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Message from the Chair



Dear esteemed member of the CIBSE Hong Kong Region,

It is my great honour and pleasure to be elected as the Chair for the CIBSE Hong Kong Region in the session 2025/26. Thirteen years ago, in 2012, I began my involvement as Chair of the Young Engineers Network (YEN), and today, I want to give my deep appreciation to our past Chairs, all committee members, the Shanghai Panel and the YEN.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to my good friend, Hyvan Wong, who has led us brilliantly during the 2024/2025 session. His ability to inspire change and drive excellence in our industry has been a beacon for us all. I am confident that he will continue to support the CIBSE Hong Kong Region as our Immediate Past Chair.

A special acknowledgment goes to the new committee for the 2025/2026 session. Despite their demanding roles, their unwavering commitment to the Region strengthens our unity and enhances our collective success. This dedication to nurturing young talent is vital for our future, and I am proud to see the YEN thriving as a cornerstone of our organization.

With over 3,200 members, the CIBSE Hong Kong Region stands as the largest international region, representing approximately 15% of our global membership. This remarkable achievement is a testament to our shared dedication and the solid foundation laid by those who came before us.

In the upcoming session, my focus, alongside the committee, will be to explore new initiatives. We aim to extend our reach into neighboring areas such as Macau and the Greater Bay Area, enhance collaboration with other institutions, and further mentor our young members. Together, I am confident that we can continue to promote CIBSE and elevate our influence in the industry.



As I take on this role, I am proud to continue the legacy of Hyvan and our past Chairs. Thank you once again for your trust and support. I assure you that I will dedicate myself fully to serving the Region.

Looking ahead, I encourage all members to actively participate in our events and initiatives. Your insights and engagement are crucial as we work together to shape the future of our profession. Let's foster an environment of innovation and collaboration, ensuring that the CIBSE Hong Kong Region remains at the forefront of our industry.

Ethan POON
Chair, CIBSE Hong Kong Region (2025/26)

Region Activities

CIBSE Hong Kong Region Annual Dinner 2024



The CIBSE Hong Kong Region Annual Dinner 2024 was held on 14 March 2024 at JW Marriott Hotel Ballroom in Hong Kong. Over 500 members and guests participated in this memorable event.



We were honoured to have invited Mr. Victor Tai, JP, the Under Secretary for Housing, as our Guest of Honour and gave a speech in the event. Guests from various sectors, including representatives from Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), Fire Services Department (FSD), Buildings Department (BD), Housing Department, Legislative Council, engineering institutions and engineering department of universities were also invited to this event.



We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended and supported the recently concluded CIBSE Annual Dinner 2024. Your presence and contributions made this event an unforgettable evening for the building services industry.

Region Activities

President Elect and CEO Visit 2024

Ms. Ruth Carter, CIBSE's CEO, Mr. Vince Arnold, President Elect, and Mr. Richard Goldsbrough, Director of Membership paid a visit to Hong Kong in November 2024 to participate in key activities that further the cause of building services engineering in Hong Kong Region.

During their stay, CIBSE Hong Kong Region arranged a meeting with the HKIE to discuss the new reciprocal agreement between CIBSE and HKIE, with mutual recognition of CIBSE Members in Hong Kong. They also engaged with professionals from the ArchSD and the EMSD to explore collaboration opportunities aimed at advancing building design and building services engineering. One of the highlights of this visit was the technical visit to Kai Tak Sports Park, an innovative mega sports facility featuring a 50,000-seat main stadium with a retractable roof and bowl cooling system.

Ms. Ruth Carter, on behalf of the delegation, expressed her gratitude to the hard work of YEN and Hong Kong Region Committee for arranging the numerous activities with fruitful and impressive results during the visit of the delegation.



Region Activities

CIBSE Medal Award

We are proud to announce the prestigious CIBSE's Medal Awards which recognise exceptional, outstanding, and distinguished service to CIBSE and the wider industry. This year, we are glad that CIBSE UK granted the prestigious Gold Medal to Dr PL Yuen. This prestigious award recognises his outstanding service to CIBSE and the building services industry.

As the past Chair of CIBSE Hong Kong Region and the past Vice President of CIBSE UK, Dr Yuen has made significant contributions to our

field. He is also the Hong Kong Branch Chairman of the Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate Management UK (IHEEM), and a Honorary Fellow of the Energy Institute UK (EI).

At the President's Awards Dinner on 11 October 2024, Dr Yuen shared his invaluable experiences in enhancing Hong Kong's public healthcare infrastructure, including his critical work during the pandemic. He emphasised that this award symbolises not just personal achievement, but also the responsibility to advance our profession for future generations.



Region Activities

Visit to Legislative Council



CIBSE Hong Kong Region had the privilege to be invited by Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok, GBS, MH, JP, Member of the Hong Kong's Legislative Council in the Engineering Functional Constituency for a fruitful discussion at his office. It was an incredibly insightful session where we delved into the future of Hong Kong and the engineering industry.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok for his continuous support to CIBSE

Hong Kong Region. His dedication to promoting excellence in our field is truly commendable, and we are grateful for his valuable contributions.

During our conversation, we explored various aspects of the engineering industry's development and its impact on Hong Kong's future. It was an enlightening exchange of ideas and experiences, leaving us with a sense of optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Social Activities

ArchSD 17th Meeting - Building Services Professional Bodies

CIBSE Hong Kong Region attended the ArchSD 17th Meeting - Building Services Professional Bodies on 27 March 2024. This event was a great opportunity for networking and learning from industry experts including HKIE Building Services Division (BSD) and ASHRAE Hong Kong Chapter (HKC).

During the event, we were privileged to delve into a diverse range of topics and engage in meaningful discussions that have left us eagerly anticipating further participation. Notable areas of focus included the deployment of TM65 - Embodied Carbon to local industries and the Best Design Practice for a digitisation transformation. These discussions were instrumental in enhancing our understanding of the latest trends and advancements in the field of building services.



We firmly believe that the knowledge acquired at this event will prove invaluable in our ongoing endeavors, enabling us to remain at the forefront of our industry. By incorporating these newfound insights into our work, we are confident in our ability to embrace emerging trends and drive positive change.



Social Activities

First Anniversary Ceremony of Smooth Implementation of the Property Management Licensing Regime

CIBSE Hong Kong Region was invited to the First Anniversary Ceremony of Smooth Implementation of the Property Management Licensing Regime after Ending of Three-year Transitional Period cum Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Seminar on 1 August 2024, organised by the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA). This event marked a significant milestone in the property management industry in Hong Kong.

As a member of the Recognised Professional Bodies recognised by the PMSA, we are proud to be part of an industry that values excellence, professionalism, and continuous improvement. The dedication of industry professionals and the support of organisations like the PMSA are crucial in advancing the property management sector in Hong Kong.

We would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the ongoing efforts of the PMSA in promoting the industry's healthy development post-transitional period. Through the three-pronged approach of "regulating by licensing," "setting professional standards," and "promoting CPD," the PMSA aims to enhance the status and professionalism of the property management industry, driving it to deliver better quality services to the public.



Technical Activities

Hong Kong Joint Symposium 2024



CIBSE Hong Kong Region co-organised the Hong Kong Joint Symposium 2024 with the HKIE BSD and the ASHRAE HKC on 19 November 2024. This iconic event brought together international and local experts to explore advancements in building design and services engineering, centered around the theme "Innovating and Revitalising Productivity in Building Services with 3S".

The symposium featured an inspiring lineup of sessions, including discussions on carbon neutrality strategies, innovative design guidelines, big data applications, and enhancing indoor air

quality. Attendees gained valuable insights into innovative approaches to HVAC systems and district cooling solutions, as well as exploring productivity journeys and decarbonisation evaluations.

We were honoured to have invited Ms. HO Wing Yin Winnie, JP, the Secretary for Housing, HKSAR as our Guest of Honour and gave a speech in the event. We express our sincere gratitude to our keynote speaker, Mr. Vince Arnold, President Elect, along with all our esteemed speakers, session chairs, and participants for their valuable contributions and engagement.

Technical Activities

Yunnan (Kunming) - Hong Kong Joint Symposium 2024



CIBSE Hong Kong Region was honoured to host a two-day symposium titled Yunnan (Kunming) - Hong Kong Joint Symposium 2024 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, on 1 & 2 July 2024. This event was organised in partnership with the Department of Building Environment and Energy Engineering at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, showcasing our dedication to fostering strong academic and professional ties.

The theme of this year's symposium, "Towards Carbon Neutrality," reflects our collective commitment to sustainable development and innovation in building services engineering. As we



face the pressing challenges of climate change, this theme underscores the importance of reducing carbon footprints and implementing environmentally friendly practices in our projects.

We express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Poon Kwok Ying, Raymond, JP, the Director of EMSD for his support to the event. He delivered an insightful opening speech highlighting the strategies towards achieving carbon neutrality by the HKSAR government and the amazing works EMSD has been carrying out, emphasising the importance of collaboration in promoting energy efficiency and sustainable development within the region.



YEN Activities

Joint Society Workshop - Women in Building Services Engineering

The Women in Building Services Engineering joint societies workshop jointly organised by CIBSE Hong Kong Region, HKIE BSD and ASHRAE HKC was held at Regal Kowloon Hotel on 23 February 2024. The objective of the workshop was to promote diversity and inclusion in the field of building services engineering by inviting three successful female engineers to share their stories.

The atmosphere at the workshop was filled with a sense of camaraderie and support as young engineer with diversified backgrounds came together to learn and inspire one another. The

setting of the workshop was conducive to open discussions and networking, allowing attendees to engage with the speakers and each other in a meaningful way.

One of the key takeaways from the workshop was the importance of mentorship and support networks in overcoming obstacles and achieving success in the industry. Our esteemed speakers emphasised the need for women in engineering to support and uplift each other, as well as the significance of creating a more inclusive and diverse workplace culture.



YEN Activities

Technical Visit to Absen LED Factory at Huizhou



CIBSE YEN successfully arranged the technical visit to the Factory of A world's leading LED display products and service supplier - Absen. Ltd. (ABSEN) at Huizhou on 7 September 2024. Just like the excellent weather on that day, all 16 participants were in good moods and were totally devoted to the technical visit of ABSEN. The technical visit tour covered several site visiting points including LED experience centre, factory and testing centre. Each of the site visiting point was so specific and every parts of them were tailor made for the professional industry, LED engineering, turning this technical visit into an unique and mysterious one. This half day immersive experience was so unforgettable to those participants as the tour was smooth and the technologies showcases were innovative and interesting.

YEN Activities

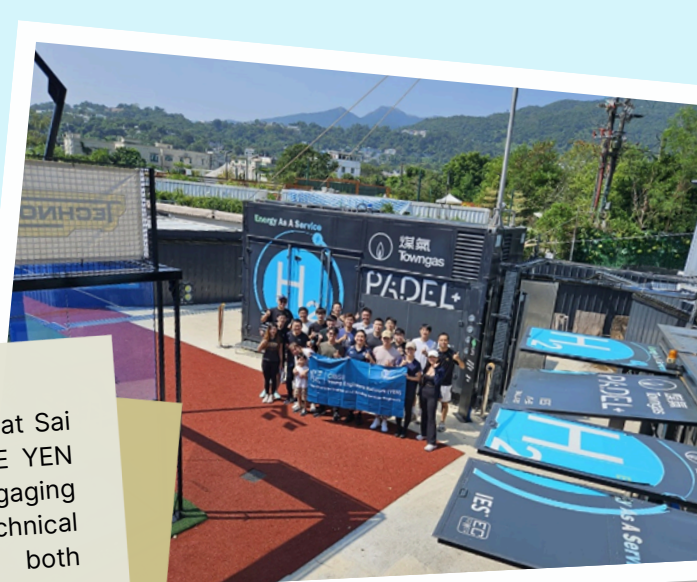
Technical Visit to Padel+



The Technical Visit to Padel+ was successfully held on at Sai Kung on 12 October 2024, bringing together 20 CIBSE YEN members and friends for an enlightening and engaging experience. The event provided a unique blend of technical learning and team-building activities, fostering both professional development and networking opportunities among members.

The visit commenced with an insightful technical tour focusing on cutting-edge sustainable technologies, featuring the hydrogen fuel cell EV charging facilities and combined heat and power applications. This hands-on exposure allowed members to gain practical understanding of these innovative energy solutions and their real-world applications.

Following the technical visit, members participated in an exciting introduction to Padel, an increasingly popular racquet sport combining elements of tennis and squash. With two dedicated courts and professional coaching support, members received fundamental training and engaged in a friendly tournament. The sporting activity created an excellent platform for networking and team bonding in a relaxed environment.



YEN Activities

CIBSE Hong Kong Region YEN Christmas Party 2024



The 2024 CIBSE Hong Kong Region YEN Christmas Party was successfully held on 27 December 2024. It was a memorable evening filled with joy, laughter, and a true sense of festive spirit. The party was held at a place adorned with beautiful Christmas decorations, including twinkling lights, vibrant ornaments, and a Christmas tree. Food and beverages were served at the party. Everyone enjoyed the big dinner and the chitchat during dinner time.

To ensure an unforgettable experience for our young members, we arranged a lineup of fantastic entertainment. Numerous engaging

activities and games were organised to foster our bonding and create a sense of camaraderie. From a fun-filled bingo game to a hilarious gift exchange, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The highlight of the evening was the lucky draw. Everyone tried their luck to bring away the extra happiness back home.

In summary, the Christmas party brought our young members together in the spirit of celebration and fostered a sense of unity. Everyone was allowed to unwind, connect, and create lasting memories.



CIBSE Membership

If you haven't already, please remember to renew your CIBSE Membership for 2025. Reinstate your benefits and get 20% off all Training courses, unlimited downloads on the Knowledge Portal, access to CIBSE Mentoring and personalised support to achieve professional registration.

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