

Industry and Technology Committee Report on Committee's Activities 2002/2003

2002 Hong Kong Award for Services: Innovation

The 2002 Hong Kong Awards for Services was successfully concluded on 18 December 2002 at the prize presentation Gala Dinner. Winners of the five categories of the Awards Scheme received their trophies from Mr Henry Tang, Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology. The HKGCC Innovative Services Awards were presented by Chamber Vice Chairman Dr Lily Chiang, who was also the Chairman of the HKGCC Judging Panel.

To promote excellence in the service industries, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce launched the Hong Kong Awards for Services in 1997, which has remained the "Oscars" of the service industries. Since the Awards' inception the Chamber has been the leading organiser of the Innovation category of the Hong Kong Awards for Services.

In 2002 scheme, the Chamber received 29 applications. The grand award was granted to RoadShow Holdings Limited, who offers Multi-Media advertising services on board buses. Winners of the HKGCC Innovative Service Award were: Best Western Rosedale on the Park, Citibank NA, Everbright Groups Ltd and Hong Kong Broadband Network Ltd. Selection criteria were based on service development and performance, corporate policy and planning, commercial results and prospects, and social contribution. (For details: www.hkpc.org/hkas)

HKGCC Innovative Business Contest for University Students

16 winner students stood out from a HKGCC business contest, who were granted certificates by Dr Eden Woon, Chamber CEO, and Mr Kenneth Mak, Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau at a presentation ceremony on 9 January 2003.

For Hong Kong to continue to succeed, the success attributes of creativity, speed and quality have to be promoted not only among the practising business sectors but, equally importantly, to our younger generation. The Chamber therefore jointly organised a junior category award for university students with the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the University of Hong Kong. The Contest was supported by the Business and Services Promotion Unit of the Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau.

The Contest was very successful. We receive applications from over 200 university students. Winner students were able to demonstrate not only academic intelligence but also creative business mindset. The Chamber is now helping winner students to find internship placements. (For details: www.chamber.org.hk/ibcus)

Subscription luncheon with Mr Jong-Yong Yun, 10 October 2002

The Industry and Technology Committee supported the luncheon with Mr Jong-Yong Yun, CEO of Samsung. The speaker shared his experience of how the company managed to overcome past difficulties to become one of the world's most successful electronics firms. (For detail: http://www.chamber.org.hk/info/speech/chamber_in_action.asp?YY=2002&MM=10&DD=&P=&KW=&id=)

Seminar on “Textiles 2005: What can we do?” 13 January 2003

The seminar on “Textiles 2005: What can we do?” attracted more than 100 participants. Speakers included Trade and Industry Department Assistant Director Ms Rosanna Law, Polytechnic University Professor Zhang Zhi-ming, and textile industrialist Mr Henry Tang. (For details: http://www.chamber.org.hk/info/speech/chamber_in_action.asp?YY=2003&MM=1&DD=&P=&KW=&id=)

Subscription Luncheon with Prof Rolf Zinjernagel, 28 February

Prof Rolf Zinkernagel, winner of the 1996 Nobel Prize in Medicine, removed any veil of mystery surrounding biotechnology to present it as a viable industry that businesses could and should be investing more into developing. Although biotechnology in Asia is still in its infancy, he said Singapore’s serious investments in the industry, together with its mature IT sector, have created unique opportunities that would reap long-term dividends for the island state. Hong Kong should also be looking at how it can develop its biotechnology sector. (For details: http://www.chamber.org.hk/info/speech/chamber_in_action.asp?YY=2003&MM=2&DD=&P=&KW=&id=)

Visit to the Cyberport, 29 April 2003

The Committee will be organising a 2-hour visit to the Cyberport on 29 April. The visit will cover tours to the Network Operation Center, Sample Office Floor, Cyber Plaza and Visitor Center. Visits to selective tenants will also be arranged.

Roundtable Luncheon on "Revisiting Innovation and Technology: Where are we?" 20 May 2003

Mr Tony Lam, Assistant Commissioner of the Innovation and Technology Commission is invited to speak about the overall policy direction to develop technology sector.

Others Meetings and Events

Chamber Vice Chairman Dr Lily Chiang gave a talk on “new industrialisation” at a seminar organised by the Hong Kong policy Research Institute and the Hong Kong Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Association on 11 January 2003.

The Chairman of the Industry and Technology Committee and a few industrial members were invited to an informal meeting with the Taxation Committee on 18 March 2003 to discuss about the issue of Inland Revenue Department’s investigation practices.

Committee’s activities under planning

- 2003 Hong Kong Award for Services: Innovation
- 2003 HKGCC Innovative Business Contest for University Students
- Visit to the Science Park
- 2-day Visit to the PRD (Shenzhen, Nansha and other cities)