



Prizes and Awards

Young Engineer of the Year Award 2009 - Ir Crystal Ho Wing-Ching

The presentation of the Young Engineer of the Year Award 2009 was also made at the Annual Dinner. This year's Award went to Ir Crystal Ho. The award is to honour an outstanding young engineer who has made commendable contributions to the continuous development of Hong Kong.

Working as a Design Management Engineer I - Civil in the MTR Corporation Ltd, Ir Crystal Ho has many years of experience in the arena of civil, building as well as geotechnical management and design works. Upon obtaining her Bachelor and Master's degrees in Environmental Engineering from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2000, she has started her career in the engineering profession in private and public sectors so as to broaden her horizons and to gain better understanding of different roles of these sectors in the construction industry.

Ir Ho has made commendable contributions as engineers through involvement in engineering and community affairs. She is currently the Chairman of the YMC of the Institution, leading a group of 18 committee members with an aim to promulgate activities of a technical and social nature for other young engineers. She believes that the promotion of engineering profession to the secondary school students is very crucial. On one hand, it provides the younger generation with an early and better understanding on the engineering industry. On the other hand, it serves as a channel to foster engineers' sustainability. Following this philosophy, Ir Ho has participated in the School Ambassadors Programme of the Institution as a school ambassador and the coordinator, preparing the presentation materials on the '10 Engineering Wonders in Hong Kong' and the 'Engineering a Sustainable Hong Kong' for school talks.

Ir Ho also devotes herself in voluntary work for the poor and the underprivileged, ranging from children to the elderly. She is eager to serve the community which requires execution of the engineering expertise. As the team leader of a Working Group to Yunnan Province of the Mainland, Ir Ho has been actively involved in conducting site inspection for broken school buildings in remote mountainous regions. She also plays an active role in the 512 Sichuan rebuilding projects and she has collaborated with other young engineers to form the '512 Young Engineers Alliance' with an aim to provide assistance in relief and reconstruction work in Sichuan. She has visited the earthquake stricken areas twice to understand the needs of the Sichuan compatriots and has conducted meetings with local officials concerning the rebuilding projects and the way forward.

This year, another young member, Ir Dr Manson M S Fu was also presented the Certificate of Merit.



Ir Crystal Ho (R) receiving the Young Engineer of the Year Award

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