



香港統計學會 Hong Kong Statistical Society Newsletter (Feb 2009)

President's Message



Dear Members,

I am pleased to share with you the first issue of the *Newsletter* of the Hong Kong Statistical Society (HKSS). This issue captures the latest news of HKSS, highlights the academic and social activities recently organized, and brings to your attention some of the upcoming events. It is hoped that the Newsletter serves as an effective channel for communication and information exchange within HKSS.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to extend my warmest thanks for your continued support to HKSS and wish you have a prosperous year of 2009!

With best regards,
Leslie TANG



Honour and Award

Honorary Membership

The Council of the HKSS has endorsed the award of the honor of *Honorary Member* to **Professor LI Wai-keung** and **Professor CHAN Ngai-hang** in recognition of their outstanding contributions to statistics profession. The certificate presentation ceremony will be held in the coming Annual General Meeting on 31 Mar 2009.



● **Professor LI Wai-keung** (left) is a Chair Professor of Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science of The University of Hong Kong (HKU). He has conducted outstanding research in such areas as time series analysis, stochastic analysis, financial and insurance risk management and environmental statistics. He is amongst the few scholars in Hong Kong who are Fellows of both the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. Moreover, he served as the President of the Society from 2000/01 to 2002/03, and has been serving as the Professional Affairs Committee Chairman of the Society since 2003.

● **Professor CHAN Ngai-hang** (right) is the Professor of Statistics and Chairman of Department of Statistics of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He has conducted outstanding research in such areas as time series analysis, finance and econometrics, oceanography, risk management, inference for stochastic processes and large sample theory. He is amongst the few scholars in Hong Kong who are Fellows of both the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. He is also the editor of *International Journal of Theoretical and Applied Finance* and a number of overseas statistical journals.



Service Award

The HKSS grants for the first time the Service Award to recognize members who have rendered sustained and/or significant support to the running of the HKSS and its activities. Nominations were openly invited from members in end 2008. The Selection Committee for the Award comprises the following members:

Chairperson: Prof LI Wai-keung
Members: Prof CHEUNG Siu-hung
Dr LO Hing-po
Mr Alvin LI
Secretary: Ms Christine CHEUNG



A photo of the Selection Committee

After examining the nominations, the Selection Committee has selected the following six awardees (in alphabetical order):

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| (1) Ms Cecilia CHAN | (2) Prof. CHAN Ping-shing | (3) Mr John LAM |
| (4) Dr LI Leong-kwan | (5) Mr Julian WONG | (6) Mr Howard WONG |

The prizes will be presented in the Annual General Meeting for the 2008/09 Session. Congratulations to the awardees!

Highlights of Academic and Social Activities

Seminar on Examination cum Certificate Presentation Ceremony

A Seminar on Examination cum Certificate Presentation Ceremony was conducted on 23 October 2008 to let interested parties understand more about the 2009 round of the HKSS Examination. The seminar, attended by more than 50 examination associates/members of the HKSS and students from tertiary institutions, was well received. Most participants found it a valuable occasion to share the experience of the successful candidates.



(From left to right) Mr FUNG Hing-wang, Dr WONG Heung and Mr Raymond TAM were invited to deliver speeches at the Seminar. Opportunity was taken to present certificates to candidates who had successfully obtained various statistical professional qualifications in the 2008 round of examination.

Seminar on "A Gateway to Statistical Profession"

A briefing seminar on "A Gateway to Statistical Profession" was conducted jointly with the Centre for International Degree Programmes of the School of Professional and Continuing Education of HKU on 9 December 2008. Mr FUNG Hing-wang, Chairman of the Examination Board, gave a presentation to some 80 attendees to let them understand more about the examination of the HKSS and career prospects in the private and public sectors after obtaining the qualifications granted by HKSS at various levels.



Friendly Tennis Match

A friendly tennis match was organized on 6 December 2008 at the University Sports Centre of the CUHK to promote friendship and solidarity of members. After a series of keen competition, Mr Dominic LEUNG and Mr Frank FONG finally won the championship.



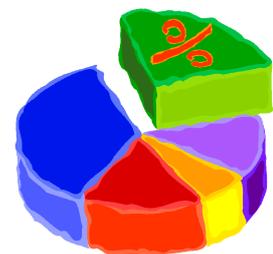
All participants spent an afternoon of fun and excitement at the tennis court of the CUHK.

Activities for Promoting Statistical Literacy



Statistics Creative-Writing Competition for Secondary School Students

To promote the interest of secondary school students in learning statistics and its application and encourage them to apply the knowledge in daily life, the HKSS together with the Education Bureau (EDB) will organize "2009 Statistics Creative-Writing Competition for Secondary School Students". The target participants of the competition are students attending Form 3 or above. They are required to study some statistical concepts and theories and explain their understanding using daily life examples. All winning and distinguished compositions will be presented in a publication to be published by the HKSS and EDB jointly in 2010. Preparatory work for the competition has started. A briefing seminar for students and teachers on details of the competition will be organized on 16 May 2009 at the Chiang Chen Studio Theatre in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the prize presentation ceremony will be held in end 2009.



Statistical Project Competition (SPC) for Secondary School Students

The 23rd round of the Competition had commenced in mid-2008. The HKSS continued to collaborate with EDB to organize the current round of SPC. Apart from providing financial support to certain activities of SPC, EDB also recognized the briefing seminar for the Competition as a professional seminar related to teachers' personal development and included it in the Programme of Continuing Professional Development of Teachers as from 2008/09 round.



Dr Philip YU and Dr LI Leong-kwan introduced the Competition, and the adjudication process and criteria to participants.



Around 100 teachers from 78 schools participated in the seminars held on 25 October 2008, nearly doubled that of the previous round.



Students from N.T. Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School, the First Prize winner of the Senior Section of the 2007/08 round SPC, were invited to give a presentation on their winning project and share with the participants their experiences of taking part in the SPC.



After the seminar, participants gathered at the exhibition area outside Wei Hing Theatre of the City University of Hong Kong to peruse the past winning projects and C&SD publications.

Consultation Services to Media Workers

The Professional Services Sub-committee has initiated an exercise which aims at promulgating, among the media workers, the importance of disseminating key items of information on sample surveys (such as sample size, response rate and sampling method) along with the reporting of survey findings to help readers assess the quality of such findings. The Committee has reviewed the items of information which are essential or desirable to be disseminated along with survey findings and made reference to the practices of local and overseas organizations in releasing survey results. Individual media organizations are being approached to arrange visits to the media workers for advocating the good practices. A discussion session was held with the editor of Sing Pao on 13 January 2009 and the result was fruitful. Seminars targeting at tertiary students studying journalism will also be organized to promote the good practices.



Upcoming Events

The Annual General Meeting for the 2008/09 Session

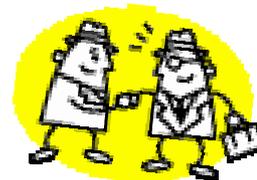


The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2008/09 Session of the HKSS will be held on **31 March 2009 (Tuesday)** at 6:15 p.m. at the **Immigration Officers Mess, 20/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.** A Chinese style dinner will be held after the AGM. Members are welcome to bring along their guests to the dinner.

Promotions

The following HKSS members from the Census and Statistics Department were promoted to the rank of Senior Statistician. Congratulations!

-  Ms HUNG Siu-man, Wendy (wef 30 April 2008)
-  Ms NG Pun-wai, Sharon (wef 6 December 2008)
-  Mr YU Chun-keung, Leo (wef 6 December 2008)
-  Miss YU Sui-sum, Amy (wef 6 December 2008)



Council for the 2008/09 Session

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