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Academic Meeting in June 2004 Bird Control and Public Health



L: Mr. Jackson CHAN (President of HKPMA); M: Ms Karen Bensen; R: Dr. CHONG YH (Our chairman)

The last academic meeting was held on 18 June 2004. We are most honored to have collaborated with Hong Kong Pest Management Association (HKPMA) in organizing this academic meeting.

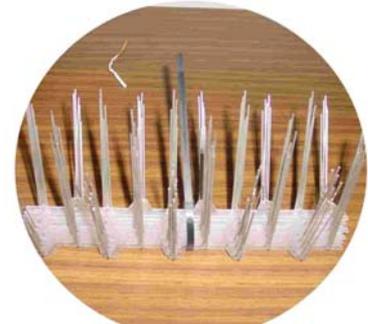


Bird proofing Wire system



Bird proofing devices

Our speaker was Ms. Karen Bensen, BA(Hons), DipM, who has worked in the Urban Pest Control Industry for 8 years. Karen was with Network Pest Control Systems Limited for 6 years and currently holds the position of International Product Manager for Bird Control Products at Sorex International.



Bird proofing Spike system



Karen & our audience from HKPMA & HKSCM

Karen has extensive experience of the global bird control market. With numerous lively illustrations by Karen, we all enjoyed a most interesting talk on Bird Control in that night.



Bird proofing "Daddi Long Legs" system

Abstract on Bird Control and Public Health

Control of feral pigeons and other nuisance birds is an increasing problem worldwide. In Europe the initial reason for controlling birds was the protection of heritage buildings. A further market has emerged driven by the global standards of the food industry to ensure that construction and management of food storage areas remain clear of bird contamination. In recent years the diseases carried by birds have become more visible to health officials, architects and consumers, this is especially true in Asia and a health driven market has emerged in many markets.

Effective methods for the control of nuisance birds are evident from different markets around the world where appropriate methods of management involve the use of spike, net and wire systems. It is necessary to select the correct system to match the level of infestation and potential health threat and this is best managed through professional bird installation companies. These companies are normally experienced pest control service companies who have been fully trained in effective bird control and understand in depth the behavioral characteristics of all key species as well as having experience of a wide range of control methods.

Coming Academic Meeting

The coming academic meeting will be held on 20 August 2004.

- Topic : **Oral Health of Children in Hong Kong – Past, Present and Future**
- Speaker : Dr. Joseph C. Y. CHAN
Consultant-in-charge Dental Service
Department of Health
- Date : 20 August 2004 (Friday)
- Time : 6:00 pm to 7: 00 pm
- Venue : Lecture Hall
The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong
4/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building
15 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai



Social Function in October 2004

We are going to visit our famous outlying island, CHEUNG CHAU in the coming October. Family members and friends are most welcome to join us. Details of the trip will be announced later through our poster and e-mail.