The Actuarial Society of Hong Kong

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Annual General Meeting

At the AGM on 9 December 1997 the following members of the Society were elected to Council.

They were:

Michael Ross President
Danny Chung
August Chow
Keat Tian
Anna Louie

The other members of council are:

C. F. Yam Past president
Russel Lok
Joseph Yip
Diane Chung
Nicholas Crouch
Andrew Alexander
Jacky Chan

Institute of Actuaries

PAUL NOEL THORNTON MA FIA was elected by the Institute Council at its meeting on 8 December 1997 to succeed Duncan Ferguson as president of the Institute of Actuaries. Paul takes up his office on 8 July 1998, at the close of the Institute's Annual General Meeting.

Captive Insurers

The Commissioner of Insurance has issued a publicity leaflet to promote Hong Kong as a captive centre for Captive Insurance.

Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal data has issued a Code of Practice on the Personal Identify Card Number and other Personal Identifiers. Copies are available at district offices or the PCO office. It can be found on the PCO Website at http://www.pco.org.hk.

COMMITTEES

The following committees have been formed and the chairpersons decided as follows:

Council Member Role (Employer)	Telephone / Fax
Mr Michael Ross President Meetings Committee (National Mutual)	2519-1199 2598-5736
Mr C F Yam Past President MPF (CMG Asia Life)	2861-4017 2865-6837
Mr Andrew Alexander Investment Committee (Long Investment Management)	2537-1901 2869-6904
Ms Anna Louie Education Committee (The University of Hong Kong)	2857-8318 2858-9041
Mr August Chow General Insurance Committee (Prime Consulting)	2872-0318 2104-2995
Mr Danny Chung Experience Committee (Manulife (Int'l) Ltd.)	2510-5870 2510-5616
Ms Diane Chung Professional Conduct Committee (Watson Wyatt)	2820-8227 2827-8899
Mr Jacky Chan Chinese Translation Committee (AIA)	2881-3468 2882-1968
Mr Joseph Yip Retirement Schemes Committee (Watson Wyatt)	2820-8207 2827-8899
Mr Keat Tian Membership & Publication Committee (Watson Wyatt)	2820-8206 2827-8899
Mr Nicholas Crouch Company Secretary & Treasurer (The Manufacturers Financial)	2510-5809 2503-1540
Mr Russel Lok Life Insurance Committee (Coopers & Lybrand)	2504-6615 2890-3187

Those interested in joining the committees, please contact committee chairpersons.

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New Members

The following new members have been approved by the Council:

Name	Status	Company
Tommy, Yiu Man WU	Associate	AIA
Chun Rui, CHANG	Associate	AIA
Theresa, Wing Yee POON	Fellow	AIA
Shih-Nin, LOW	Fellow	AIA
Alan, Yiu Fai CHAN	Fellow	AIA
Grace, Shuk Yin HO	Associate	AIA
Thomas, Hung Tak LEE	Fellow	AIA
Seberry LUKE	Fellow	AIG
Florence, Ka Ying SO	Student	Canadian Eastern Life
Hiu Yu, KEI	Student	China Life
Sebastian, Yuan Yew TAN	Associate	Commercial Union
Hugh TERRY	Fellow	Guardian Royal
Murray GLASE	Fellow	Hannover Life
Patrick CHUI	Associate	Hong Kong Telecom
Wai Kwan LOK	Student	HSBC Life
Terry YUNG	Student	HSBC Insurance
Siu Kei, CHAU	Student	Lippo Protective
Gary, Chi Wing LAM	Student	Ming An Insurance
Ricky CHAN	Fellow	National Mutual
Polly LUNG	Student	National Mutual
Lindsay MANN	Fellow	National Mutual Fund Management
Perkin, Pui Kei SHEK	Student	Principal Insurance
Wai Chuen, CHOW	Associate	Prudential
Ken, Chi Kin LAU	Associate	Prudential
Michael FREEMAN	Fellow	Tillinghast – Towers Perrin
Emily PAPWORTH	Student	Tillinghast – Towers Perrin
Tim ANDREWS	Fellow	Trowbridge Consulting
Agnes LAW	Student	Trowbridge Consulting
Ken HAZELL	Fellow	Top Glory
Maxwell CHEN	Student	Towers Perrin
Peggy BAO	Student	Towers Perrin
Eric KWONG	Student	Towers Perrin
Gaston NOSSITER	Fellow	Towers Perrin
Wynnie YEUNG	Associate	Towers Perrin
Andrew TAN	Student	Trowbridge Consulting
Ray, See Kwong CHAN	Student	Watson Wyatt
Sean Nicholas HENAGHAN	Student	Watson Wyatt
William HWANG	Student	Watson Wyatt
Linda YU	Student	Watson Wyatt
Alex, Ka Chun YUE	Student	Winterthur
Brandon, Tat Kwan SZETO	Student	Winterthur

Legislation

There is no new legislation which has been passed.

The MPF legislation is proposing some minor changes to the Insurance Ordinance. The proposed changes can be found in schedule 2 of the Provident Fund Schemes Legislation (Amendment) Bill 1997. The purpose is

(a) to allow disclosure of information to be made to the MPFA under section 53A; and

(b) to include retirement scheme management scheme categories 1 and 2 as classes of long term business in respect of which an actuary's certificate on the fund asset value is required under paragraph 5 of the Third Schedule to the Ordinance.

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance issued a letter on 6 February 1998 to all authorised insurers carrying on general business or both general and long term business informing them that the Insurance Companies (General Insurance) (Valuation) Regulation have been altered to recognise the following three Stock Exchanges:

Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange
Stock Exchange of Singapore
Securities Exchange of Thailand

The Commissioner has also written to all insurers indicating that there will be a collection of statistics on a quarterly basis commencing 31 March 1998. This will cover both General Insurance and Life insurance.

In addition, the Commissioner has written to all insurers concerning the filing of returns under the Insurance Ordinance. The letter reminds insurers of their obligations in that all returns have to be submitted within 6 months after the close of the period to which the documents relate. It is the Commissioner's intention to, hereforth, strictly enforce compliance with this requirement commencing with the financial statements for the year end on or after 31 December 1997.

Separately the Commissioner is having discussions with the HKFI and the Society of Accountants on a proposal to amend the Ordinance to accelerate submission of the financial statements from 6 months to 4 months.

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance has written to the Society about the regulatory regime in Hong Kong, especially in relation to general insurance.

The Office of the Registrar of Occupational Retirement Schemes wrote to the Actuarial Society concerning the statistic's published by the Registrar's office. They indicated that they will enhance the information by including some new statistics of the retirement scheme industry. The council endorsed the publication of the proposed changes.

SFC

The SFC has issued revised Codes on Investment-Linked Assurance Schemes and Pooled Retirement Funds. These codes came into effect on 22 January 1998.

The two new codes are the result of a thorough review of the previous code during 1997. The previous code, the Code on Investment-Linked Assurances and Pooled Retirement Funds, has now been split into two codes, namely; Code on Investment-Linked Assurance Schemes (ILAS Code) and Code on Pooled retirement Funds (PRF Code).

In reviewing the Original Code, consideration was given to existing practices, ease of understanding and industry feedback. While the revisions, for most part, clarify the current policies and procedures of the SFC, there are a number of substantive provisions in the PRF Code. On the other hand, the ILAS Code is essentially a product of "housekeeping" exercise. Promoters of authorised products are expected to revise their product documents, where necessary, as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than 31 July 1998.

Legal Advisor

At the last AGM it was approved that the ASHK appoint a Legal Advisor for the Society. Ms Christine Koo of Christine M. Koo & Company has accepted the position as Honorary Legal Advisor for the ASHK.

Joint Actuarial Seminar with the Society of Actuaries

There was a successful Seminar held with the Society of Actuaries on the 24 November 1997. The topic was Asset Adequacy/Capital Adequacy. The speakers were from Canada, United States, and Hong Kong. Copies of the slides are available from Vivien Mok, National Mutual, 2519 1198.

Meetings

The first ASHK luncheon meeting in 1998 was held on 10 January. The guest speaker was Mr. Duncan Ferguson, president of the Institute of Actuaries.

In early January, our ASHK president, Michael Ross attended a Seminar in Beijing organised by Insurance Institute of China and Eagle Star on the actuarial profession in PRC. It was attended by representatives of the Institute of Actuaries, the Society of Actuaries, the Institute of Actuaries of Australia and the various actuarial associations of Asia. Discussed were the issues facing actuaries in PRC, and how to promote their activities, including the setting up of an Actuarial body.

Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) Workshop

On 13 December 1997, the ASHK held a joint seminar with the Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association seminar provided members with the opportunity to be briefed on the gazetted subsidiary legislation by the MPF office.

Conferences

There are a number of conferences being held in various parts of the world over the next two years. They are:

26th International Congress of Actuaries - Birmingham UK during 7-12 June 1998
8th International AFIR Colloquium - Cambridge, UK during 15-17 September 1998
Actuarial Conference in Japan.
- International ASTIN Colloquium 22-25 August 1999
- International AFIR Colloquium 24-27 August 1999
- Centenary Convention 29-31 August 1999

East Asian Actuarial Conference - Korea October 1999

Experience Committee

The Experience Committee (formally the Mortality committee) has finalised a draft mortality report which is being reviewed by the council. Our appreciation to Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Alex Yue, Annie Poon for their excellent work. This will be presented to the members shortly.

The Institute of Actuaries of Australia Ambassador

Rachel Eagleton has recently been appointed as the Institute of Actuaries of Australia Ambassador to Hong Kong. The Ambassador's role has been developed to provide a point of contact and support for Australian Institute members working in Hong Kong, and to promote the Institute's willingness and availability to assist local actuarial societies. Rachel can be contacted on 2525-6618.

Steve Hui is still be responsible for assisting students to attend the examination.

The Faculty and Institute of Actuaries

The Faculty and Institute of Actuaries wishes to provide better access to the profession for Chinese students and potential students. One way will be to provide exams and courses in Chinese. We would therefore like to know of qualified actuaries who can translate from English to Chinese (simplified characters). If you can, please write to or phone Jeremy Goford, who is Chairman of the Education and CPD Board at:

Tillinghast – Towers Perrin
Suite 3001-2, Central Plaza
18 Harbour Road
Wanchai, Hong Kong

Tel: 2593-4525
Fax: 2525-9706

Please do let Jeremy know. He will not ask you to do more than you wish to do and it would be useful to know who can do such translations in any event.

A Green Gathering

On Saturday, 14 February 1998, 23 members of the society attended a tea party at Fan Ling, N.T. Feedback has indicated that all enjoyed the outing. If you have any other suggested events, please contact Herbert Chan at 2867-4572.

Annual Subscriptions

Th annual subscriptions for the period 1 October 1997 to 30 September 1998 will be sent out shortly.

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