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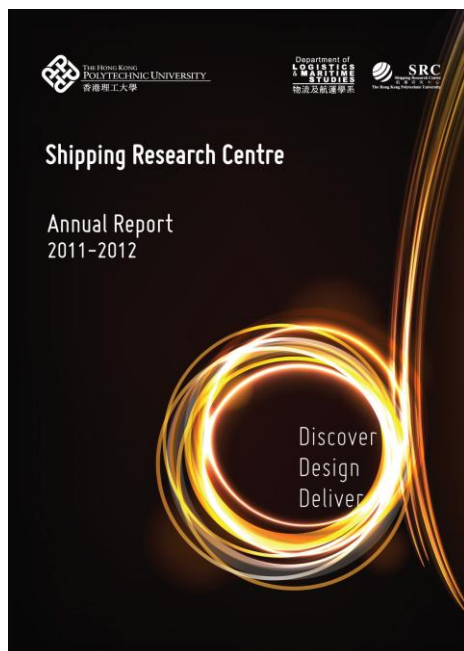


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SRC Annual Report

The Shipping Research Center (SRC) was established in December 2011. To report the SRC's operations over the past years and provide information about SRC's activities, the *SRC Annual Report 2011-2012* has been published.



In this annual report, the background of the SRC was introduced. The objectives, work and structure of the SRC were also described. Other topics reported include scholarly journal publications, authored books, research projects, shipping research ranking, best paper awards, services to the professional communities, teaching and learning, seminars, international conferences, and editorial work.

To download the SRC Annual Report:

http://www.lms.polyu.edu.hk/Research/src/SRC_AnnualReport.asp

QF Partnership Commendation

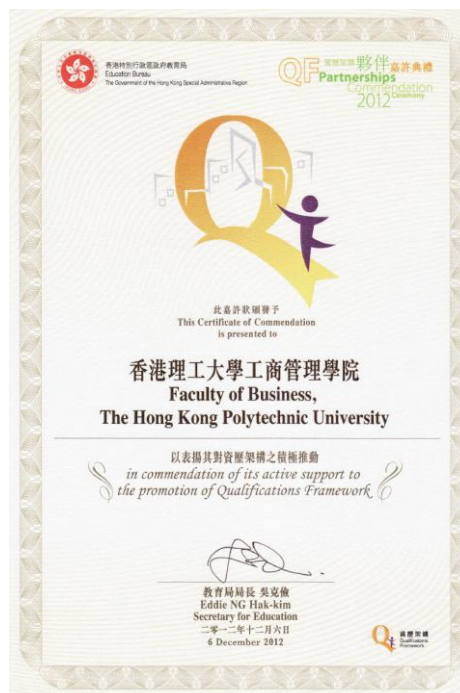
The Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie Ng Hak-kim, officiated at the Qualifications Framework (QF) Partnerships Commendation Ceremony on 6 December 2012 held at Conference Hall of Central Government Offices, Tamar. Certificates of commendation were presented by Mr Ng and the Permanent Secretary for Education, Mrs Cherry Tse, to organizations for their support and contributions to the QF.



Two awards were conferred to The Faculty of Business of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University from the Education Bureau at the QF Partnership Commendation Ceremony. On behalf of the project team, Dr Venus Lun (SRC Director) received a Certificate of Commendation for the Development of SCS-based Courses from the Secretary for Education and Dr Mike Lai (SRC Deputy Director) received a Certificate of Commendation for the Promotion of the Qualifications Framework from the Permanent Secretary for Education.



QF is a seven-level hierarchy covering qualifications in the academic, vocational, continuous education and training sectors launched by the HKSAR government with the aims of promoting lifelong education and enhancing the capability of the local workforce. The Specification of Competency Standard (SCS) for each industry comprises the competency standards required at different levels.



The QF project team is made up of Dr Venus Lun, Prof. Edwin Cheng, Dr Mike Lai, and Dr Christina Wong. The team’s QF efforts included production of teaching materials for SCS-based courses, presentation of drafted SCS documents to industry participants, and organization of the seminar on “QF and Upgrading Logistics Workforce in Hong Kong”.



The QF project team: Dr Christina Wong, Dr Mike Lai, Dr Venus Lun and Prof. Edwin Cheng (from left)

IJSTL 2013

The *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics (IJSTL)* published the first issue of 2013 recently. The first article in this issue is “Research on Shipping Studies” which was authored by SRC members. The objectives of this article are to (1) select the key academic journals in the field, (2) discuss key research topics in shipping research, (3) identify the most cited shipping articles, and (4) list the top shipping research institutions. In addition, five other articles from international researchers are published in this issue.

Click the following link to read the titles of *IJSTL* Volume 5(1):

<http://www.inderscience.com/info/inarticletoc.php?jcode=ijstl&year=2013&vol=5&issue=1>

IAME 2013

The International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) is an international forum for the exchange of research and information among those interested in maritime and maritime-related issues. Jointly organized by Euromed Management, IFSTTAR, the University of Genoa, and the University of Naples Parthenope, the 2013 annual IAME Conference will take place in Marseille on 3-5 July.



Visit the Website of IAME 2013:

<http://www.maritime-economists.org/news-and-events/86-iame2013>

The theme of IAME 2013 is “Managing Complexity in Shipping and Port Markets”. Selected authors will be invited to elaborate on their research topics and submit the results to the *IJSTL* for publication consideration. This special issue aims to collect recent original contributions related to managerial complexity in shipping and port markets. It will carry revised and substantially extended versions of selected papers presented at the IAME 2013. We also strongly encourage researchers who are unable to participate in the conference to submit papers to this special issue.

IAME 2013 Guest Editors:

Dr F. Parola, University of Naples Parthenope, Italy

Prof. Pierre Cariou, Euromed Management Marseille, France

Click the following link to read the *ISJTL* IAME 2013 Call for Papers:

<http://www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/cfp.php?id=2074>