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## SOA and Nankai U. celebrate 10 years of working together

The Society of Actuaries and Nankai University this month mark the 10th anniversary of the signing of the first agreement of support for the university's graduate program in actuarial science.

A celebration will be held June 22-25 at the university in Tianjin, China. Participants will include the presidents of four major actuarial organizations: David Holland, 1996-97 SOA president; Takashi Mitamura, president of the Institute of Actuaries of Japan;

Jung-Hui Hwang, president of the Actuarial Institute of the Taiwan; and C.F. Yam, president of the Actuarial Society of Hong Kong. Representing the SOA with Holland will be Yuan Chang, SOA vice president, and Harold Ingraham, Jr., who was SOA president in 1986-87, when the Nankai program was founded.

The program was among the first actuarial science courses of study to be established in China.

### Teachers sought as agreement is renewed

The SOA has signed a three-year renewal of support for the Nankai graduate program. The renewal takes effect with the 1997 fall semester.

SOA members and others interested in teaching in the cooperative program can obtain information from Linden Cole at the SOA office (phone: 847/706-3595; fax: 847/706-3599; e-mail: lcole@soa.org).

## Asia Committee formed by SOA

by August Chow

To promote actuarial education in Asia and to strengthen support and services to its members there, the Society of Actuaries has recently formed a new committee, the Asia Committee, which is open to all SOA members practicing or residing in Asia.

The Asia Committee's mandates are:

- To represent the SOA in promoting actuarial education in Asia
- To provide services to SOA members in Asia in the development of actuarial education, research, and professional support
- To build the image and awareness of the actuarial profession in Asia

The committee held its inaugural meeting on February 4, 1997, in Hong Kong. Subcommittees were formed for membership, priority and planning, education, finance, public relations, and professional conduct.

The Asia Committee is chaired by Yuan Chang, a vice president of the Society, who is currently based in Hong Kong. Core members of the Asia Committee are P.Y. Chan, Clement Cheung, August Chow, Danny Chung, Martina Chung, Danny Lam, Dominic Lee, Anna Louie, Peter Luk, Edward Sin, and William Wong. In addition, Zhenghuai Li is serving

as an advisor on Chinese actuarial matters. He is the deputy general manager of Tai Ping Life Insurance Company in Hong Kong, and formerly headed the actuarial department of the People's Insurance Company of China.

More information on the Asia Committee is available from me, August Chow, in Hong Kong (fax: 852/2817-5852).

**August Chow chairs the SOA Asia Committee's membership subcommittee. He is president of Prime Consulting Co. Ltd., Hong Kong.**

## Seminars, study aids offered for actuarial exams

### Study helps, workshop offered by ASM

Actuarial Study Materials (ASM) now has a Web site. The address is [www.webcentre.com/asm](http://www.webcentre.com/asm). ASM materials can be ordered through the Web site or by phone (toll-free: 888/ASK 4 ASM), fax (516/868-6595), or e-mail ([asm@webcentre.com](mailto:asm@webcentre.com)), or see your study notes package.

ASM will sponsor an intensive 3½-day problem-solving workshop for the EA-2 exam. The workshop is set for October 16-19 in New York City. Details are available in your study notes package and from Harold Cherry (phone: 516/868-2924).

### Austin 150 Seminar

An eight-day intensive seminar for Course 150 will be offered by James

W. Daniel, September 27-October 4, Austin, Texas. Daniel heads the actuarial studies program at the University of Texas at Austin. A preliminary questionnaire will be used to match the seminar to student needs. A voluntary prerequisite exam, answer key, and score interpretation are also available. Registrations are due August 22. Forms are available by phone or fax (both: 512/343-8788).