

Young or Ready Series: A Route to become a Professional Environmental Engineer

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An enlightening seminar organized by the Young Members Committee (YMC) on the evening of 13 September 2017 at HKIE HQ had received overwhelming response. More than 80 participants attended the evening seminar on the captioned topic hosted by Ir Prof. CF LAM, who has extensive experience in teaching and implementation of environmental protection over the years.

At start, Ir Prof. LAM stated that an interviewee should prepare oneself as a *competent* salesperson to promote one's products (knowledge of know-how and hand-on experience in problem-solving techniques) to the clients (the interview Panel) in a presentable manner. In addition to consideration of time, quality and cost-effectiveness, environmental and social awareness was also a thing to be looked at in planning, running and reviewing a project. "Disguise of know-how" and "answer by question" will only give a bad impression to the Panel and may lead to a retrial. Instead, attempting to rationally express your views on things unfamiliar to you is a benefit. To end the first session, Ir Prof. LAM reminded the attendants of the points of "Do's" and "Don'ts" in an interview.

In the second session, Ir Prof. LAM prompted the attendants with five good qualities in a professional engineer: (a) Technical Competence; (b) Management & Leadership; (c) Communication Skills; (d) Ethical Awareness; and (e) Social Responsibilities. Besides, submissions should be *concise & true* and include (a) Training and experience report; (b) Drawings and documents of recent works; (c) Formal training logbook; and (d) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Record. Lastly, he reminded the full house to be *punctual* for the interview.

All attendants deeply appreciated the in-depth analysis of interview techniques brought by the speaker in an amiable atmosphere and they enjoyed the evening fruitfully. On behalf of YMC, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the speaker for his sharing and encouragement to young engineers.

