

Joint Symposium 2008

The “Joint Symposium 2008” held on 18 Nov 2008 was an annual event jointly organized by CIBSE-HKB, HKIE-BSD, ASHRAE-HKC and with Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Department of Building Services as the co-organising university. The theme of this year’s Symposium was “Shaping Our Future Environment, the Role of Building Services Professionals”. The Symposium attracted more than 280 participants.

The Symposium started with an Opening Address from Ir Ho Kwong-Wai, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department followed by a Keynote Speech from Ir Mike Simpson, President Elect of CIBSE. In his presentation, he highlighted and discussed a lot of global warming issues and a number of methods to reduce the green house gases.

The Symposium consisted four sessions. Session 1 and Session 2 were focusing “Innovation and Challenge for Future” whereas Session 3 and Session 4 were on Implementation and Application. Session 1 was chaired by Dr. Sam Hui from ASHRAE-HKC. In this session, three speakers presented their papers including topics on natural ventilation study for high-rise buildings, carbon audit and envelope thermal transfer value. In Session 2 chaired by Ir Kenneth Li from HKIE-BSD, the topics from the three speakers were mainly focused on air quality including papers on screening analysis of unsatisfactory airborne bacteria level in air-conditioned offices, air quality control ventilation in Kowloon Tong Public Transport Interchange and systematic management of IAQ.

After Session 2, we had a lunch altogether. During the lunch, Prof. W K Chow, Acting Head, Department of Building Services Engineering, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University delivered a speech regarding the development of building services engineering education and the challenges faced by them. After the lunch, we had the Session 3 which was chaired by our Chairman, Ir Victor Leung. Three speakers presented their papers including a paper regarding the experience of setting standards and the implementation on energy performance in England and Europe, a paper on carbon footprint assessment and the other one on energy audit for commercial buildings. In Session 4 chaired by Dr. Simon Deng from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, three speakers presented very interesting topics including the seamless dovetailing of building services works at different life cycle stages of buildings, exploring the education needs of O&M personnel and the risk of evacuation time in old high-rise buildings.



All the presentations were well received by the audience with enthusiastic feedback in the Q&A sessions. The Symposium was adjourned with a Closing Speech delivered by Ir K L Chan, President of ASHRAE-HKC, in which he highlighted the contribution from building services professionals on the environmental issues and the challenges facing us.