

Title

Building Fire Safety Improvement and Emergency Preparedness

Description**Speakers**

Mr Kwok Jing-keung, Joe, SBS, FSDSM, CPM, Hon FIFireE, Hon F(UCLan), joined the Hong Kong Fire Services Department (HKFSD) as an Assistant Station Officer in 1971. He retired in 2007 in the capacity of Director of Fire Services after serving the Department for over 36 years. Throughout his career, he had undertaken various duties including firefighting and rescue, fire prevention, investigations, training and administration. With the experience he had amassed over the years and the positions he had held, he was able to make significant contributions towards the improvement of fire safety in the community and the development of fire engineering profession in Hong Kong.

In addition to his official duties at HKFSD, Mr Kwok had also been actively involved in the work of the Institution of Fire Engineers (Hong Kong Branch) and was elected the President thrice in 1996/1997 and 2005/2007. In 2008, Mr Kwok, in collaboration with a group of people who shared his vision, established the China Hong Kong Fire Protection Association (CHKFPA) for the purposes, among others, of providing a platform for fire professionals to work together to promote fire safety in Hong Kong as well as strengthening ties and cooperation with their mainland and overseas counterparts in their incessant pursuit of further development in the fields of fire engineering and fire science. At present, he is the President of the Association.

Professor Andrew W Wong, MBA, CFIFireE, CFEI, CFII, MASSE, MICF, is a 42-year veteran of the professional fire services in Hong Kong and in Canada. Professor WONG was the Founding President of The Institution of Fire Engineers Canada Branch and the first recipient of the Companion Fellow title amongst the world-wide membership of the Institution of Fire Engineers. He is one of the Founding Directors of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. He has been Senior Divisional Officer of the Hong Kong Fire Services Department and also an Executive Officer (Fire Protection Specialist) of the City of Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service in Ontario, Canada. Andrew was a Professor of the Toronto-based Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology for over 17 years. He was instrumental in teaching certificate courses in Fire Safety Planning in Canada.

Andrew is a Registered Designer (Fire Protection) with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and a Certified Fire Prevention Officer with the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. He is a Professional Member of the American Society of Safety Engineers and a Professional Member of the International Coach Federation. He is also a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and Instructor. His Canada-based consulting company is specialized in preparing site-specific fire safety plans for various occupancies and training of staff in the implementation of fire safety plans.

Mr Lawrence Ho, MIFireE, CMIOSH, PgDOSH, RSO, RSA, CHSP, has 28 years of services in the Hong Kong Fire Services Department for the law enforcement of fire safety and fire prevention. He retired from the Fire Services at the rank of Divisional Fire Officer, as the Deputy Commandant of the Fire Services Training School. Lawrence then joined HSBC for 10 years as Manager in charge of OSH in the Asia-Pacific Region. In HSBC, he has developed several programs for the protection of employee health, safety and well-being. He is now an independent consultant in the field of OSH as a Registered Safety Officer, Safety Auditor and Chartered Health and Safety Practitioner. Lawrence is the founder and Hon Chairman of the Institute of Safety and Health Practitioners (ISHP) in Hong Kong for the promotion of health and safety in the society and is appointed as member of the Panel Reviews of the International Award – Robert W Campbell Award sponsored by the National Safety Council and the ExxonMobil since 2005. Currently, Lawrence is actively organizing a Fire Safety Management Program for the promotion of fire safety in the building construction and building management industries.

Abstract

Fire safety management is crucial to the safety of a building. For new buildings, fire safety management should be incorporated in the design stage in like manner as other fire safety provisions and, sometimes, as part and parcel of the "fire engineering approach" with the objectives clearly stated in a fire safety manual. For existing buildings, both active and passive fire protections should be fully re-evaluated on the basis of a ranking system and, where necessary, upgraded in accordance with current statutory requirements. Fire safety management is there to effectively integrate both active and passive fire protection measures of the building, to prove due diligence of the building owner and to provide an optimal level of public safety.

The seminar on Building Fire Safety Improvement and Emergency Preparedness will discuss the ever-emerging importance of the fire safety planning. Three speakers will present topics on critical fire incidents in the past in Hong Kong and the subsequent legislative requirements for improvement of fire safety in old buildings, particularly composite ones. The discussion on fire safety planning will bring participants to the current level of best practice in the international arena.

Three speakers will present the following topics

Mr Lawrence Ho - Critical Fire Incidents in the Past in Hong Kong

Mr Joe Kwok Jing Keung - The Evolution of Fire Law from Crises

Prof Andrew Wong - Emergency Preparedness and the Fire Safety Plan

Event date

3-Jan-14

Number of Participants

180

Location

Auditorium, Kowloon Tong Fire Station

Assembly Place & Time	Auditorium, Kowloon Tong Fire Station, 3 Baptist University Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon / 1815-1945
Commencement of Seminar / Plant Tour	Auditorium, Kowloon Tong Fire Station, 3 Baptist University Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon / 1815-1945
Fee	Free of charge