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By Email

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, may I wish you all **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

It has been nearly six months since I took up the presidency of the HKAEE and a new Board of Directors was elected. In the past six months, we have been working diligently on the activities of the Association. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly report on the activities undertaken during this time.

Learned Society Activities

We have collaborated with other institutions in organizing a technical visit to Guangdong and another visit to Qingdao. Both technical visits were very successful.

On 19 November, we have organized a half-day seminar on energy efficiency in the Morrison Hill Technical Institute. The response of this half-day seminar was overwhelming, with over 140 attendees. There were also demonstrations on site on some of the energy saving technologies. We are indebted to the speakers and sponsors their support, in particular, in borrowing the equipment for demonstration on site. We owe much thanks to the members in the Activities Committee in organizing these activities.

Training courses

Following the success of the Certified Energy Manager (CEM) training course last year, and the Certified Carbon Audit Professionals (CAP) training course this May, we had organized a CEM course in September, and a CAP course in October. The CEM course has proved to be very popular.

The Chief Executive, in his Policy Address in October, has again highlighted the importance of energy efficiency. He also set a vision for a low carbon economy. The starting point for a low carbon economy is to pay attention to carbon audits in existing buildings. With government's emphasis on energy efficiency and carbon audit, we consider that there will be a continuing need for both CEM and CAP courses. Indeed, we have received much encouragement from the government to continue organizing these two courses. Accordingly, we plan to conduct another CAP course on 10-13 February, and another CEM course on 3-6 March. Members of HKAEE would enjoy some discount in taking these courses. You will find the information on these two courses in the website.

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Much effort has been put into organizing these courses. Members in the Training Committee have been working hard, and I would like to register my sincere thanks. Equally, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer have devoted great efforts in helping with the administrative side of the courses. I would like to express my indebtedness and appreciation of their hard work and perseverance.

Representation in the Mandatory Building Energy Code Task Force

Our Hon Secretary has been representing the Association in the Mandatory Building Energy Code Task Force. Issues related to the technical aspects of the mandatory energy code were seriously discussed, and the practical aspects of implementation were examined in detail. Significant progress has been made. We again owe much thanks to our Hon Secretary.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead in the next six months, we shall continue to organize the CEM course and the Cap course. More importantly, we are planning a technical visit to Shenyang to see some of the heavy industries there. We need your participation and support.

Lastly, but equally important, we are organizing an Association Spring Dinner on 13th February 2008. We sincerely look forward to your coming to the Spring Dinner for a happy and relaxing moment.

Yours sincerely,

Roger S H Lai.