

A Brief History of The Quality Management Student Project Competition Organized by Hong Kong Society for Quality

The Quality Management Student Project Competition has been an annual event since 1994 (with the exception of 2004). In previous years, it was organized by the Quality & Reliability Centre of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with the support of Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA), Hong Kong Society for Quality (HKSQ), Industry Department of Hong Kong SAR Government, Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) Hong Kong Centre, Institute of Quality Assurance (IQA) Hong Kong Branch.

Bridgeport Machines was the sponsor of the annual event up to 1999. With such sponsorship, the winner was supported by Bridgeport Machines to visit the UK and compete in the *International Final* of the Annual Bridgeport Prize for Quality Management in the UK, an event organized by IEE. Over the years, the Competition has continued to attract excellent entries from the local Universities. A noteworthy example is Miss Amy Lee, winner of the 1996 Competition. She represented Hong Kong at the “International Final” held in the UK in April 1997, and won the Third International Bridgeport Prize for Quality Management 1996!

Subsequent to the termination of Bridgeport Machines’ sponsorship of the event in the UK, IEE stopped to organize the Bridgeport Prize in the year 2000. Even though the winner of this Competition can no longer participate in an international competition, the **Hong Kong Society for Quality (HKSQ)** recognizes the value of continuing the meaningful event as a vehicle to further the interest of final year undergraduates in quality management and to emphasize its importance and relevance to local industry. The Society therefore takes up the challenge of organizing this Competition from 2000 onwards.

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