

HKIE-YMC – Young or Ready Series : Mock Interview Workshop

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An inspiring workshop on the captioned topic was organized by the Young Members Committee (YMC) on March 5 evening at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. We were gratefully to have two distinguishable speakers, Ir Dr Vincent NG and Ir Dr CM NG, hosted the workshop, who are well-experienced assessors of the Interview Panel. Thanks also went to Mr Francis YUEN for his acting as an interviewee for the workshop.

After Mr YUEN's mock presentation, Ir Dr CM NG said that the presentation was normally conducted in an interactive amiable manner for about 30 minutes followed by 30-minute *viva-voce* assessment. The contents of the candidate's presentation should be concise, mainly including a project organization chart, project abridgement, project-related trainings, hands-on involvement, experiences learned, problem-tackling skills, and project benefits, etc. These were factors to tip the scales of a candidate's professional adequacy. The project details should be all in the professional review report (PRR) for assessors' review.

Ir Dr Vincent NG expressed emphases on candidate's problem-solving and supervision skills, and how to value the projects in aspects of project management, time & cost control, innovation, manpower, etc. He added that the PRR should include the techniques adapting project variations under professional justifications and supervision, and project contribution to community or environment.

Both speakers agreed that the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) should cover different varieties, e.g. environment, safety areas, rather than one's specific field. Regarding the 2-hour essay writing, normally two topics were given : one in general engineering area and the other on job-related aspect. The writing of about **1600 words** should embed a clear logical analytical plan in concise full sentences. They advised candidates to practise writing in advance and it would help much indeed.

This workshop was fruitfully completed with a group photo. On behalf of the YMC, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to two speakers for their generous sharing and encouragement to young engineers.



Ir C.M. Ng (Left 3rd), Mr Francis Yuen (Right 3rd), Ir Vincent Ng (Right 2nd) and Participants