

CNERC International Advisory Committee Meeting, Hong Kong SAR 2016.12.07

Chinese National Engineering Research Centre for Steel Construction (Hong Kong Branch) (CNERC) held its first **International Advisory Committee Meeting** on 7th December 2016 at the Cordis Hotel, Kowloon, Hong Kong during the *Eighth International Conference on Steel and Aluminum Structures*.

The following professors from many parts of the world attended the International Advisory Committee Meeting:

Prof. Reidar Bjorhovde, *The Bjorhovde Group*, U.S.A.

Prof. Leroy Gardner, *Imperial College London*, U.K.

Prof. L.H. Han, *Tsinghua University*, China.

Prof. Dennis Lam, *The University of Bradford*, U.K.

Prof. Nelson Lam, *University of Melbourne*, Australia.

Prof. Richard Liew, *National University of Singapore*, Singapore.

Prof. Kim Rasmussen, *The University of Sydney*, Australia.

Prof. Lip Teh, *University of Wollongong*, Australia.

Dr. May Su, *Shenzhen University*, China.

Prof. Brian Uy, *The University of Sydney*, Australia.

Prof. Pedro Vellasco, *Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro*, Brazil.

Prof. Li Wei, *Tsinghua University*, China.

CNERC Office-bearers

Prof. K.F. Chung, Director (Chairman)

Dr. Michael Yam, Deputy Director and Secretary General

Dr. T.M. Chan, Deputy Secretary General

Dr. H.C. Ho, Deputy Secretary General

Ms. Catherine Ng, Executive Officer (Secretary)

Prof. K.F. Chung, welcomed all International Advisory Committee members and introduced the background, development, key personnel and research projects. Prof. Chung highlighted the objectives of the CNERC as follows:

- To launch Hong Kong as the *International Engineering Design Centre for Infrastructure* to the world, and to promote export of professional services of the Hong Kong Construction Industry to overseas.
- To launch China as the *International Engineering Construction Centre for Infrastructure* to the world, and to promote export of Chinese Steel Construction Industry, in particular, Chinese steel materials and structural steelwork.



Prof. K.F. Chung introduced the research and development work of the CNERC to members of the International Advisory Committee.



Members of the International Advisory Committee shared experience on promoting structural steelwork construction in their countries.



Lively discussions among members of the International Advisory Committee.

Members of the International Advisory Committee exchanged valuable experiences on their research and development work on structural steelwork construction, and shared updates and trends of steelwork industry in their countries. Comparative findings and superlative insights were given by the members on projection of structural steelwork construction across the globe. During the discussion, the members proactively contributed ideas on

- (i) research areas,
- (ii) design codes and recommendations,
- (iii) education and training, and
- (iv) other relevant developments in structural steelwork.



The International Advisory Committee Meeting had fruitful discussions on various topics.