

**SUPPORTING FURTHER GROWTH FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE ENGINEERS**



**2 June 2006** - JEC always seek to build links with the academic world through various means. In the past, JEC has granted sponsorships to undergraduates with outstanding academic results. Starting in 2005, JEC decided to award students in a different way, by launching the Outstanding Engineering Project Award (OEPA). The purpose of this award is to give participants the chance to test their knowledge and skills by coming up with new processes or innovative technologies for an engineering product or solution. JEC has been and continues to be involved in projects that emphasise innovation, sustainability, energy saving and environmental friendliness. We believe that younger generations should also be advocates of these values,

since they will be the future leaders of society. In alignment with our goals, JEC invited undergraduates in all engineering disciplines across Hong Kong to submit their final year projects, which exhibit the promotion of the well-being of mankind and environment through creative means for the advancement of the engineering industry. Mr. James Graham, Chief Executive of JEC, remarked, "We want to encourage proactive ideas and help students receive positive benefits for their innovative projects that are beneficial to society." The application process began back in October 2005, and with the strong support from faculties of various universities we collected many high-calibre entries and short-listed a total of four finalists for the competition. Shortlisted students presented their projects on 26 May, 2006 to the JEC judging panel, which comprised the executive directors of JEC, together with two external judges: Dr WK Lo, the Vice President of Hong Kong Institution of Engineers; and Professor TP Leung, Professor of Polytechnic University. The highly respected judges in the panel were impressed by each of the presentations from the shortlisted finalists. The students' presentations were universally excellent and all were equally enthusiastic about communicating their innovative ideas. All finalists took pride in their study and research processes and had a strong belief that their proposed solution could actively contribute to the betterment of the community. Such quality and enthusiasm provided a major challenge for the judges but after a thorough discussion and debate, the judges made the unanimous decision for the championship to go to the students of the University of Hong Kong, Department of Mechanical Engineering, with the project title "Towards Optimised Integrated Building Facility Management and Control". JEC held the Awards Ceremony on 14 June, 2006 and all participating students and faculties of the engineering school joined and shared the moment of glory with the winning team. JEC is proud that the OEPA provided such an excellent opportunity to exchange experience and knowledge and eagerly looks forward to next year's awards.

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