CLP Power employees win Young Engineer and Outstanding Apprentice Awards

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP Power) prides itself on its commitment to nurture quality professionals for the power industry through a comprehensive training system. That dedication to excellence has been recognised with two CLP Power engineering staff winning the Young Engineer of the Year Award from the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) and the Outstanding Apprentice Award from the Vocational Training Council (VTC).

CLP Power Director – Power System Mr Rick Truscott was delighted with the double achievement, saying the distinguished performance of the two employees not only demonstrated industry recognition but also helped customers understand CLP Power’s dedication to the pursuit of excellence in manpower development.

“As a responsible company committed to maintaining a high quality and reliable power supply for Hong Kong, it is necessary for us to meticulously plan for our employees’ future, provide them development opportunities to succeed, and to offer young employees the chance to demonstrate their strengths and potential,” he said.

Mr Ken Chan, winner of the HKIE Young Engineer of the Year Award 2015, is currently ranked Engineer I and is the leader of the project team responsible for the construction of the power distribution network on outlying islands including Lantau Island, Peng Chau and Cheung Chau. He described the award from the HKIE as a dream come true, and expressed his gratitude to CLP Power for helping him develop his abilities and to his nominator and referees for their encouragement and support.

One of those referees, Legislative Council Member (Engineering) Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok praised Mr Chan for his outstanding performance in his capacity. He said, “I appreciate that Mr Chan has been striving for continuous improvement and broadening of professional knowledge and skills, as well as dedicating himself to serving the industry and the community. In addition, he has made good use of his own experience to proactively promote the future development and opportunities of the engineering industry to young generations.”

Mr Chan joined CLP Power through the Graduate Trainee Programme after obtaining a bachelor degree from the University of Hong Kong in 2003. He has served in a number of different departments where he gained valuable exposure to a variety of functional areas such as substation design, distribution network construction, procurement and public affairs.

He advocates adopting an innovative approach and cross-disciplinary collaboration to cope with engineering challenges. One example is his innovative proposal for combining the procedures of civil construction and electrical installations during the construction of the earth mat, a facility that can protect the power systems. This innovative proposal won him a Certificate of Merit in the HKIE Innovation Awards for Young Members 2009.
Mr Chan has also participated in many youth activities and seminars for students and served as a mentor in the CLP Young Power Programme during his free time, promoting the future development and opportunities of the engineering industry to young generations and encouraging them to prepare early for their lives and careers.

Mr Chan Kwok Shing, who won the VTC 2014 Outstanding Apprentice Award after a keen contest with over 200 candidates, is recognised for his hardworking and committed work attitude. Mr Chan joined CLP Power through the Apprentice Training Programme in 2012, and is currently a Craft Apprentice – Electrical Fitter, conducting maintenance work on power facilities.

Mr Chan said that he gained experience in different areas of electrical works including the construction and maintenance of power transmission and distribution system through the apprentice training. He dares to take challenges, and has participated in various corporate team activities with other apprentices such as Oxfam Trailwalker last year. He plans to pursue a higher diploma to prepare himself for future challenges, and said he is thankful to his supervisors and colleagues for their guidance and support in helping his enthusiasm for engineering to flourish.

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Mr Ken Chan (middle), winner of the HKIE Young Engineer of the Year Award 2015, is joined by CLP Power Managing Director Mr Paul Poon (left) and Chief Operating Officer Mr Chow Tang Fai (right). He expresses his gratitude to the company for nurturing his talent for engineering.
Mr Ken Chan (right) snatches the HKIE Young Engineer of the Year Award 2015 from Mr Victor Cheung, President of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, recognising his outstanding achievements in engineering profession and his contributions to the community.

Mr Chan Kwok Shing, Craft Apprentice – Electrical Fitter of CLP Power, wins the VTC 2014 Outstanding Apprentice Award.
Mr Chan Kwok Shing (middle) poses for a photo with CLP Power Human Resources Director Ms Connie Lam (second left), Deputy Director (Engineering Training & Development), Mr To Yip Lam (first left) and his current supervisor, Resources Programming Manager Mr Cheng Chi Yan (second right). Mr Chan is thankful to his instructors and colleagues for their guidance and support.

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