

HKIE-YMC – Workshop on Professional Writing – Essential Skills to become “Ir”
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A challenging workshop on the captioned topic was conducted at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on 20 November 2017 evening. The workshop was organized by the Young Members Committee (YMC) and received a full house response. The distinguished speaker hosting the workshop was Ir Dr FC CHAN, who is the past president of the HKIE and is a well-experienced assessor of the Professional Assessment.

Ir CHAN opened his workshop by demonstrating a commonly erroneous short form for “professional engineer” and highlighted that the correct presentation was “Ir” without a dot-suffix. Next, he briefed attendees the structure and functions of the Qualification and Membership Board and explicated two major parts in the professional assessment, i.e. *interview and essay writing*. He strongly advised attendees never to exaggerate what one learnt or boast something without know-how during the interview; rather, clearly expressing one’s professional knowledge and experiences in a logical and analytical step was the key to success. Regarding essay writing, an assessor tended to a piece of legible, well-formed and concise writing and judged the writing by its contents of knowledge and relevance, clarity of argument, presentation and Grammar. The speaker ended the first part of the workshop by playing a Grammar game and all attendees enjoyed it very much.

Ir CHAN started his second part of the workshop by conducting a mock professional writing on a topic of “Safety vs Timely Completion”. All attendees fell into silence and worked on a 400-word essay. Most succeeded in completing the assignment within the assigned period. The speaker was appreciated with a big hand and would return a report to each attendee. The workshop was fruitfully completed after a big-smile group photo.

This workshop was a treasure to all attendees as they were able to bring the keys to success on becoming “Ir” home. On behalf of the YMC, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the speaker for his generous sharing and encouragement to young engineers.



A group photo with the speaker Ir FC Chan (in the middle)