Development, Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility

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Medium: English
Fee: Free of Charge
(Priority will go to BRE Students and Alumni)

Synopsis:
20th century was a time of natural abundance and a time of fast depletion of the world’s natural resources. Today, we are facing with the problems of shortage of natural resources, food, clean water and clean energy, and we are standing on the cross roads of further rapid development and conservation of the environment.

We have witnessed the contradictions of the market force and the environment, as well as the disturbances in the political, economic and social conditions.

The world economy and growth is mainly driven by business, many international business entities are now aware of their social risk which make them come together to influence and to change the present situation. This gives rise to the birth of ISO 26000, the Corporate Social Responsibility Standards.

In 2008, the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency launched a program in enhancing the CSR performance of the business sector in Hong Kong. The HKQAA CSR Advocate Index for measuring organizations’ CSR maturity to drive improvement, and Hong Kong 100 CSR Index in researching Hong Kong organizations’ disclosure of CSR issues.

After five years since launching, we have gathered some critical information and come up with some observations and comments on the progress and performance in the implementation of CSR in Hong Kong.

About the Speaker:
As a structural engineering graduate of the Hong Kong Technical College (now The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) in 1968, Prof Peter Mok Kwok Woo was awarded a scholarship to study and work in the United Kingdom, became a chartered structural engineer in 1972. He then returned to Hong Kong and worked in various sectors of the construction industry for 35 years.

Prof Mok was the Vice-President of the Hong Kong Construction Association from 1997 to 2001. In 1997, Prof Mok was co-founder of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers and inaugurated a Quality Charter – the first of its kind amongst professional institutions. From 1998 to 2007, Prof Mok served as the Chairman of the Building and Civil Engineering Training Board of the Vocational Training Council; he was also a member of the Construction Industry Training Authority and Occupational Safety and Health Council for many years. He is now an Adjunct Professor in Department of Building and Real Estate of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He was inducted into the HKIE Hall of Fame 2010 by The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.

Prof Mok has worked voluntarily for the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency over 20 years and been its chairman since 2007. In many ways, Prof Mok is a champion of good quality – his work extends beyond the construction industry to cover a much wider spectrum benefiting the entire community.

All interested are welcome.
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