



HKQAA Symposium 2010 Held Successfully

The Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency's annual flagship event, the HKQAA Symposium 2010, was held successfully in November and December.

The event was held in three locations: the Langham Place Hotel in Hong Kong on 26 November, Purple Mountain Hotel in Shanghai on 3 December and Jianguo Hotel Guangzhou on 21 December. The Symposium attracted nearly 1000 participants from governments, industry and commerce, and academia, as well as members of the public. Mr Che Wenyi, Vice Administrator and Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee for Certification and Accreditation Administration of the PRC, and Miss Janet Wong, JP, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology of the HKSAR government, were officiating guests at the opening ceremony in Hong Kong; and Mr Sheng Fei, Director General of the Department of Accreditation Supervision for Certification and Accreditation Administration of the PRC, officiated at the Shanghai session.



The officiating guests, Mr Che Wenyi, Vice Administrator and Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee for Certification and Accreditation Administration of the PRC (4th from left), and Miss Janet Wong, JP, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology of the HKSAR government (3rd from left), with members of the HKQAA Governing Council.



Ir Prof. Peter K. W. Mok, Chairman of HKQAA, presents a souvenir to Mr Che Wenyi.



Miss Janet Wong, JP, delivers the opening speech.

The main theme of the Symposium this year was “Tackling Sustainability Challenges with a Fact-based Approach”. The morning session, “Building Towards Sustainability”, focused on the role of the construction sector in sustainability development and discussed sustainable buildings, building safety,

carbon footprints, benchmarking of corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustainability reporting and managing sustainability risks.



The Hong Kong session attracted 800 attendees.

In the afternoon session, “Measuring CSR to Drive Sustainability”, the focus was on CSR benchmarking and a CSR Advocate Mark Presentation Ceremony was held. The Shanghai and Guangzhou sessions were themed “Low Carbon Innovation in Corporations” and “Greening Our Surroundings” respectively.

Sustainable development is a common interest of the community that requires the cooperation of every person, every business and every government. This year, we had more than 20 keynote speakers from government departments and renowned organisations and corporations, including the Hong Kong Housing Department, Hong Kong Housing Society, Global Reporting Initiative, Chicago Climate Exchange, British Consulate-General Guangzhou, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the University of Hong Kong and MTR Corporation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all speakers, sponsors and supporting organisations for making the Symposium a success. The presentations of the speakers are now available on our website at: <http://www.hkqaa.org/symposium2010>



A panel discussion was held near the end of each session.

Shanghai Session



Mr Sheng Fei, Director
General of the Department
of Accreditation
Supervision for Certification
and Accreditation
Administration of the PRC



Mr Jeff Huang, Vice
President-Asia of Chicago
Climate Exchange



Guangzhou Session



Keynote speakers at the Guangzhou session

