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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members,

The Institute has achieved a lot in the session 1997-98.

Looking back

- ❖ It has successfully taken over from London all local qualifying examinations, together with all the problems of examination logistics and quality control.
- ❖ It has organized itself to vote for the functional constituency seat in the Legislative Council.
- ❖ It has extended its visibility locally and on the Chinese mainland, by the setting up of the Transport Policy Committee to initiate and maintain links with professional counterparts in China.



The Council, and its Chairman Dr. Hung Wing Tat in particular, ought to be heartily congratulated.

Looking ahead

Looking ahead, the list of tasks for the Institute remains long. As someone who has watched the growth of the Institute and shared many of its dreams. I would suggest that the Council in the coming session should give priority to the following:

- ❖ First, to renew/further strengthen its **fund raising strategies and activities** as a long-term and standing effort to build up its financial capability. There is however an immediate and urgent target to acquire our own office, in view of the currently favourable property prices. "Old timers" will remember that this dream for a permanent office dates back more than a decade but has not been realized due to our limited fund and escalating prices. I now see this as a rare chance, one that probably will never return if we miss it!

- ❖ Second, to consolidate its **local qualifying examination and related work**. This will involve not only a comprehensive review of the examination syllabi, and of the standards and procedures for paper setting, invigilating, marking, external examining, etc., but also the establishment of standards and procedures for the recognition and/or exemption of programmes offered by many institutions. It will be mammoth task but it will be a timely and important step to take to safeguard the already excellent work that we are doing and will continue to do.
- ❖ Third, to renew its **membership drive**, especially to cultivate and increase the number of company/organization memberships, to strengthen the Fellowship scheme, and to speed up all procedures for membership application and processing.
- ❖ Fourth, to produce an Institute **Newsletter** regularly on the basis of the currently successful Newsletter of the Education and Training Committee to serve all members and to foster information flows within and outside the Institute.

On top of all of these, the Council, as the Institute grows and matures, is confronted with ever increasing demands and opportunities, hence there is an urgent need to improve its efficiency and to upgrade its image. Again, the Council will first look into only priority areas, viz., **Organization and Management**, including committee structure; **Budgeting and Financial Procedures**; and **Public Relations**, to see if more can be done to achieve higher efficiency and exposure.

I am sure you agree that many of these are gigantic undertakings, and I certainly hope I can count on your generous support and participation in their accomplishment.

C.K. Leung

Chairman

October 1998

TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

Third Conference of the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (HKSTS).

Saturday 5 December 1998, 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.
Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel and Towers

TARGET AUDIENCE:

All executives, professionals and academics working in transportation

Language: ENGLISH

The Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies, was established in February 1996 and its aims are:

- ❖ to foster excellence in transportation research and practice,
- ❖ to stimulate professional exchange in transportation, and
- ❖ to provide a forum for interested parties to network with one another and exchange ideas on the latest developments in transportation.

Around 50 technical papers from nine countries/cities - Australia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States - have been received.

The keynote address will be given by:

- ❖ Ir. Alan W. Y. Kam, Deputy Commissioner for Transport, Transport Department, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Invited speakers are:

- ❖ Professor David Boyce, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA
- ❖ Professor Michael Taylor, the University of South Australia, Australia
- ❖ Professor S.C. Wirasinghe, the University of Calgary, Canada.

The Conference organisers are:

- ❖ Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (HKSTS)
- ❖ The Department of Civil Engineering, the University of Hong Kong

Conference sponsors are:

- ❖ The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- ❖ The Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS)
- ❖ The Chartered Institute of Transport in Hong Kong (CIT)
- ❖ The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (Civil Division) (HKIE)
- ❖ The Institution of Highways and Transportation, Hong Kong Branch (IHT)

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is HK\$1,200 per person which covers the Conference Proceedings, admission to all technical sessions, the conference lunch, and two coffee services during session breaks.

For HKSTS members the registration fee is reduced to HK\$1,000. For members of the sponsoring organisations (ASCE, EASTS, CIT, HKIE and IHT) the fee is reduced to HK\$1,000 if payment is received **before 16 November 1998**.

This conference satisfies the HKIE CPD requirements.

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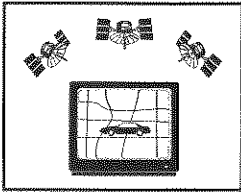
PUBLIC LECTURE

Urban Transport – Economic Progress or Environmental Disaster?

Professor John Black

School of Civil and Environmental Engineering,
The University of New South Wales
Australia

Wednesday 11 November
5.30 p.m.
Room M167, Main Building
The University of Hong Kong
Pokfulam Road

TRANSPORT WORKSHOP

Centre of Urban Planning and
Environmental Management
and
the GIS Centre



*Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
Workshop*

Geographic Information System (GIS) in Transport

One Day Workshop

11 December 1998
Rm. 223, Knowles Building
Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental
Management
University of Hong Kong
Pokfulam Road

Geographic information system (GIS) is an information technology that is very useful to transport planning, operation, and management. Recent advancement in internet GIS has also made it to be a very useful tool in the dissemination of transport information in the internet and the development of intranet information system. When used together with global position system (GPS) and other vehicle location and traffic sensing systems, it forms an important component of the intelligent transport system (ITS).

This one-day workshop will examine how GIS is used in transport planning, operation, and management and reveal the latest state-of-the-art development in North America, Australia, and Europe. It is intended for transport professionals, managers, and practitioners in the public and private sectors.

Instructors in the workshop include Dr. Lyna L. Wiggins, Associate Director of the Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University, USA.; Prof. Mike Taylor, Director of the Transport Systems Centre, University of South Australia, Australia; and Prof. Anthony Gar-On Yeh, Assistant Director of the Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management and Director of the GIS Research Centre, University of Hong Kong.

Registration Fee (lunch not included) is HK\$1,500, and HK\$1,200 for members of professional institutes. A certificate will be given for the completion of the workshop.

Space for the workshop is limited. The registration deadline is 1 December 1998, on a first come first served basis. For further details and registration please contact Miss Aileen Wong (Tel: 28592721, Fax: 25590468), Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management, University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The International CIT meeting took place in Malaysia from 19-25 October.

EXAMINATIONS

Message from S.F. Ho, Chairman of the Examination Sub-Committee

The 1998 qualifying examination is over and its results have been released. The pass rate of the thirteen papers available this year is shown on the chart below. The papers in Law of Business and Carriage, and Air Transport Management had a 100% pass rate. Logistics Management Paper recorded the lowest pass rate.

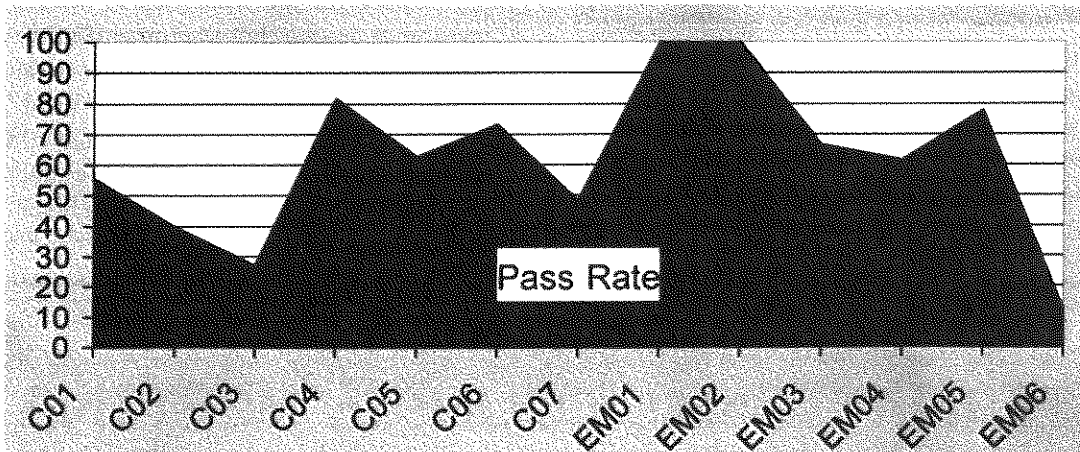
On completion of the marking of examinations the following common mistakes were observed. The candidate:

- ❖ Tried to write everything he/she knew on the topic, regardless of the relevancy;
- ❖ Did not keep track of the time in answering the questions and was unable to complete the answers; and
- ❖ Did not read the questions carefully and did not answer the questions asked.

In fact all these mistakes can be avoided if one is well prepared before entering the examination hall. Planning and time management are important examination tools.

You may find the following hints helpful in reducing pressure of preparing for the examination and to improve your performance in it.

- ❖ Try to remember **key headings** and a set of about six points for each heading rather than trying to cram in disconnected details. The headings and points can serve as a framework for recalling the detail.
- ❖ To help **recall** of information. In addition to writing things down, you may find it helpful to talk through the material with another person or to a tape, or to pin diagrams or lists on a board where you can see them repeatedly.
- ❖ **Plan your time** properly during the examination to ensure that you get down what you know. Try to calculate the amount of time you should spend on each question according to its mark value before you start the examination.
- ❖ **Plan responses** to essay style questions by using the left-hand side blank page of the answer booklet to list issues and form a structural answer.



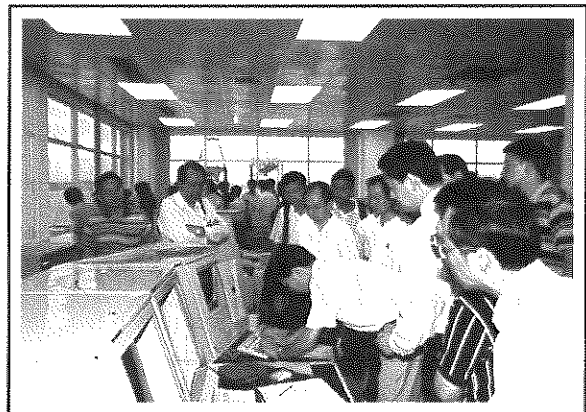
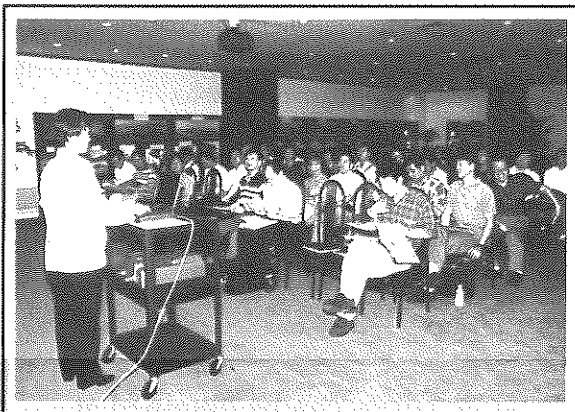
TASK VISIT

On 17 July, a fine sunny Friday, 45 CIT members, including several guests, departed from Kowloon Tong and headed to Shenzhen Yantian International Container Terminal (YICT). Members were warmly welcomed by Ms Rosa Chiu, Corporate Communications Manager of the YICT, and her colleagues, at the main entrance of the YICT Administration Tower. A briefing seminar was conducted by both Rosa and her peers, which included the Organisation, operations, Shipping Companies, Customs, Warehouse-Bonded Warehouse for Exports and Imports, Distribution Services, Rail Services, Safety and Security Procedures, as well as the Phase II Development of YICT.

All members agreed that the visit had broadened their insights on the container port operations in the PRC. Both the advanced Container Terminal Management System (CTMS) and the sophisticated Ship Planning System (SHIPS) were very impressive. Members also enjoyed the tour of the Control Tower and of the advanced port facilities. Members had a great opportunity to have a panoramic view of the Phase I facilities

and the grand site of the Phase II development while standing in the Control Room. Thanks were given to both Rosa and her peers, who had demonstrated very high professionalism in conducting the visit and in providing details during the Q&A time.

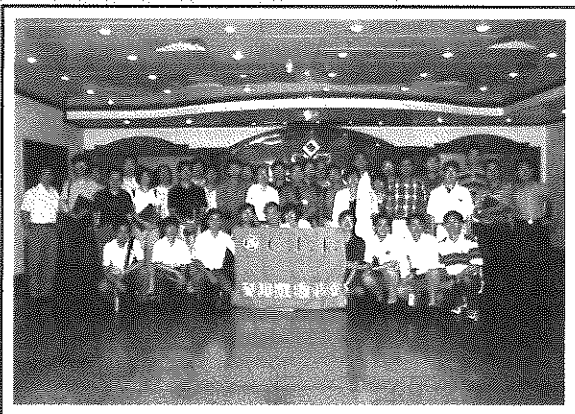
After a tasty lunch, we also visited the United Asia Terminals Limited (UATL) which is a leading provider of Container Freight Station logistics, warehousing and distribution services in South China. Members were impressed by the introduction of the Import Bonded Warehouse and the Customs-Approved Export Warehouse where the Customs Office is situated on the warehouse site. The briefing session concerning the customs procedures and the consolidation exercises was conveyed by Mr Raymond Mo, Managing Director of UATL and the visit to the bonded warehouse provided our members with first hand information on the scope of services and Customs and warehouse facilities of UATL. The visit lasted until nearly 5.00 p.m.



Above left: The Corporate Manager, Ms Rosa Chiu, welcomes CIT members to Yantian International Container Terminals Limited (YICT).

Above right: The Central Control Room

Left: Visitors' hall of the Administration Tower.





United Asia Terminals (Yantian) Limited (UATL)
Administration Tower



Lunch at the Lai Wu Seafood Restaurant

SEMINAR

The seminar on West Rail held on Thursday 15 October was a great success and a good start to the new seminar series.

Over 100 people attended a very interesting presentation by Mr Wilfred Lau Cheuk Man, the acting General Manager – Operations and Maintenance of the KCRC – West Rail Division.

EXAM PAPERS

Copies of the questions for previous examination papers can be obtained at \$1.00 per paper from the CIT Office in Wanchai.

REPRESENTATIONS

The following papers are available at the CIT Office for perusal by members:

Two papers have been submitted to the Hong Kong government in response to public consultation:

1. Taxi licensing system
2. Third Comprehensive Transport Study

Another, "Public Transport Policy in Developing Countries" has been prepared for the CIT International.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is issued four times a year. The next issue will be in January. Contributions for inclusion in the newsletter are welcome at any time. Please send these to Alison Cook (email alcook@hkusub.hku.hk or fax 25590468).

DEADLINE FRIDAY 15 JANUARY.

Dear Members,

Visit to : River Trade Terminal at Tuen Mun, Hong Kong

The Institute has made arrangement with the River Trade Terminal Company Ltd. to provide opportunity for members to have an on site visit to the River Terminal which is located at Tuen Mun area on 28 November 1998 (Saturday).

The visit programme will be carried out from 0900 to 1200 hours which include a tour to the control block and terminal of the River Terminal, a visit to the control centre, a presentation which gives a general introduction on the organisation, objective, operation and future development of the River Terminal within the Pearl Delta of PRC.

If you are interested in joining the visit, please complete the attached enrollment form and return it to the Institute together with your payment on or before Saturday 14 November 1998. Please note that reservation will be on a first-come-first served basis.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact Ms. Ada Lu of our Institute.

Yours sincerely,

Yeung Tung Ming
Meeting Officer
CIT in Hong Kong

Visit Programme

No. of visitors: 40	
Time	Event
0900 AM	Assembly at Norfolk Road, Kowloon Tong
0915 AM	Departure to River Trade Terminal (RTT)
1000 AM	Arrive at RTT Terminal Building
1000 - 1045 AM	Presentation and Q&A
1045 - 1130 AM	Terminal Visit
1200 noon	Leave RTT and back to Kowloon Tong

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