



PROFESSIONAL GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

Chairman Report 2012 By Sr Sam Cheng

Overview – Turning BROWN to GREEN

While my memory is still fresh that I stood on the stage at the PGBC 10th Anniversary Cocktail Reception at the Zero Carbon Building last month, I stated we would hold strong and endeavor to “strive for a sustainable future by preserving our environment and building green”. It is now time I have to write my report and hand over the chairmanship to my successor, Ir. Prof KK Choy.

“Turning BROWN to GREEN” is the title for the Eco-Village & TKO Restored Landfill Site Walk and Design Workshop held in June 2009. It was a full day event and received overwhelming support by members of the founding members. Thereafter, a series of design workshops and lobbying exercises were conducted to build the Eco-Village on TKO Restored Landfill. After all these affords, we have the Zero Carbon Building, which was opened to the public last year.

2012 is a very fruitful year for PGBC. Firstly, my Immediate Past Chairman, Mr. K S Wong was appointed as the Secretary of Environment. Congratulations! This week, we are pleased to hear his briefing on the Environmental Policy under the new Chief Executive, the Honorable C Y Leung. We are excited that there are a lot of initiatives to combat the Climate Change and Environmental Issues, including green buildings.

In June, PGBC organized jointly with HKGBC a very successful Green Building Award 2012 – Towards Zero Carbon. The Award Presentation was held in the HKCEC with a Gala Dinner. It was a great occasion to gather participants, sponsors and stakeholders to meet and share the success of the Award. Couple with GBA2012, a Green Building Conference was held at the Grand Hall of HKCEC on the 11 June 2012. Apart from presentation from the Award winners, overseas speakers of the award winning green cities presented in WGBC’s conference in South Africa, including New York, Singapore and San Francisco were invited to share with us their success stories. The conference was attended by over 800 audiences. I was very pleased and honoured to act as the Chairman of the Organising Committee of these two events. Of course, the success of these events cannot be without the support of members of PGBC.

In addition, PGBC continues the play an active role in the Best Landscaping Award 2012, Skyrise Greenery Award 2012 and the Green Award 2012.

On advising to the Government, we participated in the Multi-Stakeholders Consultation on Green Building issues, Public Engagement on Combating Climate Change, Energy Saving and Carbon Emission Reduction in Building, Central Kowloon Route Phase 2 – Public Engagement and Energising Kowloon East etc.

With the establishment of HKGBC in 2009, the following role of PGBC is gradually taken up HKGBC:

- (1) to conduct collaborative research and publish research results on local and global developments of green buildings;
- (2) to organize researches seminars and training courses in green building design and technology; and
- (3) to advise the government on the formulation, setting up and monitoring of a local green building labeling scheme.

I am confident that with the insight of the incoming Chairman and the new Council, we would continue to growth and moving our society towards a greener future.

Sr Sam Cheng
Chairman 2011 - 2012