



Property & Facility Management Division  
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## Site Visit to the Hong Kong Battery Recycling Centre

Reported by Sr Patrick Leung,  
PFMD Council Member

The PFMD organized a visit to the Hong Kong Battery Recycling Centre at Eco Park, Tuen Mun, on 6 May with a view to gaining an understanding of the entire recycling treatment process that converts lead acid batteries (LABs) into three main components: lead, acid, and plastic.



Disused Lead Acid Batteries for Recycling

The Hong Kong Battery Recycling Centre Limited (HKBR) is the only battery recycling plant in Hong Kong that provides a complete recycling process from the collection of WLABs to their conversion into something else. Its state-of-the-art technology ensures a safe, efficient, and environmentally-friendly solution to Hong Kong's trash disposal problem, but requires strict compliance with local laws. Currently, the HKBR has difficulty in collecting WLABs from the market, so further incentives, including Government subsidies, should be explored to encourage more collections from different suppliers.



(L-R): PFMD Council Member Sr Patrick Leung, EPD Senior Environmental Protection Officer Mr Keith Lai, HKBR Centre Chairman Mr Stanley Pong, PFMD Chairman Sr Charles Hung, and PFMD Council Member Sr Dick Li

At the end of an LAB's life cycle (WLAB), it becomes a toxic and corrosive chemical waste and requires proper treatment. Any improper disposal of WLAB can cause long-term damage to rural soil and water systems, particularly in densely-populated cities such as Hong Kong.



Lead Recycled from Lead Acid Batteries

As Hong Kong's economy continues to decarbonise, local recycling efforts should be given priority to eliminate the city's excess carbon footprint rather than exporting the WLABs abroad. Besides, the conversion of toxic waste into reusable materials is essential to Hong Kong's sustainable development. In terms of ESG (environment, sustainability, and governance), it should be for the long run.

many family trusts exist. As a trustee himself, Jimmy demonstrated the role trustees play in estate planning. During the Q&A session, he attracted a number of questions from interested participants. The CPD was informative and meaningful.



HKIS Members at the HKBR Centre



(L-R): Adventist Charitable Senior Consultant Ms Melody Tse, Mr Jimmy Pun, and Sr Daniel Hui

## A Family Trust for Estate Planning

**Reported by Sr Daniel Hui,  
Past PFMD Chairman**

A CPD event was held on 4 May for the topic, "How to Use Trusts to Arrange Real Properties for Estate Planning". The speaker was Mr Jimmy Pun, Founder and CEO of Adventist Charitable Foundation Limited. Jimmy has over 30 years of experience in trusts and investments.

Jimmy highlighted the advantages, such as tax benefits and the ease of management, that high net worth property owners derive by using family trusts to hold their assets instead of drafting wills. This is the main reason why

## Defamation on Facility Management and Property Management Operation in Hong Kong

**Reported by Sr Tim Law, PFMD Council Member and Mr Simon Chiu, HKIFM Council Member**

A joint CPD with the Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management (HKIFM) was held on 12 May at the Surveyors Learning Centre with solicitor Mr KY Kwok.

Defamatory statements are "words that tend to lower the plaintiff in the estimation of right-thinking members of society generally". This

statement may also be defamatory if it causes the plaintiff to be “shunned or avoided” or when it is calculated to hold the plaintiff up to “hatred, contempt, or ridicule”. Living persons and corporations (including incorporated owners under the Building Management Ordinance), trade unions, etc, can sue for defamation.

A plaintiff may have a claim against anyone participating in the chain of publication of a defamatory statement including the author/speaker of the statement and anyone involved in its distribution, even if the last is just a messenger.

Mr Kwok shared his view on the following subtopics:

- 1 Overview of Defamation
- 2 Usual Defences against Defamation in the Building Management Context
- 3 Analysis of Decided Cases and Some Actual Case Scenarios and Points to Note by Facility and Property Managers

Mr Kwok also discussed an individual’s liability for handling any complaint of defamation, quoted legal judgements by the court, and shared his experiences with legal cases.

The PFMD showed its appreciation for Mr Kwok’s presentation with a souvenir. PFMD hopes that he will return to share more legal developments related to property management practices in the future.

## New Blood for the PFMD

**Reported by Sr Charles Hung,  
PFMD Chairman**

The HKIS Diploma Presentation Ceremony was successfully held on 10 July at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, where Sr Charles Hung was pleased to present a certificate to the PFMD’s newest member, Sr Wong Kwok Wa. The event was well attended by many young HKIS members and many group photos were taken to preserve its memories. The PFMD will continue to work hard to explore more opportunities for students and young surveyors to join the division.



(L-R): HKIS President Sr Paul Wong, Sr Wong Kwok Wa, and Sr Charles Hung

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