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BUDA 10th Anniversary Dinner

20 October 2008 (Monday) Kowloon Shangri-la

Event Report

In celebrating the 10th Anniversary of BUDA Group, a technical talk and a formal dinner were organised and held on 20 October 2008 at Kowloon Shangri-la. The events brought together a group of inspiring practitioners including government officials, utility specialists, engineers, consultants, educators and researchers from universities and training institutes.

The Technical Talk on “Corrosion Monitoring for Pipes” was jointly organized by CAI Division of Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE-CAI) and the Hong Kong Institute of Utility Specialists (HKIUS), and under the event management of Utility Training Institute (UTI). The Talk attracted more than 170 participants including professionals, contractors, consultants, students of related field and other interested parties. Our guest speaker Mr. Eldy Laiman, Product Business Development Manager of Pepperl + Fuchs. Mr. Laiman started the presentation by an interesting animated video track on pipe corrosion, drawing the attention of the whole audience. The Talk highlighted the state-of-art technology for continuous corrosion measurement inside the pipes. Mr. Laiman successfully employed a lot of visual images to introduce the operation principle, installation method and features of the new CorrTran MV Corrosion Monitoring Transmitter, enhancing the audience’s understanding of the topic. He also encouraged questions and interaction from the floor. The audience actively participated and raised interesting questions, and Mr. Laiman’s was able to response with burst of humour, The atmosphere of the seminar was relaxed and yet everything was conducted orderly. The Talk ended with a round big applaud.

The Dinner followed started with a cocktail reception in the foyer where BUDA poster-stands and a welcoming BUDA-Man figure were displayed. Cameras with their non-stop flashes captured the smiling faces of BUDA staff and the old and new friends they have made through the decade. After a brief chat and a sip of Spanish red wine, all the guests proceeded to the grand ballroom for the banquet. An inauguration ceremony was conducted by an unprecedented team of 19 Guests of Honor, who were all amazed to find their Q-versions appeared as name plates at the Head Table.

It was our great honour to have Ir H.S. KWONG, GBS, JP Chairman of BUDA Group (沛達集團主席鄺漢生 工程師、金紫荊星章、太平紳士), Ir Dr. The Hon Raymond C.T. HO, MBE, JP, Legislative Councilor (Engineering Functional Constituency), HKSAR, (立法會議員何鍾泰 博士 工程師 MBE 銀紫荊星章 太平紳士, 立法會議員), Ms. Primrose ZWEDALA Consul (Political) of South African Consulate

General Hong Kong SAR/Macau SAR PRC (南非註港領事), Ir Chi Sing WAI, JP Director of Highways, HKSAR(路政署署長韋志成 太平紳士), Mr. John S.V. CHAI, JP, Director of Civil Engineering and Development, HKSAR (土木工程拓展署署長蔡新榮 太平紳士), Mr. Chi Hang YUE, JP, Director of Architectural Services, HKSAR (建築署署長余熾鏗 太平紳士), Ir Lee Tak MA, JP, Director of Water Supplies, HKSAR, (水務署署長馬利德 太平紳士) Mr. Joe J.K. KWOK, JP, Founding President of China Hong Kong Fire protection Association (中國香港消防協會創會會長郭晶強 太平紳士), Ir Prof. Dr. William C.G. KO, SBS, Founding President of Hong Kong Utility Research Centre(香港管綫管理研究中心創會會長高贊覺教授、工程師、銀紫荊星章), Ir Damien C.C. KU, President of Hong Kong Institute of Utility Specialists(香港管綫專業學會會長古志眾工程), Ir Dr. Joseph M.K. CHOW, OBE, JP. Past President of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (香港工程師學會前會長周明權 博士 工程師 太平紳士), Mr. Kyran SZE, Managing Director of AEDAS Ltd. (凱達環球有限公司執行董事施家殷先生), Mr. Raymond K.S. CHAN, JP Head of Geotechnical Engineering Office Civil Engineering and Development Department, HKSAR (土力工程處處長陳健碩 太平紳士), Mr. Tony K.L. YUE, Director of Wo Hing Construction Company Limited (和興建築有限公司董事余國樑先生), Mr. Lesile CHEN President of The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, (香港園境師學會會長陳弘志先生), Dr. Michael P.H. LAM, Executive Director of Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency(香港品質保證局總裁林寶興博士), Mr. Jason WONG General Manager of Towngas Telecommunications Fixed Networks Ltd. (名氣通電訊固網有限公司總經理黃耀宗先生), Dr. Winnie TANG Chief Executive Officer of ESRI China (HK) Ltd. ESRI (中國(香港)有限公司行政總裁鄧淑明博士), Mr. Zico K.Y. KWOK, Managing Director of BUDA Group (沛達集團常務董事郭啟業先生).

Ir H S KWONG GBS, JP Chairman of BUDA Group (沛達集團主席鄺漢生 工程師、金紫荊星章、太平紳士) first delivered a welcoming speech to greet the dinner participants and briefly reported the historical changes of BUDA Group during the past decade. He thanked the staff for working diligently and contributing to the achievements of today. He also appreciated the support from all the business partners, and without them BUDA could not have been itself today. Ir KWONG was happy that many guests joined the celebration event despite the fact that BUDA had not grown to become dominant group in the industry.

This was followed by Ir Dr. The Hon Raymond C.T. HO, MBE, JP, Legislative Councilor (Engineering Functional Constituency), HKSAR, 立法會議員何鍾泰 博士 工程師 MBE 銀紫荊星章 太平紳士, 立法會議員, who made a congratulatory speech to BUDA 10th Anniversary.. He was happy in witnessing BUDA's growth and appreciated BUDA's effort in enhancing safety and quality benchmarks for the industry.

Following the speeches was the presentation of souvenirs, again it was another surprise. Each of the Guests of Honor was presented a figure sculpture made after their photos. Then, a brief and fantastic inauguration followed with all the Guests of Honor toasting amid the hilarious bang-bang of the bursting party poppers, glittering colored paper strips flying in the air.

While the guests were enjoying the food, BUDA 10th Anniversary photo-slideshow which contained the collective memories of a decade was in display against graceful background classical music. Then it was the time for games. A technical yet entertaining game was specially designed for utility practitioners – a crossword puzzle to find out the 12 Disciplines of HKIUS. Of course, BUDA's staffs were assigned to be

‘undercover’ seated at each table to help. The first 3 winners were given prizes of red wine.

Then, a speech was delivered by Mr. Zico KWOK, Managing Director of BUDA 沛達集團常務董事郭啟業先生, Mr. Kwok started his speech by the incident of Kwun Lung Lau and presented the development of BUDA in different stages. He stressed the importance of leakage detection in ensuring slope safety and expressed his concern in maintaining service standard of utility surveys.

The formal speech was followed by a relaxed hip-hop dance by ‘BUDA’ – Baptist University Dance Association. The staff of BUDA group may not be able to dance hip-hop, but this serve to symbolize our energetic side.

Apart from celebration of the 10th Anniversary, BUDA took the opportunity to present its Lifetime Achievement Award and the Best Apprenticeship Award at the dinner. The Life Achievement Award went to Mr. Chan Wah Ngok (or Uncle Wah). (Uncle Wah is a veteran in water leakage detection. He has over 40 years of experiences in this area having worked for WSD for over 30 years which he joined since 1964. He had detected water leakage in virtually every corners in HK) A gold medal was presented by Ir H S Kwong to Uncle Wah. And the Best Apprentice award went to Hui Hei Lung (He joined BUDA almost a year ago. He is highly energetic and very eager to learn. During the year or so, he had taken courses in utility survey, conduit conditions survey and GPR. His strong passion to work was highly regarded by his Team Leader.) A trophy was present by Mr. Zico Kwok.

It was our great pleasure to invite Dr. Louis LOCK and Mrs. LOCK (樂法成教授工程師伉儷) to present Cantonese opera song of a romantic encounter of the talent and the beauty. The guests were amazed by their wonderful voice. Apart from Dr. LOCK, Ir H S Kwong GBS, JP Chairman of BUDA Group 沛達集團主席鄭漢生 工程師、金紫荊星章、太平紳士 and Ir. John S.V. CHAI, JP, Director of Civil Engineering and Development, HKSAR (土木工程拓展署署長蔡新榮 工程師、太平紳) were also invited to sing the tender love song “Always on my mind”, filled with nostalgia and remind people of the old days.

Last but not least, Mr. Zico Kwok, Managing Director of BUDA group delivered a vote of thanks to all the dinner participants. He also thanked the hard work of our MC Mr. Raymond Wong and Ms Sara Ma, who had conducted the ceremony so professionally and the crew who managed the event so well. Without all parties’ generous support, the dinner would not have been so successfully held. We truly hope that you had an enjoyable evening and look forward to seeing you in our upcoming events and gatherings.



Technical talk before the dinner



Ir HS Kwong GBS, JP with guests in cocktail reception

(from left: Ir Alfred Leung, Ir Kenneth She, Ir HS Kwong,
Ir Dr Joseph Chow, Ir Raymond Lin)



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Unprecedented combo of 19 Guests of Honor



Ir H S Kwong GBS, JP delivered a welcome speech



Ir Dr. the Hon Raymond C T HO SBS, MBE, JP delivered a congratulatory speech



Innovative name plates



Surprise to the Guests of Honor



Congratulation – Clinks of glasses with Ir Dr. King Wong, BUDA's Advisor



Crossword puzzle games



Hip-Hop by 'BUDA', Baptist University Dance Associate



Mr. Zico KWOK delivers a speech of BUDA's development in different stages



Cheers – Mr. Zico KWOK greets old and new friends



Uncle Wah (Mr. Chan Wah Ngok) recipient of Lifetime

Achievement Award



Little Dragon (Mr. Hui Hei Lung), recipient of Best

Apprenticeship Award



Ir Dr. Louis LOCK and Mrs. LOCK sing Cantonese Opera Song



Ir H S KWONG GBS, JP & Mr. John S V CHAI, JP sing tender love song



It is a successful & enjoyable dinner party, cheers!