

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 11th Annual General Meeting of The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited

Honourable guests, dear members, good evening

I am pleased in presenting the annual report on behalf of the 11th Council of The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited.

This year is the 1st council year of the 11th Council. This council still continues to serve the Association in coming year.

The 11th Council Members are:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Position</u>
Chubb Hong Kong Ltd.	Peter O.K.Lam	Chairman
Majestic Engineering Co. Ltd.	Michael M.K.Lam	Vice Chairman
Jardine Technical Services	W.S. Lee	Hon. Secretary (retired Sep 2004)
Fai Tak Engineering Co. Ltd.	Francis M.F.Tang	Hon. Secretary (joined Sep 2004)
Yue Sang Engineering Ltd.	Samuel Leong	Hon. Treasurer (retired Jan 2005)
ATAL Engineering Ltd.	P.S.Ho	Hon. Treasurer (joined Jan 2005)
Guardian Fire Engineers & Con. Ltd.	Ken C.K.Poon	Director
Shun Yick & Co., Ltd.	Rudolf K.C.Tam	Director
Ryoden Engineering Co., Ltd.	Eric K.Y.Lai	Director
Johnson Controls H.K.Ltd.	Charles C.M.Law	Director
Shun Cheong Electrical Engg. Co. Ltd.	C.K.Chan	Director
Mansion Fire Services Co. Ltd.	K.C.Lam	Director
Honeywell Ltd.	Wilson C.Y. Yau	Director

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Samuel Leong who served the council as Honourable Treasurer over the last thirty years and built a strong and solid foundation of finance book for the association and his successor Mr. PS Ho.

The 12 committees of the association have been serving the association and its members I believe to a high degree of satisfaction. Each committee is led by at least one council member with some heavy workload committees such as Housing committee is led by two council members. The result of the past four years confirms that the organizational change is completed successfully.

The success of any trade organizations is to be measured by the supports that the association has received from its members. I am pleased to report that although the industry has been facing the worst hit by insufficient works, the association still be able to grow its member 4% year on year from 81 members to 84 members or 26% in the past five years.

Membership

	2000/2002	2002/2004	2004/2005
Affiliate Members	8	15	14
Full Members	59	66	70
Total	67	81	84

I would like to welcome our new members:

1.	Chun Tat International Group Ltd.
2.	Excel Building Services Co.
3.	First Fire Engineering Co. Ltd.
4.	Hong Kong Oxygen & Acetylene Co. Ltd.
5.	Interconic Engineering Co. Ltd.
6.	Link-Foong Engineering Services Ltd.
7.	Lucky Engineering Co. Ltd.
8.	Nowland Engineering Ltd.

The 12 committees are as follows:

1. Newsletter and Internet Committee

1.	Mr. Wilson Yau (Chairman of Committee)	Honeywell Ltd.
2.	Mr. Simon Tsang	Chubb Hong Kong Ltd.
3.	Mr. Raymond Tsui	External member
4.	Mr. Francis Tsang	Chubb Hong Kong Ltd.
5.	Ms. Kathy Li	Administrator of FSICA

- The newsletter and Internet committee issued two newsletters last year and kept the website of the Association being updated monthly.
- FSICA uploaded "how to select RFSIC and the scope of work of RFSIC" to the homepage. A Chinese version had been posted on FSICA website.

2. Admin & Finance Committee

1.	Mr. P.S.Ho (Chairman of Committee)	ATAL Engineering Ltd.
2.	Ms. Kathy Li	Administrator of FSICA

- The Hon. Treasurer is out of town, a separate session by the Eric Lai shall report the good work that the Admin & Finance Committee has done last year.
- 30 Anniversary Cups designed by Kathy are being sent to members during past weeks.

3. Technical Committee

1.	Mr. Michael Lam (Chairman of Committee)	Majestic Engineering Co. Ltd.
2.	Mr. Eric Lai	Ryoden Engineering Co., Ltd.
3.	Mr. C.K.Chan	Shun Cheong Electrical Engg. Co. Ltd.
4.	Mr. Francis Tang	Fai Tak Engineering Co. Ltd.
5.	Mr. Simon Tsang	Chubb Hong Kong Limited
6.	Mr. Wicky Lo	Lik Kai Engineering Co., Ltd.
7.	Mr. Robin Li	External member

8.	Mr. Albert Tang	External member
9.	Mr. C.S.Lam	External member
10.	Mr. Tommy Leung	External member

1. Led by Michael Lam key members of the Technical Committee participated four (4) the Fire Safety Standards Advisory Group meeting in Sep and Dec 2004 and Mar and July 2005 to advise FSD regarding rules and regulations.
2. FSD requested FSICA to join force to hold seminars for FSD's officer and members of FSICA to promote and exchange views for increasing surprise checks based on FS251 from currently about 500 inspections per annum to about 3,000 inspections per annum. Joint seminars with Fire Services Department on Inspection / Maintenance of Fire Service Installation were held on 30-Mar-2005 and 31-Mar-2005.
3. A consultation Forum on the Third Party Certification and Product Certification Schemes held on 21 July 2005.

4. Training Committee

1.	Mr. Francis Tang (Chairman of Committee)	Fai Tak Engineering Co. Ltd.
2.	Mr. P.S.Ho	ATAL Engineering Ltd.
3.	Mr. C.K.Chan	Shun Cheong Electrical Engg. Co. Ltd.
4.	Mr. Michael Lam	Majestic Engineering Co. Ltd.
5.	Mr. Eric Lai	Ryoden Engineering Co., Ltd.
6.	Mr. Simon Tsang	Chubb Hong Kong Limited
7.	Mr. Robin Li	External member
8.	Mr. Albert Tang	External member
9.	Mr. C.S.Lam	External member
10.	Mr. Tommy Leung	External member

1. Committee chairman Francis Tang represented FSICA to sit on the Advisory Board of Building Services Engineering of Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Skill Upgrading Scheme committee of ETWB and subcommittee on development of E&M courses of CITA.
2. Held two (2) preparatory courses for Class 3 Registered Contractor Registration Examination.
3. Arranged technical seminar for Drencher and Pre-action Sprinkler System

5. Legal & Contract Committee

1.	Mr. Michael Lam (Chairman of Committee)	Majestic Engineering Co. Ltd.
2.	Mr. Eric Lai	Ryoden Engineering Co., Ltd.
3.	Mr. Tommy Poon	Guardian Fire Engineers & Con. Ltd.

6. Membership Committee

1.	Mr. K.C.Lam (Chairman of Committee)	Mansion Fire Services Co. Ltd.
2.	Ms. Kathy Li	Administrator of FSICA

1. The committee sent our newsletter to non-members together with membership application form in order to attract new membership.

7. Safety Committee

1.	Mr. Charles Law (Chairman of Committee)	Johnson Controls Hong Kong Ltd.
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1. The Association joined the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors to hold an E&M industry safety walk in Dec 2004 and shall join again this year.

8. Recreation Committee

1.	Mr. Ken Poon (Chairman of Committee)	Guardian Fire Engineers & Con. Ltd.
2.	Ms. Kathy Li	Administrator of FSICA

Led by the committee chairman Ken Poon, the association had held two golf tournaments last year.

9. Architectural Services Department Liaison Committee

1.	Mr. Peter Lam	Chubb Hong Kong Ltd.
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10. Housing Department Liaison Committee

1.	Mr. Eric Lai (Chairman of Committee)	Ryoden Engineering Co., Ltd.
2.	Mr. Michael Lam	Majestic Engineering Co. Ltd.
3.	Mr. C.K.Chan	Shun Cheong Electrical Engg. Co. Ltd.
4.	Mr. Tommy Poon	Chubb Hong Kong Limited

1. Same as last year, this committee has been the busiest committee among other committees.
2. The liaison committee joined 4 liaison meetings and 4 sub-working group meeting and many other ad-hoc meetings for BSPASS issues in the past 12 months.
3. The recent issue is to propose replacing the UPVC lined GI pipe index by GI pipe index through FEMC meeting with ETWB.

11. Fire Services Department Liaison Committee

1.	Mr. Peter Lam	Chubb Hong Kong Ltd.
2.	Mr. Michael Lam	Majestic Engineering Co. Ltd.
3.	Mr. K.C.Tam	Shun Yick & Co., Ltd.
4.	Mr. Eric Lai	Ryoden Engineering Co., Ltd.
5.	Mr. Francis Tang	Fai Tak Engineering Co. Ltd.

1. FSICA wrote to FSD to express the difficulties that RFSIC had been facing regarding the new CEPA stage II in Jan 2005.
2. Chairman, Vice Chairman and Hon Treasurer attended the Macau-Guangzhou-Hong Kong fire exhibition held in May 2005.
3. Exchanged views with FSD the consultation paper for "Third Party Certification".
4. Seminars organized by Training committee of FSICA shall be held by end of March.

12. Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors Ltd. Liaison Committee

1.	Mr. Peter Lam (Chairman of Committee)	Chubb Hong Kong Ltd.
2.	Mr. Tommy Poon	Guardian Fire Engineers & Con. Ltd.
3.	Mr. Wicky Lo	Lik Kai Engineering Co., Ltd.

1. All E&M contract of which its contract sum exceeds HK\$1.0m shall be affected. Including the PCFB Levy (0.4%), CITA/E&M Levy (0.25%) and CWR Levy (0.03%), please allow total 0.68% of the contract sum as cost when we prepare a tender or quotation of which its contract sum exceeds HK\$1.0m.
2. The next MOC meeting shall be held in Xian in September 2005, Peter Lam and Tom Poon shall represent FSICA to attend.
3. The office bearers of the new FEMC council for the 3rd council term starting July 2005 to July 2007 Peter Lam has been elected as VP of FEMC; Tom Poon and Wicky Lo have been elected as council members of FEMC.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the friends of our association - External members of committees:

1. Mr. Albert Tang (Technical Committee)
2. Mr. Robin Li (Technical Committee)
3. Mr. Tommy Leung (Technical Committee)
4. Mr. C.S.Lam (Technical Committee)
5. Mr. Raymond Tsui (Newsletter and Internet Committee)
6. Mr. Kevin Yau (Lecturer of Class 3 Training Course)

for their contributions, time and friendship.

International links

1. The Technical Director of LPCB, Mr. Philip Field and the Technical manager of LPCB, Mr. Chris Gill visited us and delivered a speech on 13 October 2004 at the FSICA office regarding the recent developments of the CE and LPCB approvals.

Review and Outlook

Although the Hong Kong economy continued to expand at a brisk pace in 2005 with GDP growing by 6.8% in real terms, construction activity is still slack in the near term, the following table year on year rate of change (%) reflected the tough business situation of our industry.

Change in real terms of GDP and its main expenditure components Year on Year rate of change (%)	2003	2004	2004				2005	
GDP	-3.4	4.7	2.4	8.3	3.7	4.5	4.5	5.7
Building and Construction	-5.6	-11.1	-12.4	-13.4	-14.3	-3.7	-1.0	-10.7

Source of information: Half-yearly Economic Report 2005 released by The Government of HKSAR on 26 August 2005

The association in the coming year shall through its communication with the Government to speed up Government projects for the members to enjoy more work opportunity.

Finally, I must say thank you for all your supports to the Association last year, and wish you fruitful business in coming months and years. Enjoy your time and the dinner. Thank you

Peter O K Lam
Chairman
The Association of Registered
Fire Service Installation Contractors
of Hong Kong Limited
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