Dear all,

Time flies. I have served the CIB Student Chapter (CIBSC) for more than two years, with one year as the President. I still remember how we took over the job from the 8th CIBSC Committee and planned for Year 2010~2011. This year there are 18 Members in the Committee. It is a great experience to work with such a wonderful team. I would like to say thanks to all the Committee Members. With all your great efforts, our year plan has been carried out successfully.

To bring together both the undergraduate and postgraduate students and make them more involved in CIB, we organized the Final-year Best Dissertation Competition, which is being held on an annual basis. Both undergraduate and postgraduate members were invited to participate. Finally, three students distinguished themselves. One received “Distinguish Award”, and the other two received “Merit Award”. Since another objective of the Chapter is to provide a forum for sharing and discussing research-related issues on building and construction, we invited research students to share with us their research findings and experience. Besides, the Annual Exchange Seminar between the HKPolyU and the Shenzhen University came to the 7th year. It was held in the HKPolyU this time. Moreover, our activities were not limited to the theoretical scope. One expert from the industry was invited to give us a career talk based on his working experience in the construction site for more than 20 years. Besides, we were invited to visit the Hong Kong Youth Square, which is a newly completed project commissioned by the HKSAR Government’s Home Affairs Bureau. To broaden our members’ horizon and make them more involved with the international building and construction research community, several representatives from the HKPolyU’s CIBSC attended the ABCR (i.e. Asian Coalition for Building Science and Construction Engineering) Workshop in Osaka, Japan, in September 2010. Also, several HKPolyU’s CIBSC representatives paid a visit to Harbin Institute of Technology in January 2011. Regarding the activities organized by the CIB General, we submitted a proposal called “Web-based visual platform for real-time communication and collaboration among the CIB Student Chapters” last year and won the CIB Sebestyen Future Leaders Award 2010.

Herein, I would like to thank our three honorary advisors, Prof. Francis Wong, Dr. Tareef Hayat Khan and Dr. Barbara Leung. Without all your kind suggestions, we could never have carried out the activities so smoothly and had these achievements. My appreciation extends to Prof. Geoffrey Shen, Prof. Eddie Hui, Dr. XU Ying, Dr. LI Jing and Miss Chloe Shing as well. Thank you for all the generous help and support to our Student Chapter! Besides, I would like to thank all those participating in the CIBSC activities. Look forward to your continuous support in the coming year.

Lastly, to our succeeding committee, I sincerely wish you all the success in Year 2011~2012!

Best regards,
Lisa L. TAO
President, the CIB Student Chapter of HK PolyU (2010~2011)

The HK PolyU Student Chapter of CIB

Message from The President

The International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) is a non-profit making and non-government organization, which provides a global network for international exchange and cooperation in research and innovation in building and construction in support of an improved building process and of improved performance of the built environment. The Department of Building and Real Estate (BRE) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPolyU) has registered as a Member of CIB and established a research community for our research students – The HKPolyU’s CIB Student Chapter (HKPolyU’s CIBSC).

The HKPolyU Student Chapter of CIB is an organization with the intent to develop the desire, on the part of students, to become more involved with the international construction research community. The Chapter is designed to provide a forum for sharing and discussing research-related issues in construction management and technology. It aims to bring together both the undergraduate and postgraduate students to develop research interests and meaningful exchange between the entire spectrum of building and construction interests and the global research community. The HKPolyU Student Chapter of CIB can be accessed at http://cibspirit.bre.polyu.edu.hk.
The Best Dissertation Competition, which is organized by the CIB Student Chapter of Eindhoven University of Technology, is an annual competition. All BRE undergraduate and postgraduate students, who have CIASC membership, were invited to join in this competition. All of the dissertations submitted were carefully reviewed and scored by the CIASC advisors.

Based on the assessment results, three students have been awarded. Mr. Chi Ming CHAN won the Distinction Award. Miss Wing Yin LUI and Mr. Chun Yiu CHAN won the Merit Awards respectively.

Visit to the Hong Kong Youth Square in Chai Wan by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University’s CIB Student Chapter on 8 September 2010

On 8 September 2010, five Committee Members of the PolyU’s CIB Student Chapter together with Professor Francis Wong had arranged a visit to the Youth Square, which is located at 258 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong. The Youth Square (i.e. Youth Square) is a newly completed project commissioned by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Hong Kong), the University of Osaka (Japan) and the University of Seoul (South Korea). Each year, a workshop is held, inviting Students (under- and post-graduates) of the 3 institutions to meet. The theme of this year’s workshop was Technology for sustainability.

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From 28th to 30th September 2010, three members from the HKPolyU’s CIASC together with Dr. Steven Tsang and other thirteen students from the Department of Building and Real Estate, of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, had attended the ACBC Workshop 2010, which was held in the Osaka University, Osaka, Japan.

ACBC stands for “Asian Coalition for Building Science and Construction Engineering”, which is an alliance formed in 2006 between the 3 Universities in the Asia region: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Hong Kong), the University of Osaka (Japan) and the University of Seoul (South Korea). Each year, a workshop is held, inviting Students (under- and post-graduates) of the 3 institutions to meet. The theme of this year’s workshop was Technology for sustainability.

The architectural design of the Y2 comes from the winning entry of the architectural design competition, the former President of the CIB Student Chapter of Eindhoven University of Technology, introduced us their completed projects and the specific construction requirements, the façade, the exterior glass walls of which are finished with frosted rainbow and wave designs.

We all enjoyed the visit and now have a better understanding about the current design methods of both the HAB and the Youth Square.

At the participation to the exchange activity

Academic Visit to Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China

From 6 to 7 January 2011, nine committee members of the CIB Student Chapter of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University had visited the Department of Construction and Real Estate, Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), Harbin, China. On the first day, a series of seminars were held, including the Department of Construction and Real Estate, Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), Harbin, China. On the second day, our members were invited to visit the Harbin ZHONG JIAN Architecture Design CO. Ltd. Mr. Ma (the Deputy Dean) kindly introduced us their completed projects and the specific construction requirements in Harbin. All the participants showed great interest and raised many questions from different aspects including building design, building construction, and building heating, etc.

Winners of the CIB Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2010

In summer 2010, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University CIB Student Chapter of CIB, responding to the call for proposals made in May 2010, participated in the competition of Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2010. For this competitive contest, we won the award with the proposal of “Web-based Visual Platform for Real-time Communication and Collaboration among the CIB Student Chapters”.

The foremost purpose of the Award is to expose future leaders of the building sector to some of the latest developments in building research, so that in later life they will understand the value of supporting good research. CIB Student Chapters were encouraged to demonstrate in this proposal how their student members have the potential to be future leaders in their chosen fields of work and to understand the value of building research. The award was intended to stimulate collegial cooperation between staff and research students in the Chapters, and the free exchange of information between the Chapters.

As consistent with the purpose, this Triumphed proposal seeks to construct an e-platform for the real-time communication and collaboration between members of different student Chapters. The web system is to be established under an independent webpage which is linked to the CIB official website. Users can conveniently get access to both websites. It may lead to a closer cooperation of worldwide CIB student chapters and high efficiency of sharing information among all CIB student chapters, research communities and individuals.

Plaguing, Mr. Gustavo Manzato, Treasurer of the CIB Student Chapter of TUE as well as the PhD Network of Dept. of Architecture, Building and Planning, discussed with Richard, to represent the HKPolyU Student Chapter of TUE in a short but productive meeting.

Richard introduced the activities carried out by the CIB Student Chapter of HKPolyU during his presidency for year 2009-2010, including seminars, workshops, career talk, and academic exchange, etc.

The 7th Annual Exchange Seminar with the Shenzhen University

On 23 Dec 2010, the HKPolyU’s CIB Student Chapter held the 7th Annual Exchange Seminar with the Shenzhen University. Prof. Eddie Hui was invited to give the opening speech. Prof. Geoffrey Shen was invited as the representative of the CB Student Chapter of TUE in a short but productive meeting. About 24 postgraduate students from both universities attended this seminar. Six students gave presentations about their current research. Heated discussions were conducted after the Seminar.

Visit to other CB Student Chapters

Career Talk 2010

At the participation to the exchange activity