



**YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE**

**青年會員委員會**

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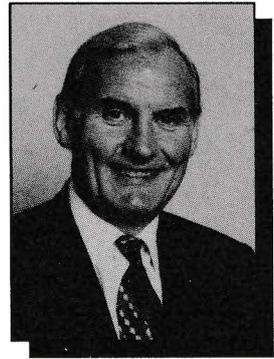
# THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE

## 10th Anniversary Dinner

### Programme of the Evening

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- 6:00 p.m.     Cocktail Reception
- 7:00 p.m.     Introduction by the Masters of Ceremony
- 7:05 p.m.     Message by the President of the HKIE, Mr Malcolm J. Matthews
- 7:15 p.m.     Message by the Guest of Honour, Dr The Hon. Samuel, P. W. Wong
- 7:25 p.m.     Message by the YMC Chairman
- 7:30 p.m.     Dinner
- History of the YMC
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- Lucky Draw
- 10:00 p.m.    End of Programme



## Message From the HKIE President

I am very glad to offer my warm congratulations to the Young Members Committee on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary Dinner – not least because both the YMC and I arrived on the scene at much the same time: this month I celebrate my 10th anniversary in Hong Kong.

I have always felt that the 35 year cut-off age for Young Members rather stretched the meaning of the word “young”, but that in most other respects, the cut-off is right. Young Members run the gamut from students, all the way to fully-responsible senior engineers and managers – the widest possible range of responsibilities. What binds you together – your common denominator, if you like – is the very high rates at which you continue to take on knowledge and experience and to learn new things.

May you learn everything we have to teach you! May you go far beyond us and may you be passed, in turn, by a new generation which you will foster and sustain. That will be a measure of your success and ours.

With best wishes to all Young Members.

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Malcolm J. Matthews  
President and old fogey



## Message From the Guest of Honour

Many congratulations to the Young Members for completing 10 years of active and constructive contribution to the Institution and the profession.

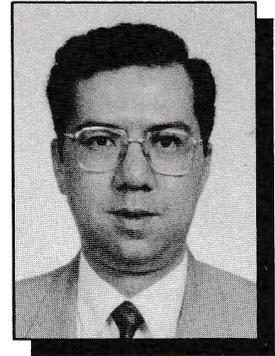
Young members have unique qualities which make their work invaluable to the HKIE. Their committee is uncluttered by the bureaucracy of qualification and administration and have great freedom to be creative, active and dynamic. Hence we can see a fine record of public relations, communication studies, social activities and thought for the future which have hitherto not held as high priority in the general work of the Institution.

Furthermore, young members are an invaluable source of information to the management of the HKIE on the thinking of a large section of the membership, their opinions, their concerns and their aspirations.

I am very happy that I have been able to play a small but regular part in the activities of the young members over the 10 years of their existence and I hope they will continue to look upon me as a useful and willing contributor to their activities.

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Samuel P. W. Wong, F. Eng.  
LegCo Member representing the  
Engineering Constituency



## Message From the YMC Chairman

Since its inception in 1985, the YMC has undergone a series of changes and developments. However, its aim remains as the promulgation of activities of a technical and social nature for young members who are below 35 years of age, and is responsible to the Professional Practice Board of the HKIE.

In order not to duplicate the activities organised by the professional Divisions of the Institution, the activities that were organised in recent years were mainly focused on the broadening of the social knowledge and non-technical skills of our young members. Popular courses such as "Mastering of Oral Presentation", "Table Manners", "Horse Riding" and "Managers as Trainers" were organised with this objective in mind. On the other hand, other seminars relating more to our profession like "Engineering Shop Drawing" and "Young or Ready - route to corporate membership", were also extremely well received.

One of the highlights of each year is an overseas delegation which was first organised in 1991. In the past four years, we have visited Australia, United States of America, Singapore and Canada to learn and study the latest developments of specific engineering projects. The objective was to give our young members an opportunity to get together to work on a multi-disciplinary project in order to train them in the organisational and management skills needed in team work, and to widen their exposure to the management of an international outlook, and promote the friendship and communication with their counterparts of overseas engineering institutions.

In addition to the above, the YMC also serves as a bridge between the HKIE and the engineering students' societies of the tertiary education institutions through the recent establishment of the Engineering Students' Liaison Group, and to promote communication and co-operations amongst the engineering students of different institutions offering engineering related courses.

After two years as Chairman, I am glad to see that the YMC is entering its maturing stage, and now serving more than half of the HKIE membership. This year is indeed a memorable moment to celebrate the achievements of the YMC in the past ten years. Last but not least, I wish to offer my grateful thanks to our advisors, Dr. Alex Chan and Mr. Peter Lam, and our delegation advisors, Mr. Edmund Leung, Mr. P. K. Tse and Mr. Otto Poon, for their invaluable advice and guidance throughout the years.

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Michael M. Ismail  
Chairman  
Young Members Committee



## Message From the YMC Advisor

I am most pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate the YMC on a most successful 10 years of services to your members.

The YMC must be a good training ground for future Council Members and Executives of the Institution. Over the last few years, the Committee has proven to the Institution that it has the energy and the skills to organize a variety of events with success.

With the unfailing enthusiasm and drive which is a characteristic of young people, I am sure the YMC can provide a good insight to the expectation of our younger (but every large) position of the membership of our institution, and I trust that the Committee will continue to organize technical and social events that will be high standard and interest to members.

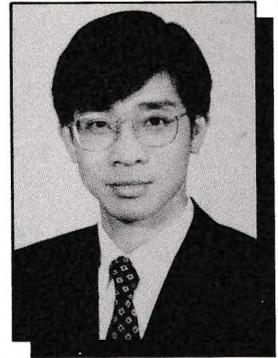
I enjoyed working with the YMC and I have to admit that I have learnt a lot from it when I was the Advisor of the first overseas delegation in 1991.

With best wishes for every success for the next ten years.

Yours sincerely

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Edmund K H Leung  
YMC Advisor 1991/92



## Message From the YMC Advisor

The year 1995 marks the 20th anniversary of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and also the 10th anniversary of its Young Members Committee. In the last few years YMC has developed into a well structured operation under the Professional Practice Board to perform an important role in developing young members of the HKIE. Participating in the annual overseas delegation on a specific topic related to the Hong Kong engineering profession is probably a goal for young members. The "Young or Ready" seminars on Civil and Building Services/Elect/Mech are well received. "Oral Presentation Skill", "Table Manners" and "Etiquette" are examples of how YMC serves its members in personality and maturity development.

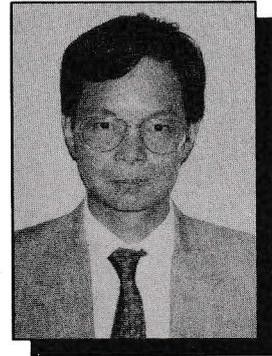
YMC organised, in conjunction with HKU's extra-mural course department the "Engineering in Daily Life" course for the public in 93 and 94. It has provided support to the HKIE team in the "Education and Career Expo" for a few years. To echo the President's theme of better links to Tertiary Institution and Secondary schools, YMC formed an "Engineering Student Liaison Group" with all Tertiary Institutions having engineering courses in 1993.

The facts above speak for YMC. Its strength and enthusiasm is well recognised within the HKIE. With its observer's role in the Council, representatives in most Divisions and other committees, YMC provides tremendous opportunities for young members to participate in the Institution's activities. Today's YMC could be tomorrow's Institution. So keep up with the good work boys and girls! We expect your service in Council, Boards, Committees and Divisions in the years to come.

Happy 10th Anniversary to YMC.

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Alex S. K. Chan  
YMC Advisor 1992~1995



### Message From the YMC Advisor

Once again, the YMC has an interesting and varied program. Whilst knowledge and technical expertise is always important, today's professionals require soft skills such as communication skill, teamwork, and even mixing business with pleasure. Our program fully reflects these qualities in our young engineers who are a most motivated group. I am always pleased with young members willingness to serve – such as manning the booth during the career exhibition. One of the committee's goals is to establish a long term vision and I am fully confident this will fill a much needed void for young engineers who have recently graduated but still look forward to a group providing fellowship and educational support.

Last but not least is the annual overseas trip. This has provided an invaluable experience for those who participated. With technical advancement and the world getting smaller through improved communication, we have to spend considerable time and resources to update ourselves. I hope corporations and individuals will invest in their future by actively participating in these programs.

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Peter C K Lam  
YMC Advisor 1992-1995

**LIST OF YMC COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**SESSION 1994-95**

Chairman	Mr Michael M. Ismail
Immediate Past Chairman	Mr C. F. Lam
Vice Chairman	Miss Grace Chung
Honorary Secretary	Mr James Chau
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Vincent Liu
Committee Members	Mr Terence Lam
	Mr Edwin Lee
	Miss Christine Wong
	Mr Gary Wong
	Mr Beaver Hui
	Mr Joseph Chi
Co-opted Members	Mr Arion S. K. Yau
	Mr Leo K. W. Lai
Student Representatives	Miss Jenny Yeung
	Miss Kanris Lam
Advisors	Dr Alex S. K. Chan
	Mr Peter C. K. Lam

## LIST OF PAST YMC CHAIRMEN

1985 ~ 1986	Mr K. C. Lau
1986 ~ 1987	Mr K. C. Lau
1987 ~ 1988	Mr C. H. Hung
1988 ~ 1989	Mr C. H. Hung
1989 ~ 1990	Mr C. K. Hung
1990 ~ 1991	Mr C. K. Hung
1991 ~ 1992	Mr Joseph Chi
1992 ~ 1993	Mr C. F. Lam
1993 ~ 1994	Mr Michael M. Ismail

## HISTORY OF THE YMC

About twenty years ago, a Graduate Section was established within the HKIE to look after the need, interest and benefit of Graduate Members. After years of service, the Young Members Committee (YMC) was eventually formed in 1985 under the supervision of a senior member, the late Mr S. G. Tam. By that time, the Committee was responsible to the Qualification and Membership Board.

The Main purpose of setting up the YMC was to help increasing the membership of young members who were below age 32. Young members comprise students, graduates, associate members and young corporate members. The establishment of the YMC enabled the HKIE to be fully aware of the young members' need. It served the need of above 65% of the total HKIE membership.

During the first three years, the committee was composed of four to five founding members. The prime objective was to formulate its terms of reference, objectives and strategies to cater for young members' need and interest of raising the status of young members by participating in and making contribution to institutional affairs. As young members constituted a significant portion of the membership of the Institution and they would be imminent potential corporate members, it was believed that they could play an important role in the engineering profession.

In the second stage of development, the YMC organized itself to cope with the four main areas of activities: academic issues, social affairs, public affairs and publications.

The objectives of the YMC could be summarized as follows:

- (a) To organize social activities for young members;
- (b) To persuade and encourage young members' attention to and participation in public affairs;
- (c) To promote the public image of the HKIE;
- (d) To provide opportunities for young engineers to present themselves in the public;
- (e) To maintain close liaison with engineering students, and
- (f) To raise the status of young engineers.

In doing so, the YMC organized a series of activities. These included enhancement of awareness in public affairs, participation in infrastructural development, shaping the future of engineers and engineering profession, promotion of public image, organizing social events, seminars on the route to corporate membership, liaison with educational institutions, representation in the HKIE, international linkage and assistance to the HKIE.

### **Enhanced Awareness in Public Affairs**

Hong Kong will become a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the PRC by 1 July 1997 as stated in the Joint Declaration signed in 1984. Hence, young engineers should have to face a period of unprecedented political and constitutional changes.

The first wave of changes occurred in 1987 when the government published a Green Paper on representative government. A White Paper was subsequently published in 1988 to chart the course of political development up to 1997.

To encourage active participation of young members in public affairs was a series of talks and seminars organized in 1988/89 to widen their knowledge and exposure to the above changes and development. These included "Comment to Green Paper on Representative Government", "Comment to White Paper on Representative Government", "Comment on Governor Address" and "Comment to Financial Secretary's Budget Report".

### **Participation in Infrastructural Development**

In 1989, the Government announced the strategy for the long-term development of port and airport. The ambitious programme of work would provide infrastructural support to Hong Kong which would take up the role of regional and international financial centre. All the work would provide valuable opportunities for young engineers to contribute to the shape-taking process of Hong Kong.

In response to this challenge, a series of talks and seminars were organized in 1991 to provide a forum for the young members to broaden their vision with respect to those mega-projects. The seminars organized included "Metroplan in Hong Kong", "Infrastructural Development in Hong Kong" and "Port and Airport Development".

### **Shaping the Future of Engineers and Engineering Professions**

On 1 July 1997, the change of sovereignty of Hong Kong will by no means create some strain on engineers. The HKIE, which has for many years played the leading role in the engineering profession, will inevitably face some changes.

Recognizing the fact that young engineers must manage these changes without endangering the stability of the profession, a series of forums were organized by the YMC in 1990. Those forum provided a ground for the prominent senior engineers to express their view on the future of engineers and the profession. The talks included "Young Engineers towards 1997 and Beyond", "Engineering Profession towards 1997 and Beyond", "Which Way for Professionalism", and "The Future Status of Engineers".

### **Social Events**

It is of vital importance for the YMC to put much emphasis on broadening the social skill and awareness of the young members. To achieve this objective, the YMC organized a variety of social activities ranging from Christmas party, horse riding and sports tournament to table manners and mastering of oral presentation.

Majority of social events were held in the HKIE Headquarters in order to enable the young members to develop a sense of belonging and to utilize the institution's facilities. Through the participation in those functions, the young members could get to know new friends and familiarise with the systems and structure of the HKIE. Additionally, the young members could also have a chance to meet the senior members of the Institution.

### **Route to Corporate Membership**

An important function to which the YMC devoted most of its effort is the annual seminar on the route to corporate membership. Prominent speakers in the profession were invited to share their experience with the young members regarding their way to achieve corporate membership and HKIE training schemes. Also, those speakers who also act as the assessors in the professional assessment shed some light on the ways to tackle professional examination.

Moreover, YMC arranged informal meetings with the Committee Members of various Divisions so as to enable young members to meet senior members of the Institution in a leisurely and informal manner.

### **Promotion of Public Image**

For many years, engineers have been regarded as a group of silence in the society. To revert this situation, the YMC played an important role. In this connection, the YMC organized a series of exhibitions known as "The Hong Kong Engineers" in 1988. The exhibition was backed up by Council Members, Headquarters staff, prominent engineers including Sir S. Y. Chung, the Hon. Allen Lee, and Dr Raymond Ho. The function successfully promoted the image of engineers by getting the general public to know more about our profession.

In recent years, the YMC even played more effort in promoting our professional image by organizing a short course "Engineering and Daily Life" in collaboration with the University of Hong Kong. This course was well received by the general public and student. Speakers consisted of engineers from various disciplines provided the public up-to-date information on engineering aspects of our daily life. Through a series of lectures, the public could realize the contribution and role of engineers in the society.

### **International Linkage**

One of the key functions organized by the YMC annually is the overseas delegation. A group of young engineers were recruited every year to form a delegation to foreign countries with the following objectives:

- (a) to broaden technical engineering knowledge;
- (b) to enhance linkage and promote interflow with the young members of overseas engineering institutions;
- (c) to get together young members from all disciplines to work on a multi-disciplinary project in order to train the organization and management skill in team work; and
- (d) to widen exposure in overseas engineering projects and working environment.

So far four delegations have been successfully held. These include the trips to study: railway development in Australia; planning, construction and operation of airports in U.S.A. and ports in Singapore; planning and operation of power plants in Canada. The fifth of its kind is being organized to study the Boston Harbour Clean-up Project in U.S.A. in the coming summer. The function is well supported by the HKIE and the profession. All these delegations have successfully promoted the image of the HKIE amongst various overseas engineering institutions and profession.

### **Liaison with Educational Institutions**

One of the main objectives of the YMC is to maintain a close linkage with the students of tertiary institutions. This could encourage students to join the Institution at their early stage of career and identify suitable candidates for participating in institutional affairs. In this regard, video and slides were produced for this purpose. This activity has demonstrated that the percentage of student membership has significantly increased in the past few years.

In 1993, an Engineering Students Liaison Group (ESLG) was formally established to serve as a channel between the HKIE/YMC and the tertiary institutions. This group has also enhanced the communication and cooperation between the students of the five tertiary educational institutions offering engineering related courses.

### **Representative in the HKIE**

After years of hard work and performance, the YMC has been approved to be represented in the Council, Professional Practice Board, Continuing Professional Development Committee, Public Relations Committee and various Divisions. This not only strengthens the connection with the Institution, but also takes an active role in the implementation of the Five Year Plan of the HKIE in terms of recruitment of young members, public relations and raising the status of engineers.

### Assistance to the HKIE

Another major contribution of the YMC was its support to the functions and conferences organized by the Headquarters. These include Education and Career Expo for the past few years, conferences such as "Airports into the 21st Century", "Tall Buildings 2000 and Beyond" and "Port 2000".

A landmark contribution of the YMC was its effort in the "Walk for a Headquarters" organized by the HKIE in 1986. The function aimed to raise fund for purchasing the current headquarters premise.

In 1990 and 1991, the YMC also assisted the HKIE in setting up a database for a readership survey as well as analysing the survey results. This provided a clear and concise picture of the members' need and interest so as to enable the Institution to formulate future strategies which suit the needs of its members.

The above is a brief account of the development of YMC in the past ten years. We look forward for a break-through by the YMC in the next ten years with regards to its contribution to young engineers, the HKIE and Hong Kong!

## MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE YMC

- 1987 ~ 1988  
Seminars on public affairs  
Seminars on corporate membership application  
Informal meetings with senior HKIE members
- 1988 ~ 1989  
“Hong Kong Engineers” – Exhibition at Sha Tin New Town Plaza (30 April 1988), New World Centre (5 May) and Central MTR Station (14 May) to promote successfully the public image of engineers.  
First horse-riding induction programme  
Christmas party  
YMC Newsletter published in HKIE Journal
- 1989 ~ 1990  
Seminars on engineering profession towards 1997  
Readship survey  
Christmas party
- 1990 ~ 1991  
Participation in Education and Career Expo  
Technical seminars on infrastructural Development  
Readship survey  
Assistance to HKIE International Conferences  
Christmas party
- 1991 ~ 1992  
First YMC Delegation – Railway development in Australia  
First HKU Extra-mural course – Engineering in daily life  
Christmas party
- 1992 ~ 1993  
Increase the age limit of Young Members to 35  
Second YMC Delegation – USA international airports – planning, construction and operation  
HKU Extra-mural course – Engineering in daily life  
Social events: Table manner course, Horse racing gathering  
First seminar on route to corporate membership – “Young or Ready” and oral presentation skill
- 1993 ~ 1994  
Third YMC Delegation – Planning and operation of ports in Singapore  
Establishment of Engineering Students’ Liaison Group (ESLG)  
Seminar on route to corporate membership – “Young or Ready”  
Floating seminar on Airport Core Projects

1994 ~ 1995

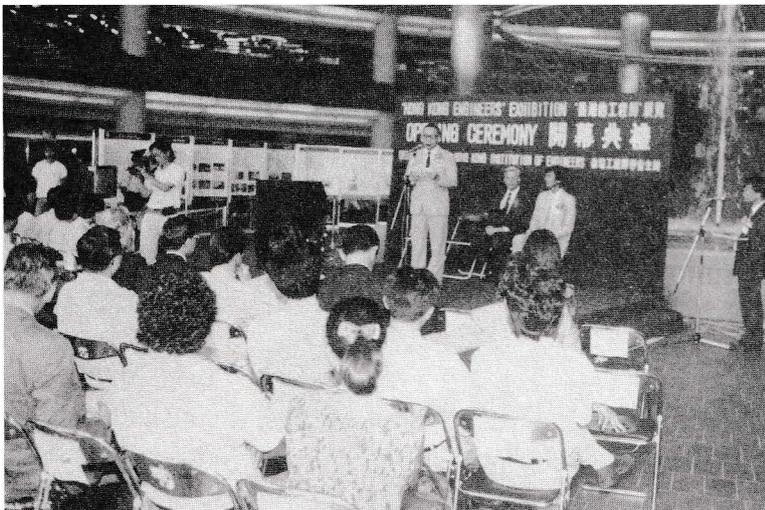
Forth YMC Delegation – Planning and operation of power plants in Canada  
Organization of the fifth YMC Delegation – Boston Harbour Clean-up  
Project in U.S.A.

Seminar on route to corporate membership – “Young or Ready”

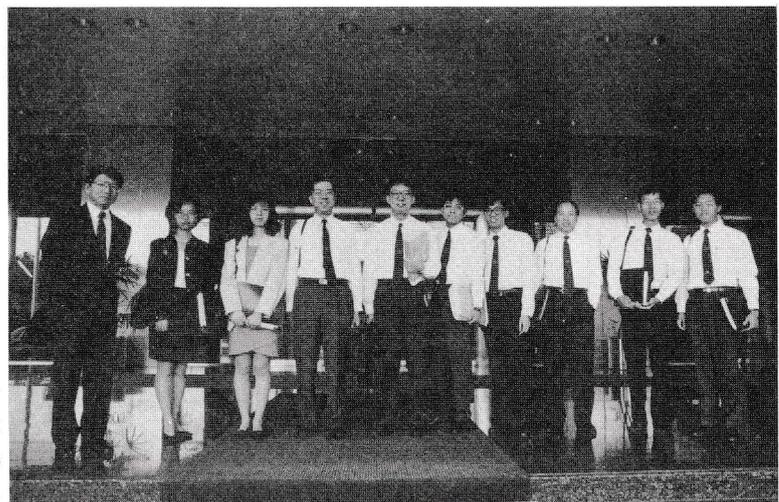
Floating seminar on Airport Core Projects

Seminars on engineering shop drawings, total quality management,  
managers as trainers

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↑ “Hong Kong Engineers” Exhibition 1988



→  
Delegation Members  
at Port of Singapore  
Authority 1993.



↑ Delegation 94  
Delegates at the Sir Adam Beck Hydro Generating Station by the valley of the Niagara (not far away from the Niagara Falls)



↑ YMC Visit to Mai Po Nature Reserve 1989



↑ Young or Ready Seminar 1993

# FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YMC

In the coming years, the Young Members Committee (YMC) will continue to carry out its responsibility of serving the benefits of young members of the Institution, undertaking activities which may further the aims and objectives of the Institution with regard to its young members and encouraging students in Engineering disciplines to join the institution. In order to realize our responsibilities, YMC will focus on six major areas:

## Professional Assessment Information Update for Young Members

Updated professional assessment information serves the interest of all student and graduate members, YMC's annual "Young or Ready" is a forum specifically designed to serve their needs.

## Continuous Professional Development Activities

As technical seminars and visits of different disciplines are provided by the respective Divisions of the Institution, YMC looks into the niche of the professional and career development and organizes engineering related seminars on skills, managerial and personal development.

## Non-engineering related Courses

YMC also concerns about various aspects of personal development of young members such as enhancing social skills and social awareness. For instance, "Table manner", "Wine appreciation" as well as "Business etiquette" are part of YMC's topics.

## Social Activities

The social activities organized by the YMC aims to provide young members an opportunity to enjoy themselves in an environment which is not easily arranged by young people themselves as individual such as "Horse Riding" at Riding School, "Dinning and Enjoying Horse Races" at Royal Jockey Club or "Dinning and Entertaining" at Golf Club.

### **Overseas Visit & Interflow**

The annual overseas technical visit – YMC Delegation – has the following objectives:

- \* to provide an opportunity for a group of young engineers from different engineering disciplines to work on a project and to recognize the importance of teamwork.
- \* to broaden technical knowledge in different aspects of a particular engineering topic.
- \* to widen the exposure to the practice of overseas engineering project
- \* to promote the interflow with the young members of overseas engineering institution.

Since Hong Kong will become part of China in 1997, interflow with the young members section of different engineering authorities and institutions in China is also a major goal of YMC.

### **Public Relationship with Students**

By active participation in the co-operation working party – Engineering Student Liaison Group (ESLG), YMC acts as a bridge between the engineering students of the universities in Hong Kong and the Institution, to promote the support and care of the Institution to engineering students in university. YMC is eager to take further steps to promote engineering profession to young people and secondary school students by participating in the annual Career Expo as well as visiting secondary schools.