THE UTILITY SPECIALISTS' RESOURCE, TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE

USRC Opening cum Recruitment Day Event Report

Date: 20th June 2009

Venue: Rm 211 & Platform, Favor Industrial Centre, 2-6 Kin Hong Street, Kwai Chung, N.T.

The Utility Specialists' Resource, Training and Technical Assessment Centre had her opening ceremony on 20th June 2009 at her new office located at Kwai Chung. The opening ceremony had invited key government officials, leaders of academic institutes, companies and professional associations to attend. The opening ceremony held in the Centre had attracted 100 guests to celebrate the establishment of USRC.

In order to let the visitors understood the operation and equipments of USRC, an on-site demonstration was arranged in which specialists were invited to set up a field demonstration to introduce to the guests such as ID-Marker application, flow survey, CCTV, utility survey. A guided tour was also arranged such that guests were able to have a glance of our equipments and facilities such as library, gallery etc. In addition, the idea of 1Call Power was also brought forth to introduce to our guests the concept and work flow in which the idea had been already under satisfactory progress.

On-site demonstration, from left to right: ID-Marker Application, Flow Survey and One Call Centre Demonstration











Guided tour in one call centre. Vistors were interested in knowing how this 1Call Power as a social enterprise operates.

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Our helper introduced the USRC library, training centre and equipments displayed.

The opening ceremony was taken place outdoor in the USRC platform with the witnesses of our Honorary Guests, Mr. C.K. AU, JP (區載佳太平紳士), Ir James S.O. CHAN (陳兆安工程師), Ir P.N. CHEUNG (張秉能工程師), Mr. W.K. CHUNG (鍾榮光先生), Prof. X.L. DING (丁曉利教授), Prof. K.C. HO (何健宗教授), Mr. Robin HO (何仁祥先生), Ir Prof. Dr. William C.G. KO, SBS (高贊覺教授、博士、工程師、銀紫荆星章), Ir Damien C.C. KU (古志眾工程師), Ir Prof. Albert K.H. KWAN (關國雄教授、工程師), Ir Roger M.P. LAM (林文鵬工程師), Ir Prof. S.T. TAN (陳水助教授、工程師), Mr. C.S. WAI, JP (韋志成太平紳士) and Mr. H.C. WONG (黃恆志先生).

Ir Prof. Dr. William C.G. Ko, SBS, (高贊覺教授、博士、工程師、銀紫荆星章) Founding President of Hong Kong Utility Research Centre first delivered a welcome speech in welcoming all our prominent guests. He introduced the nature and objectives of the newly established centre for better coordination of utility resources, professional training and assessment. He elaborated that the establishment was the result of dissatisfaction of the current situation and look for further improvement and enhancement. He also thanked all the organizations and companies who attended the ceremony today and delivered their support for the set up of the Centre.



Welcome Speech by Hong Kong Utility Research Centre Foudning President, Ir Dr. Prof. William C.G. KO, SBS



Addressed by Ir C.S. WAI, JP, Director of Highways

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Mr. C.S. WAI, JP (韋志成太平紳士), Director of Highways was also invited to deliver us the congratulatory speech and expressed his support to us. The work of his department has always been closely correlated to underground utilities, and he expressed the importance of utility management and technology such that necessary accidents and unsafe road excavation could be reduced. He was also delighted and expected the Centre's achievement in enhancing and developing the skills of utility practitioners via regular training.

In such a joyous occasion, Prof. William KO (高贊覺教授、博士、工程師、銀紫荆星章), Ir Damien KU (古志眾工程師), Mr. C.K. AU, JP (區載佳太平紳士), Ir C.S. WAI, JP (韋志成太平紳士), Dr. Priscilla M.F. LEUNG (立法會議員梁美芬博士), Ir Dr. King WONG (黃敬博士、工程師) and Mr. Kenneth K.W. CHAU (鄒健宏先生) were invited on stage to lead a Chinese roasted pig chopping and tree planting which symbolizing the opening and the continuous growth of USRC.



Roasted pig cutting by (from right to left) Ir Damien C.C. KU (President of HKIUS), Ir Dr. King WONG (Chief Executive of USRC), Ir C.S. WAI, JP (Director of Highways), Ir Dr. Prof. William C.G. KO, SBS (President of HKURC), Mr. C.K. AU, JP (Director of Buildings), Dr. Priscilla M.F. LEUNG (Legislative Councillor) and Mr. Kenneth CHAU (President of Hong Kong Music Power Association)

The formation of USRC could not be so successful without the support of various parties. In order to express our deepest gratitude, yellow plates engraved with contributors' names were prepared. Some of them had been already stuck on the plants while some were hanged by our honorable guests during ceremony.

The highlight of the ceremony was from Dr. Priscilla LEUNG (立法會議員梁美芬博士) whom had attended and declared her support to the positive development of the utility industry. She also mentioned her work previously and agreed that the importance of utility specialists in improving hygiene and living standard in the community.

Dr. Priscilla LEUNG delivered us a brief address regarding her support to the utility industry and her work done previously.



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The ceremony was ended by a toasting led by our honorary guests and was then followed by a light buffet lunch.



Cheers!



Outdoor light buffet lunch was served after the ceremony.



Dr. LEUNG made a visit to the facilities of the Centre. Manhole on-site simulation was set up in front of the HKIUS graffitti.

The completion of the ceremony in the morning marked the beginning of a social enterprise recruitment day in which HKIUS company members offered 15 job positions of 200 vacancies for job seekers to apply. On-site interview was arranged and 200 job applicants joint the recruitment. The outcome was positive as most of us were glad to see how professional institute could work in terms of a social enterprise by creating job opportunities for the society especially under this adverse economic environment nowadays.



Recruitment day had attracted 200 job applicants to join.