

# **HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE**

## **President's Report 2001-2002**

There has been exciting development in occupational hygiene in the past year. After the authority released the code of practices on air impurities and display screen equipment, HKIOEH has organised seminars on the issues. In all occasions, there were recorded number of turnouts and heated discussions on the new requirements.

On external affairs, the Institute has maintained close relationship with overseas professional bodies and officers are invited to attended conferences. HKIOEH has representatives on liaison and advisory committees hosted by our sister organisations and the Occupational Safety and Health Council.

On the international front, with the IOHA playing the leading role, a working group has been established to look at proposals of mutual recognition on certification systems. Although the progress is slow, HKIOEH will closely monitor for new developments and apply to join the scheme when opportunity opens.

Internally, there is continue growth in memberships. There has been a growing trend for provisional members to apply for membership upgrade which is a good reflection of self-recognition amongst our members.

However, it would be to the benefit of the Institute if members can participate more in our activities and give the Council their opinions. In fact, the concern has been aired in the last President's Report.

With the growth in the number of members and interest in joining HKIOEH, liaison has become a major problem for the Council, especially when there have been an increasing number of lost sheep. Also, it has become more difficult to convene membership panels to review new applicants due to time commitment. However, the Council has been working very hard to keep up with the demand.