

**Conference on
“Disasters: Preparedness, Response and Recovery”**

15 June 2010 (Tuesday) 14:00 – 18:00

Cheung On Tak Lecture Theatre (TU201), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Event Report

In response to the increased concerns on engineering safety issues as a result of Sichuan Disaster, the conference on “Disasters: Preparedness, Response and Recovery” was held on 15 June 2010. The event was jointly organized by the Construction Professionals' Development Centre (CPDC), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers-Control, Automation & Instrumentation Division (HKIE-CAD), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, Safety Specialist Committee (HKIE-SSC), The Society of Operations Engineers (Hong Kong Region) (SOEHK) and Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (LSGI-PolyU) and supported by 23 professional organizations and institutions from local and the mainland.

The conference has successfully provided a platform for engineers, safety professionals and managers from different industries to share their views and experience in the preparedness of, response to and recovery from disastrous events. Over 200 engineers, safety practitioners and Government officials attended this meaningful event.

The event was kicked off by the welcoming speech by Ir Dr. King WONG, Chief Executive of CPDC. He elaborated the role of engineers in the preparedness and response to disasters and he presented souvenirs to the joint organizations and supporting organizations on behalf of CPDC. Followed by that, Ir Dr. Wilton FOK, the Senior Teaching Consultant from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering in the University of Hong Kong, unravelled the 2-year situations from Sichuan earthquake; Ir Paul CHAN Kei-feng, the Columnist of Hong Kong Economic Journal, explained the 5.12 earthquake in Sichuan by metaphysical perception.

After the tea break, Ir WONG Hok-ning, the Deputy Head of Planning and Standards of Geotechnical Engineering Office of Civil Engineering and Development Department of HKSAR Government began the presentation by discussing the probability of Hong Kong suffer from an earthquake. After that, Mr. Albert CHEUNG H.W., SBS, the Chairman and Executive Board from Zhong Hua Construction Foundation Ltd. shared his experience of the Sichuan reconstruction after 5.12 earthquake. Mr. James WONG, who is one of volunteers in the Beichuan earthquake, has shared his volunteer experience and photos to the participants during the tea break.

The conference was ended by an interactive question-and-answer session. Many attendees asked for further details in this session. Many participants found that the event was meaningful and provided insights on the topic. On behalf of the joint organizations, Ir Dr. King WONG gave a vote of thanks to the guest speakers, sponsors, supporting organizations, and the conference participants for their support to the success of the event. Ir Jeffery YUNG, Chairman of SOEHK gave the closing remarks. Positive feedbacks were received from both speakers and audience. Finally, the conference was ended with a round of loud applauds.



The conference was successfully held on 15th June at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.



Appreciation to the Joint Organizations and Supporting Organizations by Ir Dr. King WONG.