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STUDENT DAY '98

On Saturday 25th April 1998, CIT organized a 'Student Day' function with the support of the Business Administration Student Society of Hong Kong Technical College (Tsing Yi). This provided an opportunity for the full-time tertiary students studying transport-related subjects to present their projects.

Four tertiary institutes participated in the project presentation competition:

Haking Wong Technical Institute,
Hong Kong Technical College (Tsing Yi),
Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and
H.K. University of Science & Technology.

Including students, guests and members, nearly 120 people attended the function.



The presenters and organisers gathered for a memorial photo.

The Chairman, Dr. Hung opened the presentation and welcomed everyone. After that, the project presentation began with vigorous competition between participants. The students presented their work in a very careful and serious manner. The projects were interesting, well planned, informative, systematic, attractive and colourful - the applause showed how much the audience appreciated their efforts.



The CITHK Chairman, Dr Hung Wing Tat, presented the prizes to the winning team from the Hong Kong Technical Institute (Tsing Yi).

At last, the final results were announced. Four teams gained very close marks. The difference was very little, 'just zero point some things' between these teams. But even though their marks were so close a final decision had to be made. After much deliberation by the judging committee, the outcome was that Hong Kong Technical College (Tsing Yi) was declared the winner of the competition.

Following the presentation of prizes and the closing speech by the Chairman, everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch provided by CITHK, and chatted with friends and students - a very pleasant atmosphere overall.

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<http://www.cithk.org.hk>



TRANSPORT CONFERENCES

HONG KONG CONFERENCES

Public Transport in the Asia/Pacific: Today's Reality and Tomorrow's Opportunities

The first Asia/Pacific Congress of the International Union of Public Transport (UITP) will be held from 19-24 October 1998 in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The City Transport Exhibition '98 will also take place at this time (21-23 October).

Technical visits to a variety of public transport operations will be organised for delegates.

Simultaneous translation will be provided in English, Mandarin and Japanese.

For Congress Reservations contact Orient Network (Hong Kong) Ltd, Unit 611, Silvercord, Tower 1, 30 Canton Road, Kowloon tel: 2736 7837 fax: 2376 0329.

For other information contact the Local Organising Committee
c/o MTR Corporation, MRT Tower, Telford Plaza, Kowloon Bay.
Hong Kong tel: 29938721;
fax: 29937782 or send an email to the UITP events@uitp.com

Mr Jack C.K. So is Vice-President of the UITP and Chairman of the UITP Asia/Pacific Committee.

Logistics Technology Asia '98

26-28 August 1998 Island Shangri-la Hotel, Hong Kong

Day 1: Technology Workshop - Security Management of EDI and E-Commerce

Day 2: Leveraging Logistics Technology for World Class Distribution Management; and, Outsourcing from the User Standpoint.

Day 3: Interactive Workshop - Benchmarking Strategy for Logistics Management

For more information email to:
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The Third Conference of the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies

5 December 1998
Sheraton Hotel

Jointly organised by the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies and the Dept. of Civil and Structural Engineering, The University of Hong Kong.

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<http://home.netvigator.com/~hksts>

OVERSEAS CONFERENCES

Urban Transport 98
4th International Conference on Urban Transport and the
Environment for the 21st Century.
Lisbon Portugal: organised by Wessex Institute of Technology, U.K. and
the University of Aveiro, Portugal.

31 August-2 September 1998.

The programme includes Urban Transport Systems, Planning, Funding and Management; Environmental Aspects; Assessment Studies; Vehicle Technology; Future Vision; and Structures.

This is being held in conjunction with the 6th International Conference on Computer-Aided Design, Manufacture and Operation in the Railway and other Advanced Mass Transit Systems.

For further information consult
<http://www.wessex.ac.uk>

CIT North America Conference on
Privatisation of Transport
Infrastructure: The Global
Dynamic

5-6 October 1998
Toronto

The conference will include specific modal sessions as well as topics of wide general international interest.

For further information contact the
CIT in North America
fax: (819) 243 1748 email cit@cit.co

PUBLICATIONS

NEW MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

The new Membership Handbook explains the different membership grades, the benefits of membership, and how to become a member. For further inquiries contact the CIT Administrator P.O. Box 47120, Morrison Hill Post Office; tel: 2866 6336 or fax: 28666118; or email at cithk@hk.super.net

NEW RELEASES

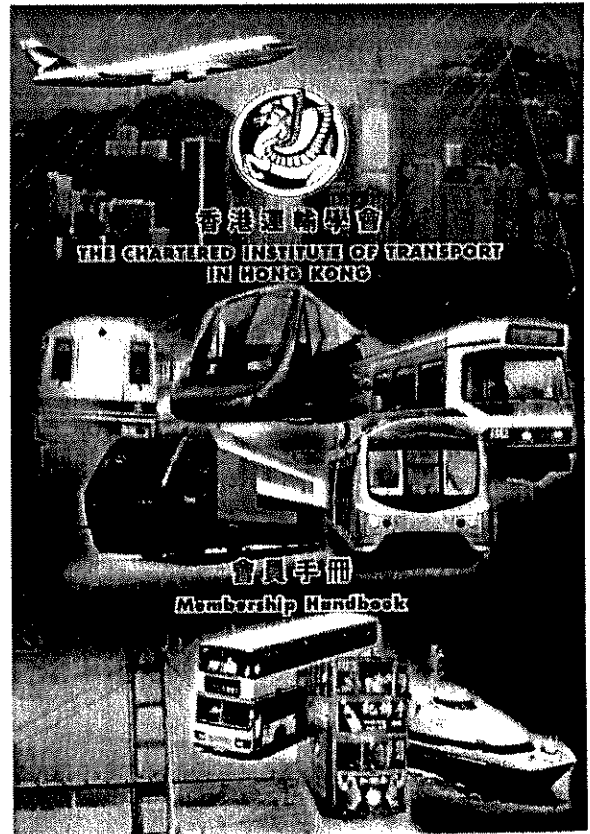
HONG KONG TOPICS

Third Comprehensive Transport Study (CTSIII) Public Consultation Document. CTSIII is designed to provide the broad parameters for the long-term development of H.K.'s transport infrastructure, for the expansion of public transport services and for setting traffic management objectives for the next 20 years.

Land-use/Transport Planning in Hong Kong: the End of an Era - a review of principles and practices Dimitriou, H.T. and Cook A.H.S. (eds) Ashgate, July 1998.

The following have contributed chapters to this publication: Colin J. Arnott; William F. Barron; Alexander R. Cuthbert; Alan W.Y. Kam; Ernest S.W. Lee; Peter, F. Leeds; Kelvin C.W. Leung; Richard T. Meakin; Edward G. Pryor; Barry D. Robb; Timothy V. Runnacles; Edward C.T. So; John Spiers; and Nigel G. Wilson.

To order online from the publisher (15% discount)
<http://www.ashgate.com>



GENERAL TOPICS

Transport Networks in Europe - Concepts, analysis and policy Button, K., Nijkamp, P., and Priemus, H. (eds.) 1998.

Climate Change, Transport and Environmental Policy Proost, S. and Braden, J.B. March 1998.

Taxing Automobile Emissions for Pollution Control Sevigny, M. 1998

Flying into the Future - Air Transport Policy in the European Union Button, K., Hayes, K., and Stough, R.R. April 1998.

Road Pricing, Traffic Congestion and the Environment - Issues of efficiency and social feasibility. Button, K. and Verhoef, E. July 1998.

Transport Policy Button, K., and Stough, R.R. July 1998.

The above are published by Edward Elgar, Publishing, Gloucester, U.K.
<http://www.e-elgar.co.uk>

JOURNALS

Transportation Planning and Technology

http://www.gbhap.com/Transportation_Planning_Technology/

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Journal

http://www.gbhap.com/Intelligent_Transportation_Systems/

Transportation Research
Part A: Policy and Practice
Part B: Methodological
Part C: Emerging Technologies
Part D: Transport and the Environment
Part E: Logistics and Transportation Review
Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour

<http://www.elsevier.nl/locate/>

BOOK PURCHASES FOR CIT LIBRARY

The following new books have been purchased for the CIT library.

- Transport - Glossary of Terms Commonly Used in Government Transport
- Essays on Aviation and Travel Law in Hong Kong
- The Shape of Things to Come - An Overview of the Role of Harbour Reclamation in the Future Development of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong's Port and Airport Development Strategy
- Hong Kong Highways

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EDUCATION

CIT HK Examination

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

It has been my honour and privilege to be the chairman of the examination sub-committee and be able to contribute my effort to this professional association. A key role for the examination sub-committee is to ensure that we are upholding the standard of the Institute's membership qualification through our own examinations and that quality of the examination remains world-class.

The 1998 qualifying examination, wholly organised and run by the Institute in Hong Kong, was completed and results will be released soon. A total of 244 candidates enrolled and approximately 70 percent of these of sat for the examination. The following table shows the distribution of candidates for the thirteen papers available this year.

We have accomplished the task of running our own examination for the first time, but as we are aware, there is much room for improvement. The next examination will be refined, based on the experience gained from this one.

The Examination sub-committee has to meet the challenge not only of helping promote the examination to the general public, but also to develop the qualifying examinations in a timely manner. The CIT education needs to reflect current and local practices and technologies, and to be "kept up to date". Our qualifications must be accepted by employers and the transport industry as the "qualification of choice".

I feel sure that we can gain for the transport profession the recognition it deserves and make it one of the most popular career choices for the brightest and best.

The Chartered Institute of Transport in Hong Kong
Qualifying Examination 1998 Attendance Record Sheet

Code	Paper	Enrolled	Present	Absent
C01	Management Accounting and Finance	16	9	7
C02	Managing Transport Operations	16	10	6
C03	Economics and Its Application in Transport	18	11	7
C04	Human Resources Management in Transport	13	11	12
C05	Marketing in Transport	25	24	1
C06	Transport Policy and Planning	55	41	14
C07	Business Strategy and Policy in Transport	47	31	16
EM01	Law and Business of Carriage	2	1	1
EM02	Air Transport Management	3	1	2
EM03	Maritime Transport Management	4	3	1
EM04	Rail Transport Management	20	13	7
EM05	Road Transport Management	15	9	6
EM06	Logistics Management	10	8	2
		244	172	72
			70%	30%

CIT HK DIPLOMA

CIT HK will issue a Diploma in Transport Studies to students who pass examinations in nine subjects set by the CIT.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th Annual General Meeting

At the AGM held on Friday 19 June the following members were confirmed for the 1998-99 Committee:

Chairman:	Prof. C.K. Leung, FCIT
Immediate Past Chairman:	Dr Hung Wing Tat, MCIT
1 st Vice Chairman:	Mr Pedro K.H. Ching, FCIT
2 nd Vice Chairman:	Mr Victor W. Leung, MCIT
3 rd Vice Chairman:	Mr Yu Hoy Gin, MCIT
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr Edmund C.S. Lau, MCIT
Hon. Secretary:	Mr Joseph Tsui, MCIT
Membership Officer:	Mr Ko Tin Ming, MCIT
Education and Training Officer:	Mr Ng Kwok Wah, MCIT
Meeting officer:	Mr Jonathan Yeung, MCIT

Council members:

Mr Fred N. Brown, FCIT
 Dr Dorothy Chan, FCIT
 Dr Timothy Hau, FCIT
 Mr David C.S. Ho, FCIT
 Mr Alfred Lao, FCIT
 Mr K.Y. Leung, FCIT
 Mrs Miranda Leung, FCIT
 Dr L.H. Wang, FCIT
 Mr Michael C. Clark, MCIT
 Mr Benjamin Fok, MCIT
 Mr Ip Chung Tim, MCIT
 Mrs Judy Li, MCIT
 Mr Timothy Li, MCIT
 Mr R.H. Noble, MCIT
 Mr Tsui Ho Chuen, MCIT
 Mr Wong Man Kit, MCIT

REPRESENTATIONS

TAXI LICENSING SYSTEM

The CIT has produced a 'Position Paper' on the 'Consultative Paper on the Taxi Licensing System'.

The major issues from the point of view of the CIT are:

- the unsatisfactory quality of taxi services; and
- the ineffective means of control and regulation over taxi service level under the existing taxi licensing system.

These need to be resolved to improve the taxi service in Hong Kong. The CIT attributes the unsatisfactory quality to the following factors:

- (a) fragmented operations and fragmentation will increase with fleet size;
- (b) difficulty in enforcing operating standards due to the large number of individual taxi drivers;
- (c) workers in the trade subject to poor working conditions and lack of security and other benefits;
- (d) difficulty in monitoring services by government and the general public;
- (e) widespread speculation on the licence premium;
- (f) rapidly increasing licence premium and shift rentals; and
- (g) workers, forced by factors in c, d, e and f above, having to struggle to own a taxi licence.

To improve the standard of taxi services CIT recommends the following:

- (a) the continued fragmentation of the taxi operation should be stopped;
- (b) ways should be found to improve the working conditions of the taxi trade including the provision of security and other benefits;
- (c) identity or image should be built in for the taxi trade or sections of it, not only to boost morale but also to enable government and public monitoring or censorship.

CIT considers that although there is only an indirect relationship between the high taxi licence premium and the level of taxi service under the existing taxi licensing system, high premium is an important contributory factor to the lowering of taxi service quality in Hong Kong.

CIT is concerned about the current proposal to improve the level of taxi service through better management and control. In view of the fragmented nature of the present taxi operation, CIT considers that there may be a need to provide the travelling public with another choice of taxi service i.e. company taxi fleet. It is hoped that the introduction of a company taxi fleet can create an incentive for individual taxi operators to improve their level of service to the travelling public.

A copy of the full text can be obtained from the CIT Administrator.

ANNUAL BALL

The annual CITHK Ball was held at the Conrad Hotel on Saturday 7 March. As you can see by the accompanying photographs, a great evening was enjoyed by all. See you there next year!!



The Guest of Honour,
Mr Nicholas Ng Wing-Fui,
Secretary for Transport



NEXT NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be issued four times a year. The next issue will be in October. 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 FRDAY 9 OCTOBER.