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Outstanding Professional Service Award

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University held the Outstanding Professional Services Awards Presentation Ceremony on 20 February 2013. Dr Venus Lun and Prof. Edwin Cheng, in collaboration with the Institute of Entrepreneurship, won the Multi-departmental Participation Award. The award was conferred to the team members in recognition of their valuable contribution to consultancy work.

Their project, entitled “Professional Production of Specification of Competency Standards for the Insurance Industry”, was commissioned by the HKSAR Government. This is a project with the highest contract value for the financial year (with collaboration of two or more departments/units) administered by PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited.



CILT Chartered Fellow

Prof. Edwin Cheng was elected to the Chartered Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong (CILT) recently.

The CILT was formed in the United Kingdom in 1919 as the Institute of Transport and became a chartered institute in 1926. The Institute first set up the Hong Kong Branch in 1968, which was upgraded to the Hong Kong Section in 1972. On 1 October 1991, the Hong Kong Section was upgraded to National Council status and renamed as the Chartered Institute of Transport in Hong Kong. The Institute was renamed as the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong in 2001.



ITMMA International Research Seminar

The ITMMA International Research Seminar Series is a platform for ITMMA (Institute of Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp) staff and students to learn from and discuss about ongoing research of leading international scholars in the maritime field.

Dr Venus Lun was invited to join the ITMMA International Research Seminar Series. The seminar was conducted at R007 of the City Campus of the University of Antwerp on 11 February 2013. Dr Lun presented a paper entitled “A Study on the Antecedent of the Supplier Commitment in Container Terminal Operations”.



Special Issues with IAME

The *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics* organized two special issues with the International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) recently.

One of the special issues is dedicated to the annual IAME conference 2011, which took place in Santiago de Chile from October 25th to 28th. The IAME 2011 was organised by the Transport Research Institute (TRI), Edinburgh Napier University, and ITMMA, University of Antwerp, and hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC). The conference attracted over 170 participants from 38 countries and 116 presented papers from 250 received abstracts. After several rounds of pre-selection and review, nine papers were finally accepted for inclusion in this special issue.



Guest editors of IAME 2011:

Theo Notteboom, Kevin Cullinane, Ricardo Sanchez, and Gordon Wilmsmeier

The IAME 2012 (Taipei) was jointly organized by the Shipping, Port, and Logistics Research Center of Kainan University, Chinese Maritime Research Institute in Taiwan, and Jungseak Research Institute of International Logistics and Trade of Inha University in Korea. More than 240 delegates from 35 countries attended the conference and presented high quality papers. The theme of IAME 2012 was “Challenges in the Shipping and Port Industry in the context of the Global Economy”. The editorial team has selected six impactful papers to publish in this special issue.



Guest editor of IAME 2012:

Paul T.W. Lee, Chung-Hsiung Liao, and Chin-Shan Lu

BUD Project

The Hong Kong Sea Transport and Logistics Association (HKSTLA) has recently been awarded a project entitled “Hong Kong Logistics Practitioners Upgrading Branding Program”, which aims at offering logistics solutions to the retail sectors seeking to enter China.



The Shipping Research Centre (SRC) has been invited to participate in this project as one of the project’s steering committee members. This project is funded by the Trade and Industry Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government under its BUD (Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales) Fund. The project team includes steering committee members, supporting organizations, focus groups, and practitioners in the eight retail sectors, namely E-Commerce B-2-C Market, Department Store, Food, Wine, Catering & Restaurant, Cosmetic, Luxury Goods and Health Product. The Hong Kong Productivity Council is the implementation agent of this project.



This BUD project will consist of the following activities:

Period	Activities
Mar 2013	Briefing session to introduce the project
Apr - May 2013	Focus group meetings to develop logistics solutions
Jun - Aug 2013	Development of Logistics Guidebook to share logistics solutions with logistics practitioners
Sep 2013	Seminar to present project findings
Oct - Dec 2013	Workshops to share the Logistics Guidebook

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