

Professional English Writing for Engineers and Utility Specialists

Y305, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
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Event Report

The Seminar, jointly organized by The Safety Specialist Committee, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE-SSC), Research Centre for Professional Communication in English, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (RCPEC, HK PolyU), Hong Kong Institute of Utility Specialist (HKIUS) and Hong Kong Association of Risk Management and Safety (HKARMS), was held successfully on 29 Aug 2008 in The Hong Kong Polytechnic University; nearly 100 participants had attended the talk.

Before the seminar started, Ir Dr. Vincent HO and Mr. Raymond WONG representing the organizers to present souvenirs to the speaker, Professor Winnie CHENG, The Director of RCPEC, HK PolyU; expressing appreciation from the organizers. Then, Prof Winnie CHENG started the seminar by introducing the RCPEC, which aimed at pursuing applied research and consultancy so as to deepen people's understanding of professional communication in English and better serve the communication needs of professional communities. After the brief introduction of the Centre, she explained and demonstrated a number of practical corpus-based writing strategies that engineers and utility specialists will be able to apply when planning and writing different text-types in English in the professional world. For instance, how to choose the right words, how to write less, finding the right preposition and choosing the right rhetorical strategy, etc.

The Seminar was interesting and informative. It successfully delivered the knowledge on professional English to the audience. The evening end with a round of loud applauds.

