council, Hong Kong Occupational Safety & Health Association, Direeco Dos Services para os Assuntos Laborais and Macao Construction Safety Association.

Over 300 participants attended the Symposium. There were 116 safety and health related papers, including two from Hong Kong for the presentation. The main theme forum was held on 21.9.2017 and special topic presentations, including occupational hygiene, safety technology; personal protective equipment; science and development on occupational safety hygiene, were arranged at four venues on the second day.



Ir CS Lam represented the branch attending the symposium



Representatives from Hong Kong OSH Sector attended the OSH Symposium

## MTR Corporation Safety Innovation Conference and Exhibition

Mr CW Chu was invited to deliver a talk at the MTR Safety Innovation Conference held on 1.11.2017. The topic was “Work 2022”, which is the IOSH’s new strategy.

The audience were introduced on the vision - A world of work which is safe, healthy and sustainable; and mission to become a leading international health and safety body. In short, IOSH is working to:

- make sure that people are at the heart of health and safety
- be the definitive voice for health and safety at work - advance high professional standards - champion pragmatic risk management, based on professional advice
- sponsor research and share knowledge
- support its members as leaders in health and safety while working and promoting health and safety in their communities
- promote the benefits of effective health and safety while working

The Institution starts putting an ambitious new strategy into action in six key directions:

1. International impact
2. Membership development
3. Influential leadership
4. Commercial expansion
5. Health and wellbeing
6. Infrastructure and resources development



Mr CW Chu elaborated the details of “Work 2022”, which had been developed by the IOSH Headquarters



Mr CW Chu (middle) received the trophy from Mr Stephen Pollock, Senior Manager – Project Safety (Strategy & Development) (right)

## Snapshots of IOSH Conference 2017 and Network Conference

On 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, Mr Evan Ng, Vice Chairman and Ir Dr KF Cheung, Director of Mentorship Programme participated in the IOSH Conference 2017 and Network Conference held in Birmingham, UK.



Interactions were made among other branches and the Headquarter staff strengthening the collaboration and preparing the APOSHO 33 which would be held in Hong Kong in early December 2018.

## Snapshots of IOSH Conference 2017 and Network Conference (cont.)



Dr KF Cheung shared the following topics in the network conference:

- The membership status
- The events held, i.e. Safety Conferences, technical visits, etc.
- The implementation of mentorship programme
- The student competition

The attendees were appreciated with the jobs which had been done in Hong Kong branch which get the young people involved by engaging their early participation during their study.



Honorary Fellow Mr Yu Shu Xi, Ms Wang Yin Ling, Chairman of Guangzhou Association of Work Safety(廣州市安全生產協會) and the Council members from Hong Kong also participated in the conference

# Snapshots of MTR Society Link Gathering on “Future Express Rail Link (XRL)” on 7.10.2017



XRL Trains berthed on the stabling sidings at Shek Kong Depot



The Train Captain introduced the features of XRL in the first class compartment



Ms Carmen Li, General Manager – Intercity (right), Mr Francis Li, Chief of Operating (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and branch EC members



Mr Adi Lau, Operations Director (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and branch EC Members



Group photo taken at end of the gathering for viewing XRL trains at Shek Kong Stabling Sidings  
(Thanks to the MTR Corporation for provision of this picture)

## Snapshots for Participation of Events



Ir Poon Yat-ming, Honorary Advisor (right), received the souvenir for delivering a talk on 'safe system of work and proper use of PPE' at the OSHC Seminar on 7.9.2017



Lunch meeting for discussion on membership and mentorship programme between IOSH Delegate Team, mentors and branch mentors on 9.9.2017

- Ms Chloe Zhu, Relationship Manager, (2<sup>nd</sup> from right)
- Ms Laurence Dufour, International Networks Team Leader (4<sup>th</sup> from left)
- Ms Maria O'Malley, Membership Development Manager (5<sup>th</sup> from left)
- Branch Honorary Advisors, mentors and EC members



Mr C W Chu attended the Hong Kong Institute of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (HKIOEH) Annual General Meeting cum Annual Dinner on 20.9.2017



Mr CW Chu received the souvenir at the CIC Graduation Ceremony on 17.11.2017 for the sponsorship of IOSH (Hong Kong) Cup to the best student of Safety Auditor Training Scheme



The branch joined the annual 'Stride for a Cure' fundraising walkathon organised by the Hong Kong Cancer Fund at Tai Tam Country Park on 17.12.2017. Mr CW Chu and Evan Ng, Vice Chairman (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with their family members joined the 5 km walkathon.



## **APOSHO 33: Driving OSH excellence through communication and collaboration**

Asia Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization Conference  
04 – 05 December 2018, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Hong Kong

Dear members,

We're delighted to inform you that the 33<sup>rd</sup> APOSHO Annual Conference will be held in Regal Kowloon Hotel, Hong Kong from 04 – 05 December 2018.

APOSHO 33 will be hosted by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH). Building on the success of the past 32 conferences and combining the vibrancy of Hong Kong, APOSHO 33 will provide an excellent and lively platform for both local and overseas professionals to exchange ideas, share experiences on initiatives and to bring about cooperation.

Early bird ticket price for IOSH members is HKD \$3,100.

To express your interest and register for updates, please email [aposh33@iosh.com](mailto:aposh33@iosh.com).

## Enquiries about Membership Validity

Two enquiries were received from members regarding revalidation of membership.

An MIOSH and a CMIOSH, who have stopped their membership subscriptions for 15 and 10 years respectively, would like to know the way how to resume their memberships.

Their enquiries were immediately referred to the IOSH Membership Team, whose response was appended hereunder for MEMBERS' reference:

Once your membership with IOSH has become suspended, you have 2 years from the suspension date to reinstate the IOSH membership. If you have not reinstated the membership within the 2 year time frame, you will need to re-register as a brand new member of IOSH.

Once you have re-registered with IOSH, you will become an Affiliate member again. To see if you can become an Associate, Technical or Graduate member, you will need to apply for category transfer. If you wish to become a Chartered member again, you will need to become a Graduate member and complete the Initial Professional Development process.

*Please note that the above information may be revised at any time without announcement.*

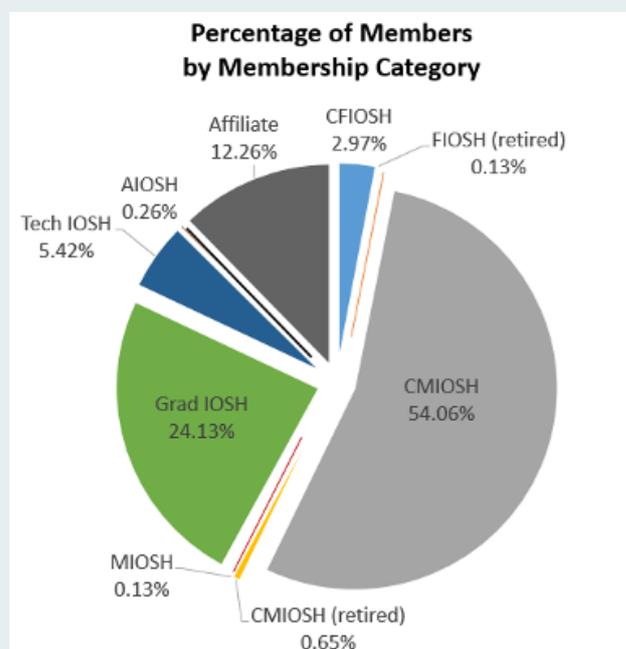
## Upcoming Events in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2018

Date	Professional Event
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	IOSH Hong Kong Student Research Project Competition Award and Presentation Ceremony 2017
20 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Seminar on interpretation of opinions of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council on promoting reform and development in the field of work safety (Speaker : Mr. YU Shuxi)

## Membership update

Membership Statistics as of December 2017

	Member
CFIOSH	23
FIOSH (retired)	1
CMIOSH	419
CMIOSH (retired)	5
MIOSH	1
Grad IOSH	187
Tech IOSH	42
AIOSH	2
Affiliate	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>775</b>



## Editorial

We would like to appeal to members who have articles, papers, etc. being valuable for sharing in this Newsletter to contact the Editorial Team at [mailbox@ioshhongkong.com](mailto:mailbox@ioshhongkong.com) for coming issues.

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