

Telecom Regulation: Why and How?



Ir Au MK was presenting the talk

On 19th, April, 2004, the EN division organized a technical seminar on “Telecom Regulation: Why and How?”. The speaker Ir. M H Au, Director-General of Telecommunications gave a talk on the general rationale for sector-specific regulation in telecommunications industry.

Ir. M H Au, our honorable guest, opened the talk by providing an overview to Telecom Regulation and the role of Office of Telecommunications Authority (OFTA). Ir. Au explained that the regulation has several dimensions including sector-specific, general, ex ante, ex post, economic, technical, social, safety, environmental, consumer protection, etc. The role of OFTA is to administer sector-specific regulation under Telecommunications Ordinance. This comprises economic regulation and technical regulation. Regulation is required so as to address market imperfections, protect competition, achieve some social objectives, manage scarce resources, and ensure compatibility and interoperability. Ir. Au concluded the seminar by stating regulation is “second best” approach while market and competition is the best approach to lower prices, widen choices, promote quality and enhance innovation.

The seminar ended after a question-and-answer session. Ir Dr Li CK, Chairman of Electronics Division, presented a souvenir to Ir Au MH to express our sincere thanks for his informative and valuable information delivered to our members.



Ir Dr Li CK (L), Chairman of Electronics Division presented the souvenir to Ir Au MH (R)
