



Pledging Ceremony for Code of Conduct (CoC) for HK Safety Practitioners cum Safety Conference

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As one of the eight major action items concluded in the “Construction Safety Forum” held last year, the Code of Conduct (CoC) for Hong Kong Safety Practitioners was prepared by The Hong Kong Federation of Occupational Safety and Health Associations (HKFOSHA) to set up standardized conducts to promote safety practitioners’ ethics and professionalism.

Following the consultations with various

stakeholders including relevant government departments, associations, trade organizations, etc., the CoC was launched on 31 October 2013. During the ceremony, 15 representatives* from HK’s major Safety Associations and RSO Training Providers pledged to promote CoC to their members, contractors & students. The Commissioner for Labour, Mr CHEUK Wing Hing, JP, and President of HKFOSHA, Mr Victor KWONG Chiu Ling, witnessed to mark the official launch of CoC.

“The Core Values of the CoC include Integrity, Objectivity, Competence, Fairness, Confidentiality & Professionalism”

The CoC serves not only as a guide for safety practitioners to understand their roles, responsibilities and reasonable expectations on their job from the public, but also a reference for professional safety associations to take disciplinary actions towards their members who fail to comply with the code.

To download a copy of the CoC (Chi. & Eng.), please visit HKFOSHA’s website:

<http://www.hkfosha.org.hk/>

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(Left) Representatives for Safety Associations & RSO Training Providers signed on the board and pledged to promote the CoC; (Middle) The Commissioner for Labour, Mr CHEUK Wing Hing, JP, witnessed the pledging ceremony; (Right) President of HKFOSHA, Mr Victor KWONG Chiu Ling, delivered the opening remarks

* Pledging Organizations

Safety Associations

- Construction Industry Safety-Management Association
- Hong Kong Association of Risk Management and Safety
- Hong Kong Industrial Safety Association
- Industrial Centre Safety Course Alumni Association of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Society of Registered Safety Officers
- The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers Safety Specialists Committee
- The Hong Kong Occupational Safety and Health Association
- The Hong Kong Registered Safety Auditors Association
- The Institute of Safety and Health Practitioners
- The Society of Accredited Safety Auditors Limited

Safety Training Providers

- Construction Industry Council
- Industrial Centre, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- LiPACE, The Open University of Hong Kong
- School of Continuing and Professional Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The University of Hong Kong



Mr Michael LEUNG Chiu Ming, Vice-President of HKFOSHA, presented souvenirs to speakers of the Safety Conference on "IT Applications in Safety Management" (From left to right) Mr Timothy LAU C. T., Prof. LI HENG, Mr Michael LEUNG, Mr Koeman CHAN, Mr Roy CHAN

"Use of Electronic Forms Reduces the Complexity of Documentation and Increases Efficiency"

Safety Conference on "IT Applications in Safety Management"

With the increasing popularity of smart devices, (mobile) IT applications have been developed to facilitate safety practitioners in carrying out their duties. These applications, usually offered at low costs or even free of charge, allow safety practitioners to perform job safety analyses, receive safety alerts & newsletters, download safety training materials, carry out site safety inspections, and a lot more.

During the conference, four speakers from different backgrounds shared their knowledge and experience in utilizing tailor-made

IT applications, and some with Building Information Modeling (BIM) .

The floor had an extensive discussion with the speakers and attained fruitful comments & feedbacks.



Participants discussed with our speakers on using IT Applications in Safety Management

Panel Discussion on “How Safety Practitioners can help to Improving HK’s Safety Performance”

The inter-disciplinary panel formed by representatives from different government departments and safety associations, together with the participants, had a heated debate on two major topics during the discussion –

“Is accident prevention the sole responsibility of Safety Practitioners?” and
“Does the Accident Number significantly reflect the actual safety performance of workers?”

Arguments and comments from different points of view were made during and after the discussion time.



Dr WONG Yum Yin facilitated the Panel Discussion on “How Safety Practitioners can help to Improving HK’s Safety Performance” (From left to right) Dr WONG Yum Yin, Mr Lawrence NG, Mr CHOW Luen Kiu; Mr TANG Wah Shing; Mr CHEUNG Hau Wai ; Mr Michael FONG, Mr LI Chi Leung