



# FIG WORKING WEEK 2007 HONG KONG

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MEETING HOSTED BY HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS, MAY 2007

FIG Working Week 2007, 13 – 17 May, was held in Hong Kong, attended by 518 delegates from 58 countries and regions, including 106 from Hong Kong, 39 from the Mainland, representing over 60 FIG member associations. Over 300 technical papers were presented in 64 technical sessions and a number of Commission meetings and thematic talks were

held. Building capacity, the integration of FIG Commission activities, and co-operation with the United Nations and other international organizations were the key focuses of the FIG council. The Vice President of FIG reported on the ACCO activities and delegates presented arrangements for the 6<sup>th</sup> FIG Regional Conference 2007 in San Jose, Costa Rica; Working

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Week 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden; Working Week 2009 in Israel; and FIG Congress 2010 in Australia.

The event was opened by The Honorable Donald Tsang, GBM, The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Mr Lu Xinshe, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Land and Resources and Director General of State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping of the People's Republic of China, gave a congratulatory message and Mr. Hak Chan, Chairman of the Organising Committee gave a welcome

message. Chinese leaders from the Mainland in surveying, mapping and lands included Dr Xiao Ping, Deputy Director General of Surveying and Mapping of Shaanxi Province, who also delivered a plenary address, Mr Li Jialin and Mr Guo Renzhong, Deputy Directors of Land Bureau of ShenZhen and Mr Zhang Xinmin, Deputy Director of Land Bureau, Guangdong Province. Other prominent persons who delivered plenary addresses included, from Hong Kong, Dr CY Leung, Mr Tony Tse and Mr Albert Leung, and from overseas, Mr Keith Bell

of the World Bank, Prof Theo Kotter of Bonn University, Prof Holger Magel and Prof Stig Enemark of FIG.

More than 450 delegates were greeted by an address from Organising Committee Chairman, Mr. Hak Chan, at the Welcome Reception. The associated exhibition showcased products and services from 15 international and local firms and organisations. Four technical tours were conducted to the Land Information Centre and Geodetic Survey Section of the Lands Department, Hydrographic Office of the Marine Department and HK-Shenzhen Western Corridor of the Highways Department. The post conference technical visit to the Macau Cartography and Cadastre Bureau was very informative and offered a panoramic view of Macau.

For entertainment, a Chinese Evening was attended by 366 delegates, who enjoyed a programme that included the world renowned Hong Kong Police Band and Pipes. The Gala Dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom at the conference venue, the Kowloon Shangri-la Hong Kong hotel, where Mr Michael Suen, former Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands of the HK SAR Government, was guest of honour.

The Working Week received strong local support including the government (Lands Department) and education sectors (Dept of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University).

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