



International Facility Management Association (IFMA) in Asia

IFMA is the world's largest and most widely recognized international association for professional facility managers, supporting more than 19,000 members in 78 countries. The association's members, represented in 124 chapters and 16 councils worldwide, manage more than 37 billion square feet of property and annually purchase more than US\$100 billion in products and services. Formed in 1980, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management certificate programs and produces World Workplace, the world's largest facility management conference and exposition.

As posted on IFMA website (www.ifma.org), Fifty facility practitioners in **Macau, China**, received IFMA's prestigious Facility Management Professional credential at the 2009/2010 Facility Management Professional Graduation Ceremony held earlier this month, organized by the Macau Institute of Management and the Labor Affairs Bureau, Macau SAR.



The June 4 ceremony was attended by incoming IFMA Board of Directors Chairman Francis Kuhn, CFM, CFMJ, and Christopher Hodges, P.E., CFM, IFMA Fellow, and former IFMA board member.

Facility management has become an increasingly important profession in Macau, given the area's rapid economic growth and development. Macau is home to entertainment facilities, resorts, a rapid transit system, and various public and private infrastructures that have brought the need for quality facility management to the forefront.

IFMA's FMP Certificate Program was launched in Macau in 2007, and since then 800 people have registered for the course, with 68 graduating in 2009 and 50 graduating this year. There are currently 1,607 accredited FMPs globally

In **Singapore**, a Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, was signed between Building Construction Authority, BCA, and the International Facility Management Association, IFMA in April 2010. The MOU was signed by Dr John Keung, CEO, BCA and Mr Tony Keane, CEO and President, IFMA. watch it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zhku1u8Osu4>

Till date, Singapore has produced more than **50 FMPs** and more than 10 CFMs. It is important that as FM professionals our knowledge and competency can be recognised through FM credentials like the FMP and CFM.

Announcement:

The IFMA-Singapore Chapter will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 9th July, 6.30pm, at NUSS @ Suntec City Tower level 5, The College room. **All members are encouraged to attend!**

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- **The Business of FM**
22 - 27 July 2010
- **IFMA Competency: Finance**
29 - 30 July 2010
- **Operations & Maintenance**
16 - 17 August 2010
- **IFMA Competency: Quality Assessment & Innovation**
26 -27 August 2010
- **Planning & Project Management**
6-7 September 2010

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