

NETWORKING

In preparing for the implementation of the MPF System, the MPFA drew on the experience of other parts of the world in the monitoring and regulation of retirement systems and took every opportunity to share its views with and learn from its counterparts in other countries and regions. Some of these activities which had taken place since the establishment of the MPFA are summarized below.

Date	Seminars / Visits
27-28 Apr 1999	Mr Alan Wong, Managing Director, gave a lecture on the MPF System to the graduate students of the Insurance Department, Peking University, Beijing.
14 Oct 1999	A delegation from Thailand's Securities and Exchange Commission comprising its Director, Mr Chalee Chantanayingyong; Division Chief, Ms Somsuda Prathipsint; and Senior Analyst, Mr Rutnati Padmasuta, visited the MPFA and was received by Miss Maureen To, Executive Director, and Mr Ronnie Lai, Mr William Kwan and Ms Susanna Lo, Senior Managers.
29 Oct 1999	A six-member delegation from the Shanghai Municipal Labour and Social Security Bureau visited the MPFA and was received by Miss Maureen To and Ms Hendena Yu, Executive Directors, and Mrs Agnes Mak, Head (Information Technology).
9-13 Nov 1999	Mr Raymond Tam, Executive Director, was invited by the Asian Development Bank Institute to give a presentation on "Pension Fund Management" in the Workshop on Pension Fund Reform in Asia held in Singapore.
20-21 Dec 1999	Mr Raymond Tam, Executive Director, was invited by the World Bank and Korean Financial Supervisory Services to give a presentation on "Private Pensions in Hong Kong" in the International Workshop on Private Pension Design and Supervision in Seoul.
17 Feb 2000	A delegation from the U.S. Social Security Administration comprising its Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Ms Carolyn Colvin; Associate Commissioner, Mr Burnell W Hurt; and Assistant Associate Commissioner, Mr Edward C Podhajsky, visited the MPFA and was received by Mr Alan Wong, Managing Director and Mr William Kwan, Senior Manager.

From left to right: Ms Swana Chan of the American Consulate General, Mr Burnell W Hurt, Ms Carolyn Colvin, Mr Alan Wong, Mr Edward C Podhajsky, Mr William Kwan.



10-13 Mar 2000 Mr Alan Wong, Managing Director, was invited by the World Bank to give a presentation on the MPF System to a group of pension officials from developing countries who were participating in a Flagship Course in Pension Reform.

Mr Alan Wong with Ms Estelle James, Course Coordinator of the Flagship Course in Pension Reform organized by the World Bank.



16 Mar 2000 Mr Etienne de L'honneux, Secretary General, Luxembourg Central Bank visited the MPFA and was received by Mr Alan Wong, Managing Director.

22 Mar 2000 Professor Paolo Guerrieri, a professor in economics in both University of Rome and College of Europe in Bruges, met the Hon Charles Lee, Chairman of the MPFA, and was briefed on the recent developments of the retirement protection system in Hong Kong.

23 Mar 2000 Mr Takuma Hatano, Resident Executive Director for Asian and Oceania of Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Japan, visited the MPFA and was received by Mr Alan Wong, Managing Director.

24 Mar 2000 Mr Fan Baojun, Vice-minister of Civil Affairs and Mr Zou Junyu, Deputy Director-General of Taiwan, HK and Macao Affairs Office of Civil Affairs, the PRC visited the MPFA and were briefed on the MPF System by Mr Alan Wong, Managing Director and Ms Henden Yu, Executive Director.

From left to right: Mr Zou Junyu, Mr Alan Wong, Mr Fan Baojun



27 Mar 2000 A Mexican delegation comprising Mr Carlos Noriega, Mexican Deputy Minister of Finance; Mr Agustin Garcia, Director General for International Affairs of the Ministry of Finance; and Mr Javier Guzman, Director for External Relations of Bank of Mexico (Central Bank), visited the MPFA and was received by Mr Alan Wong, Managing Director. The delegation was accompanied by Mr Armando Jarque, Consul General of Mexico in HK during the meeting.

30-31 Mar 2000 Mr Raymond Tam, Executive Director, addressed the APEC Seminar on Pension Fund Reform in Bangkok, Thailand.