

CPD lecture: Building Bridges: Collaboration in Fire Science, Engineering and the Fire Service on 25 June 2012

The Department of Building Services Engineering (BSE) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) held a CPD lecture titled “Building Bridges: Collaboration in Fire Science, Engineering and the Fire Service” on 25 June 2012.

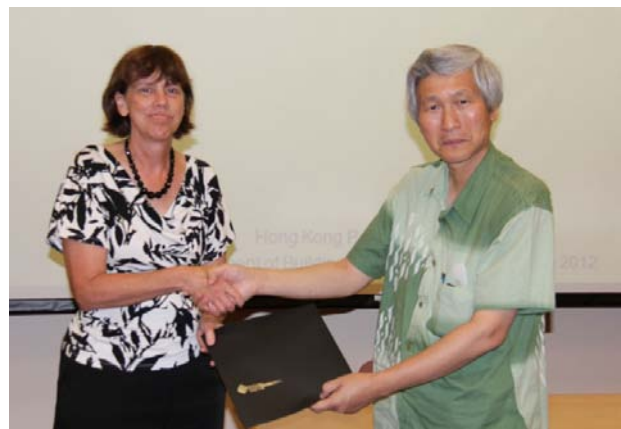


Lecture by Professor Weckman

This CPD lecture was organized by Professor W.K. Chow. Many professionals in the building services engineering discipline were attracted to this 1-hour lecture delivered by the visiting guest, Professor Beth Weckman from the University of Waterloo in Canada.



Participants



Presenting souvenir to Professor Weckman

In the lecture, Professor Weckman addressed the audience on the challenges faced by the fire safety professionals. The importance of collaboration in fire science, engineering and the fire service was stressed. Professor Weckman highlighted that it is essential to adopt a multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder approach in dealing with fire safety concerns. Fire science should be better understood by the fire safety professionals in different positions working in the industry. The history of joint initiatives between university researchers, industry, government and fire service partners was also discussed. Collaborative initiatives should be taken by engaging fire scientists, engineers and fire personnel to accomplish a stronger fire safety presence for the future. Towards the end, the attendees took the opportunity of the Q&A session to raise meaningful questions and provoke further discussions.



Local Audience



Audience from Malaysia

Professor Beth Weckman is a professor of Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering at the University of Waterloo and coordinates the Fire Research Group and Fire Safety Graduate Programs there. At the UW Live Fire Research Facility, she undertakes a wide range of fire research with students and partners from other universities, industry and government. Professor Weckman is an active member in several fire safety and research organizations such as Society of Fire Protection Engineers, National Fire Protection Association, American Society for Testing and Materials, International Association for Fire Safety Science and is past Chair of the Canadian Section of The International Combustion Institute.