Faculty Seminar Series

The Faculty of Engineering continues to organize a series of seminars in 2010-2011 to encourage cross-disciplinary exchange among departments and encourage synergism among researchers.

Dealing with: Reporters, Clients and Lawyers

Date: March 9, 2011 (Wednesday)

Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Venue: T6, Meng Wah Complex, HKU

Speaker: Ir Dr George Greene
Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, HKU
Principal Consultant, Safety, Accident and Failure Experts Ltd (SAFE)

Abstract:
There will be some helpful guidance on dealing with reporters to reduce the chances of being misquoted or associated with an article, the contents of which you would not support.

An approach to consulting will be presented that has been applied for a long time and has resulted in a diverse range of cases including some that were very interesting. You need to know your limitations yet try to assist the client by helping to clarify or define the problem and providing a logical, evidence based investigation within those limitations and inevitable constraints of the case. The report should be brief and within the time scale agreed with the client at an agreed cost.

When dealing with potential legal cases you should be prepared to defend your report in court if necessary. Your professional judgment should not be affected by requests from
solicitors if you understand your duties of an expert witness in court and have some guidance about working with solicitors and barristers.

The presentation will be limited to 25 or 30 minutes to allow plenty of time for questions from the floor.

**Speaker:**
Dr Greene has been teaching in the Mechanical Engineering Department at HKU since 1973, as a visitor since 2002. Since 1974 he has also provided independent technical reports to a wide range of clients in order to assist in the resolution of matters of dispute.

After obtaining his B.Eng from Stevens Institute of Technology, in the USA, Dr Greene obtained his PhD in Industrial Metallurgy at the University of Birmingham in the UK. His main field is materials and corrosion of metals. Consulting activities have been conducted through Safety, Accident and Failure Experts Ltd (formerly Cormetals) with over 2300 cases handled since 1983. Dr Greene has been an active member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and some other organizations in Hong Kong.

**ALL TEACHING/RESEARCH STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME.**

~*Sandwiches and drinks will be provided* ~