## **Hunan-Hong Kong Joint Symposium 2011**

The Hunan-Hong Kong Joint Symposium 2011 was held in Changsha, China, from 1 to 2 July 2011. A team of staff from the Department of Building Services Engineering, led by Dr. T.M. Chung, co-ordinated by Dr. P.W. Tam; with Dr. S.H. Lee and Mr. C.L. Pang attended. Objective of this activity is to participate and exchange with esteemed scholars and scientists in the field on green renewable energy science and sustainable development.



Dr. Chung received a souvenir from PRC partner



The PolyU team

The Department of Building Services Engineering is a co-organizer of this symposium, a celebrated annual event for the building services industry since 1997, providing a platform for exchange and collaboration within the academic world dedicated to the research and promotion of renewable energy science. Other co-organizers include Hunan University, Hunan Provincial Architectural Design Institute, Hunan Provincial Planning and Design Institute, the Hong Kong branch of Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers, the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.

This year, Dr. Tam joined the Symposium as an organizing committee member.



The open ceremony



Delegates

The theme of the Symposium this year is "Green and sustainable technology development". Over 150 Mainland and Hong Kong participants coming from different sectors joined the event. A total of sixteen papers on various aspects of green energy technology were presented and discussed, followed by group talks, seminars, Q&A sessions. Souvenirs were presented to each speaker.



The organizing Committee toasted a drink to the participants



The PolyU alumni

Our departmental staff team communicated and shared many invaluable ideas with respected Mainland experts, friends and colleagues on various aspects including renewable energy planning strategies and evaluation methods.

All deemed the Symposium a successful event and numerous quality presentations were heard, innovative ideas and academic findings generously shared with scientists in this field.

What made the trip even a more beneficial experience was the invitation extended by local scientists in Hunan to the team to visit a factory and observe the cooling tower technologies and facilities at Changsha, Hunan.

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