Welcome to this issue of “Sounding Board. I took up the chairmanship on 15 March 2006. The new executive committee has served you for nearly three months. Life is always busy as usual. Our institute has organized a very successful half-day seminar on “road traffic noise problem in Hong Kong” with PolyU-BSE, PolyU-ME, HKIE-MMNC, HKIE-Env and HKIEIA on 8 May to draw peoples’ attention to the road traffic noise problem in Hong Kong and to stipulate ideas on how to deal with the problem. Over 100 participants from consulting companies, contracting companies, universities and government had attended the seminar. Looking ahead into the coming months, we will have more activities such as seminar(s) on vibration from rail track, a technical site and delegation visit to Shanghai.

We have signed an agreement on publication of the “Technical Acoustics” journal with Shanghai Institute of Acoustics for two years for the period Jan 2006 – Dec 2007. This journal is now published quarterly. Ir. N.C.Cheung and I are the members of the Editorial Board for two years. Our members and acoustic professional are encouraged to submit articles to the journal to share their knowledge of acoustics.

Thank you for your support in the past. I look forward to having your further support.

On 19 July 2005 evening, BSE Dept of Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPolyU) and HKIOA jointly organized a seminar at HKPolyU focusing on the application of quadratic residue diffuser as noise reducer in the barrier system.

We had the honour in inviting Prof YW LAM as the speaker in that evening. Prof LAM is a Professor of Acoustics and the head of the Acoustics Research Centre at the University of Salford. He has over 20 year’s experience of working in environmental acoustics, industrial noise and building acoustics. He is internationally recognised as an expert in these fields.

About 30 participants attended the seminar. A lot of questions were raised during the Q & A session. Our Chairman Mr NC CHEUNG lastly presented a souvenir to Prof LAM to show our gratitude.

On 13 August 2005, HKIOA, PolyU-BSE, ASHRAE-HKC, HKIE-BSD, and CIBSE-HKB jointly organized the technical seminar on building services noise and vibration control at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. About 150 participants from consulting companies, contracting companies, universities,...etc attended the seminar. Four speakers gave their talks: Dr CM Mak of the HKPolyU, Mr John WM Lam of EPD, Mr Tommy Wan of IAC (HK) and Mr Tom Ho of S&V. Dr Mak firstly introduced building services noise and vibration control. Mr Lam then shared with the audience the building services noise and vibration issues & the enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO). Mr Wan discussed the aspect of calculation, installation and practice followed lastly by Mr Ho on...
modern noise and vibration measurement techniques. After the question and answer session, Mr NC Cheung, Chairman of HKIOA, presented souvenirs to the speakers to show appreciation.

The Institute will offer the course on a regular basis and those not admitted in the first round will be given priority in the second round.

Seminar: Guidance Notes on Road Traffic Noise Assessment

Dr CW LAW

On 13 December 2005 evening, HKIOA, HKIEIA, HKIE (Env Div & MMNC Div) and BSE Dept of Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPolyU) jointly organized a seminar at HKPolyU focusing on the Guidance Note on road traffic noise assessment in Hong Kong.

We had the honour in inviting Mr PS NG as the speaker in that evening. He is a Senior Environmental Protection Officer working in the Assessment and Noise Group of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). The presented Guidance Note was consolidated based on the past over 10 years' experience and practices on road traffic noise impact assessment in Hong Kong. Mr NG gave a brief discussion on the traffic noise assessment under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance. Then he shared with the audience his observations in relation to CRTN calculation and presented the detailed procedures for road traffic measurement under CRTN.

More than 90 participants attended the seminar. Question and answer session was carried out with presentation of a souvenir to Mr NG at the end.
2006年1月10日是中国声学界重要的一天。这一天，现任会长张廼聰和前任会长姚景光代表香港声学学会前往上海，参加章奎生声学设计研究所成立五周年纪念活动。

与会人数超过150人，他们分别来自全国各地，包括北京的程明昆教授等，大家欢聚一堂，共同庆祝章教授。

大会主人翁章奎生教授在致词时表示，章奎生声学设计研究所于2000年7月28日成立，在过去5年中，业务不断增长，承揽了多项声学设计和嗓音与振动控制工程。其中重点项目数不胜数，例如：北京保利剧院、上海东方艺术中心、杭州大剧院，上海影城，青岛橡胶轮胎研究所和珠海洲际大酒店等等。大会亦邀请数位嘉宾致词，如香港声学学会代表亦很荣幸为其中的一位。

前任会长姚景光借此良机，向章教授提出一个要求，就是希望他本人抽空到香港，设计一个香港大剧院。

最后，张廼聰会长还赠送一支墨水笔给章教授，作为祝贺礼物。同时亦寓意章教授很有「墨水」，很有才华。希望章教授用这支墨水笔在未来的香港大剧院的宏伟蓝图上画出更美丽的画卷。

章奎生声学设计研究所成立五周年纪念活动在一片欢笑声中完满结束。