HKIE-YMC – Workshop on Public Speaking
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A valuable workshop on the captioned topic was conducted at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on 6 March 2018 night. The workshop was organized by the Young Members Committee (YMC) and received a full house response. The remarkable speaker hosting the workshop was Mr Jetta Chan, who is an experienced trainer, facilitator and professional corporate emcee with 10 years working experience in both in-house and training consultancy.

The speaker opened the workshop by inviting the audience to figure out the barriers and problems during a public speech. Then he grouped the points into three "V"s of a public speech, namely Visual, Vocal and Verbal. He gave out simple and short slogan with vivid explanation, so as to ensure the audience could fully understand the essence of the elements within a public speech. He stressed "Practice makes Perfect", in order to be a good Public Speaker, practices were inevitable. Numerous of speech exercises was conducted for participants to practice in front of the entire class and within a small group of classmates during the workshop, where advises and improvements were given by the speaker. This can not only strengthen our confidence, but also improve our presentation skills.

Speaker gave insight on using different weight with the "V"s. To catch the attention of the audience, we need to have eye contact with the audience and by strengthening your eye contact with\ positive energy form your body language and suitable wordings. This can show our clarity and charm from the speech that surprise the audience. The workshop was fruitfully completed with a wonderful night.

This workshop was a joyful and precious opportunity to all participants by acquiring the keys to success on a good public speech. On behalf of the YMC, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the speaker for his generous sharing and encouragement to young engineers.

Participants were practicing with on the exercise given by Mr. Jetta Chan.