

From the Editor

Dear Readers,

Since its launch in May 1984, so far, a total of 84 issues of SHP News (a quarterly) have been published. Our readers live in over 90 countries or regions around the world, including international participants for TCDC training courses held in HRC over the past 20 years, officials from related international organizations, professors and professionals of various specialties in the field of SHP. A long term friendly relationship has been set up between HRC, the publisher and the readers who not only benefit from the magazine, but also contribute a lot of information and articles to it, keeping our journal well-informed with a richly rooted forum.

Entering the new century, along with the rapid development of Internet, the Global Village where we all inhabit is becoming smaller and smaller. In 2002, HRC established its professional website: www.hrcshp.org, which keeps a stable rate of access everyday, enjoys a good reputation, and becomes one of the main exchange channels for SHP research, training, information dissemination and technical consultation throughout the world, especially in the Asia-Pacific region.

Thanks to the rapid response

and timely effectiveness of Internet, being free from the limitation to circulation volume and the inconvenience of mailing, it gradually becomes a significant supplement to the printed publications. In order to ensure a more timely and effective platform for information dissemination, view exchange and technical discussion, we are trying to set up a column of SHP News on HRC homepage from the first quarter of 2007, as a nonperiodic electronic publication at all times, to substitute the original printed quarterly SHP News. At the end of each year, all the materials released in the column are to be selected and printed as an annual for our readers to keep and look up. It is highly expected that the integrated utilization of the Internet and the printed form will get consensus from and be supported by our readers and be a success.

Both the electronic and printing version of SHP News will continue to well serve our readers based on our long-standing strategy of publication. It will mainly focus on the following contents: (1) annual information on big events and international conferences in the field of SHP all over the world; (2) country papers submitted by the international participants for TCDC SHP training

courses held in HRC each year; (3) updated information on SHP development in China, including the newly-promulgated polices and regulations, as well as the progress on technical research, etc.; (4) selection of technical papers delivered at various international conferences; (5) introduction of SHP reports and books published in the countries concerned; (6) contributions from the professionals inclusive of our readers; (7) HRC annual report and the prospectus for international training courses, etc.

To better run SHP News, we sincerely expect to have continuous support from you, our dear readers, by contributing papers or recommending articles to us now and again. If you would like to continuously receive the free printing version of SHP News in future, please fill in the subscription form attached to this issue, and send it back to us as soon as possible, based on which, we will update our mailing list.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome!

Best wishes

SHP News Editorial Office

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