

## New Era, New Council Sunny Outlook for HKCS



(Front row, from left to right): Mr Raymond Tang, Mr S F Ching, Mr Raymond Yu, Mr Sunny Lee, Mr Martin Chan, Mr Roy Chan

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Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) held its 35th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 26 April 2004, whereby the new president (2004-2007) and new council members (2004-2006) were elected. (see table on page 2)

The new president, Mr Sunny Lee, was unanimously voted, and remarked he was glad to be elected. He added that in the coming years, HKCS will focus on a few areas: membership development and membership services; professional recognition and professional certification; industry development; and community service.

He commented, "With the support of HKCS Fellows, Council Members, members, sponsors as well as

volunteers, I hope and trust that you will continue to give full support to the Society. I look forward to working with you all and serving you to your full satisfaction."

Meanwhile, Mr Daniel Lai, JP (ex-President), Mr John Li, and Ms Jenny Woo completed their terms in Council. Mr Kent Ting resigned from the Council owing to his additional business responsibilities.

Mr Lai noted, "It has been my pleasure to serve HKCS for the last 10 years, 4 years as Vice President and 6 years as President. Indeed, I have gained significant and valuable experience, exposure and IT friends."

## Editor's Message

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He furthered, "HKCS has now developed very close co-operation and relationship with professional and IT bodies as well as with provincial and municipal government of mainland. It has also gained favourable reputation and image in its professional development, industry support, and community IT development. I am confident that the Society will continue to make further progress and grow under the leadership of our new President Mr Lee."

At the end of the AGM, members took the opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Lai for his contribution as the President of HKCS which has made remarkable progress under his capable leadership.

## 香港電腦學會新理事會

香港電腦學會於二零零四年四月廿六日舉行了第三十五屆週年大會，選出了任期三年的新會長及任期兩年的理事會成員。(見表)

被一致投票選為新會長李惠光先生說他十分高興被選中。他續稱，來年學會將專注在幾個範疇：會員發展及會員服務；專業認可及專業認證；業內發展；和社會服務。

他評論：「藉著香港電腦學會院士、理事會成員、會員、贊助商以及一班義務工作者的鼎力支持，我深深希望及相信大家能夠繼續全力支持學會。我期望與你們攜手合作，並盡心盡力為學會服務，務求令各會員滿意。」



Outgoing president Mr Daniel Lai, JP, receiving a souvenir from new president, Mr Sunny Lee

前會長賴錫璋太平紳士表示：「本人在過去十年能夠為學會服務(四年為副會長，六年為會長)，是一件令人高興的事情。在這段期間，我確實獲得了一些十分重要及寶貴的經驗，以及一班資訊科技界的好朋友。」

他加上：「香港電腦學會已經與一些專業團體、資訊科技團體、以及中國省及市政府建立了友好關係並有著緊密的合作。學會並在其專業發展、業內及社區資訊科技發展等獲得良好的聲譽和印象。我相信學會將在新會長李惠光先生的領導下會繼續進步及發展。」

大會完結後，眾會員向賴先生致真誠的謝意，衷心多謝賴氏為學會貢獻了擔任會長一職，使學會在他精明能幹的領導下有卓越的發展。

## Members of the 35th HKCS Council: 第三十五屆香港電腦學會理事會成員:

President 會長	Mr Sunny Lee 李惠光先生
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# The 2004 CIO Forum

The idea of the CIO Forum germinated in spring last year, with the mission to serve the youth sector of the IT community. The format would be to allow the participants, in a casual atmosphere, to take a closer look at what is happening in the real business arena. Participants would also have an opportunity to talk to the leaders of today in person, via the modes of a "chit-chat forum" and a casual "networking hours" for the latter part of the event.



Couches and coffee table - a more "casual" setting for a Saturday afternoon

## Guest Panellists:-

- Mr Alan Wong, JP, Director of Information Technology Services, the Government of the HKSAR
- Dr Ng Nam, Director of Computer Centre, The University of Hong Kong
- Mr Paul To, Head of Information Technology and e-Banking, Hang Seng Bank
- Mr Sunny Lee, Chief Information Officer, Hong Kong and China Gas Company Ltd

## Guest Moderators:-

- Mr Roy Ko, Principal Consultant, Infrastructure & Quality Division, Hong Kong Productivity Council
- Ms Wendy Tam, News channel anchor

Last but not least, the YouthClub@HKCS committee would like to extend a big thanks to all our honourable guests for contributing to the occasion among their busy schedules. Appreciation is also due to those who came and supported us. Without this support, the 2004 CIO Forum would never have happened.

On 3 April 2004, YouthClub@HKCS was very honoured to have the elites of the IT sector as our guests at the CIO Forum. All of our guest panellists are leading members of the commercial, government or education sectors of the IT Industry. Even our 2 guest moderators are experts in their respective fields. Through this event, we anticipate that all the "leaders of tomorrow" who partook in the Forum were able to extract the wisdom from these role models and learn from their experiences.



Participants hobnobbing with industry leaders during post event networking session

The CIO Forum is an annual event featuring candid but in-depth interviews with today's role model professional leaders. The Chit-Chat/Q&A session of the Forum will mainly focus on management issues, organizational culture and real stories for the IT sector. The CIO Forum envisages to provide new budding professionals with the latest information and trends in the industry.

# The Fellowship of the 'Views

HKCS arranged interviews with 4 Fellows during February and March timeframes. In the next few issues of the Newsletters, we will publish highlights of the conversations.



When he first joined HKU, the institute was one of the first to have a computer centre. In fact, it was also one of the first to have the fastest machine, to have internet, to have ownership of .hk top-level domain etc. Regarding the .hk top-level domain, he was the original registrant for introducing .hk domain names to Hong Kong.

He added that even though he is working in a tertiary institute, he is not in an academic nor research role, but rather to assist academia in usage of computers and their peripherals. He entered this field owing to his interest in computers; but during his studies, he used only analogue versions, versus today's digital models.

## The Director of the Centre

The first installment is with Dr Ng Nam, currently the Computer Centre Director at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Dr Ng was venerated as a Fellow in 2003 for his achievement in the local IT industry and recognition of his contribution to HKCS in the past years. He had been a member of the society for more than 30 years, having joined after his return to Hong Kong from his studies in Canada.

## Mission

When asked if he had considered to staying on in Canada to work after obtaining his Doctorate degree, he remarked that since he grew up in Hong Kong, he should help Hong Kong. He is grateful to the opportunity given by his parents and he came back to Hong Kong before receiving his official certificate. He commenced working in HKU's Computer Centre from 1973, and had not looked back since.

## Vision

More than 30 years ago, when he was a graduate student at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, he did not envision the explosive growth rate of computer usage and ownership that we take for granted nowadays. His Masters project was on efficiently connecting 2 computers together (akin to the

concept of a terminal linking to a mainframe) to facilitate remote log-in and file transfer – an early network model.

In the years that he had been at the centre, Dr Ng's role was to find new products to assist and apply in a University setting.

Although he had been head-hunted during his career, he preferred working in an academic environment. He could be in touch with new topics, and therefore trigger new ideas on helping professors and research fellows on their studies and applications.

He admitted that although he does not fully understand the subject areas

of all the other faculties, nevertheless he found it interesting and challenging to communicate with other departments, and would often think about how to best serve other staff.

### **Evolving scenes of computing**

He lamented the overall depreciation of the English language level in Hong Kong through the years. Written material of the new generation is not up par, and would pose a problem for Hong Kong people when communicating with Westerners.

This is especially true for “geeks” –

technical people often cannot divest information to layman, as the documentation has too much jargon. In his opinion, technical people should take language courses; and at HKU, all students must pass a recognized language test before they are allowed to graduate.

At the other end of the spectrum, all HKU students must take a compulsory basic computer knowledge course, which included topics like internet access, communication (e-mail), spreadsheet, web-page creation, and information search using computers.

Moreover, starting in 1998, HKU had subsidized its students to purchase a notebook computer each. Also, the machines need to be upgraded every 3 to 5 years because of technology update.

He surmised that people working in the IT (Information Technology) field not only need to develop more software products and be technically competent, but also need to have business acumen in order to tap into the growing Mainland China market.



Dr Ng emphasizing a point

## CIO forum

### e-Business Specialist Group (eBizSG)

"It's a small world after all!" – what images do these words conjure? Happy smiling children plus an adult-sized rodent with 2 big ears, going by the name of "Mickey"? Yes, of course, this is the sight of Disneyland, and we do not need to wait until 2005 to feel its aura, because we were honoured to have Mr Noble Coker, Head of IT, Hong Kong Disneyland, at the the eBiz SG Speaker's Meeting on 10 Feb 2004.

The topic was "Hong Kong Disneyland – IT behind the Magic Kingdom", and Mr Coker shared with us the background and

groundwork leading to the establishment of the largest theme park to be built in Hong Kong. In his role, Mr Coker is responsible for leading all of the technology activities related to resort operations. These activities included selection, procurement and the simultaneous installation of more 20 applications required to operate the park.

More than 100 attendees joined the informative session. They were not restricted to IT professionals – 37% were from CIO / IT / MIS positions, and 20% were from marketing / R&D / sales management.



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## IICT Expo Attracts Interest to HKCS

The International Information and Communication Technology (IICT) Expo was held from 14-17 April. HKCS and "IT Easy Link for Businesses" each had their booths at the fair.

The HKCS counter attracted a fair amount of interest, especially for people who wish to join as Full Members in order to be eligible for participation in the upcoming Legco Elections for IT constituency.

Meanwhile, at the "IT Easy Link for Businesses" booths, business was brisk, and there were a number of enquiries and walk-in consultations from SMEs, who wished to obtain free-of-charge IT Advisory and helpdesk services.



Consultations at "IT Easy Link for Businesses" booths



Enquiry at HKCS counter

## PM Workshop — Resource Management

The Project Management (PM) workshop hosted by YouthClub@HKCS was successfully held on the afternoon of 24 April 2004 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. More than 20 people, including students, HKCS members and non-members, attended the workshop.

Mr Eric Fung, Vice-chairperson of YouthClub@HKCS, gave the welcome address and introduced the speaker.

The workshop was delivered by Mr Allen Lee, Chief Operating Officer of Global e-Trading Services. Mr Lee has more than 15 years of experience in IT and management field. A project management case study on e-Tendering System was provided during the workshop. As the technical director of this successful project, Mr Lee shared his valuable experiences, in particular resource management issues.

Attendees were divided into 4 groups to handle a mini-project exercise, and each group had an equal number of students and employed people. This provided a good opportunity for both parties to exchange experiences and ideas. Students could learn practical experience from those currently employed, while employed people could understand the thought process of today's youths.

At the end of the workshop, Mr Fung presented a souvenir to Mr Lee as a token of appreciation for sharing his valuable experience on resource management in the workshop.



Participants paying attention to Mr Allen Lee's past experiences



Winning team presenting project plan



Mr Lee (right) received souvenir from Mr Eric Fung

## HKCS Upcoming Events

			Location	Organizers / Supporters
<b>2004</b>				
<b>May</b>	8	曾 SIR28 騷—IT 投資全攻略 Finance 28 Show — IT Investment Strategy	HKPC	ATV, HKCS, ITA, MasterCard, PC Market
	27	ISSG Networking Hour	The "Venue", Wanchai	HKCS, HKSA, IEEE, IPSA, ISACA, PISA
	28	HKSPIN Speaker's Meeting: Practical Implementation of Software Measures in a Software Organization at CMM Level 3	Rm P306, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	HKSPIN
<b>June</b>	2-4	Information Security Showcase 2004	HKCEC, Wanchai	HKCS ISSG, HKPC
	5	Site Visit to Hong Kong Police Force	Kowloon West Regional Police Headquarters	HKCS
	8	IT Excellence Award Series Speaker's Meeting - SoftEnable Technology Ltd	IT Training Centre, CUHK, Tsim Sha Tsui	HKCS
	9	"New Information Security Attack Trends" Seminar	HKCEC, Wanchai	Digital Hall 21, HKCERT, HKCS ISSG, HKITF, HKPC, ISACA, ISSA, ITTDC, PISA, SIIC
	14-17	"IT Potential Unlimited" Series: "APEC E-Commerce Fair" and "Visit to Yantai" 「IT 潛力無限」系列—「亞太經濟合作組織 (APEC) 電子商務博覽會」及「煙台訪問團」	Yantai, China	Amway, APJ, Avocent, China Online, HKCS, Infrasy
	25	Site Visit to Hongkong International Terminals Ltd (HIT)	Hongkong International Terminals (HIT)	HKCS
<b>July</b>	tdb	Fund Raising Fellows' Dinner	tdb	tdb
	15	Networking Hour with HKSA	tdb	eBizSG
<b>August</b>	9-14	Shanghai - Hong Kong Youth IT Camp 2004 2004 滬港青少年資訊科技營	Hong Kong	China Welfare Institute (CWI), HKCS, Shanghai Computer Society (SCS)
	20-21	"IT Potential Unlimited" Series: Joint QD-HK-SH Seminar of eCommerce and visits & activities of Qingdao Beer Festival 「IT 潛力無限」系列—「青島 - 香港 - 上海電子商務研討會」及訪問青島、青島啤酒節活動	Qingdao, China	HKCS, Qingdao Computer Society, Shanghai Computer Society (SCS)

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