

## **Open letter to William Cheung, IEEE Hong Kong Section Chairman**

Dear Dr. William S W Cheung, 2017 IEEE HK Section Chair

We received below email from IEEE - Subject: SPONSORSHIP RETRACTION NOTICE: 2018 IEEE International Conference on Signal Processing, Communications and Computing (ICSPCC) ( 44208 )

You claimed yourself as IEEE HK CASCOM Chair and instructed IEEE MCE to retract the HK CASCOM Chapter sponsorship in the International Conference on Signal Processing, Communications and Computing is ridiculous.

IEEE Section and Chapters operate in accordance to IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Operations Manual (the MGAOM) Section 9.

In accordance to the MGAOM Section 9.6 F, the change of Chapter Chief Officers of chapter shall go through the nomination, election and Annual General Meeting process. HK CASCOM Joint Chapter is currently calling for HK CASCOM Joint Chapter Nomination of 2018 Chief Officers ([www.ieeehkcoscom.org](http://www.ieeehkcoscom.org)) in responding to your Special HK Section Newsletter in end December 2017.

We found that on 23 December, 2017, you, without discussion with our Chapter or authorization from HK Section Executive Committee, went to Vtools Officer Reporting and terminated the HK CASCOM Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Chair. You illegally appointed yourself as the HK CASCOM Chair with the other three Officers in blank.

The MGAOM Section 9.4 clearly stated that all the decision of HK Section shall rest with the Section Executive Committee, not by the Chairman personal decision. You have not been authorized by the HK Section Executive Committee as you had not called any HK Section Executive Committee Meeting since March 2017.

In fact in accordance to the MGAOM, your term as the Chairman ended on 31 December 2017 and HK Section has not Call for Nomination of Section Chief Officers. You have no intention to call the Section Executive Committee Meeting even though many Chapters ask you to convene Section Executive Committee Meeting in last few months.

HK Section is registered as Society in HK and is bounded by the Society Ordinance Cap. 151. It is an offence if you are not following the MGAOM Section 9 and you had already contravened the HK Section By-laws so many times. Your action in appointing yourself as HK CASCOM Chapter Chair is illegal and deception..

You now have written to IEEE Meetings, Conferences & Events (MCE) staff in the name of HK CASCOM Chair retracted the HK CASCOM Chapter

sponsorship of the 2018 International Conference on Signal Processing, Communications and Computing. Now MCE staff is going to declining the ICSPCC2018 application.

You should noted that you are the one initiated the ICSPCC in 2011 held in Xian and you are the then General Co-chair with Xian Section Prof. Huang Jiangou. In 2012-2014, you had great contribution to the ICSPCC serving as Technical Program Committee Co-chair.

IEEE Volunteer contribute to IEEE through organizing conferences and technical activities. Volunteers help to promote the IEEE mission and vision.. In contrary, your illogical and blatant appointing yourself as HK CASCOM Chair is going to damaging the good co-operation between Hong Kong and Xian Section. It is un-ethical and immoral.

Hong Kong Section is 48 years old and had earned the excellent reputation all over the world. You are requested to stop your erroneous action by informing MCE staff that your previous instruction shall be cancelled and go to Vtools to terminate yourself as the HK CASCOM Chair, and, revert back the original four officers in HK CASCOM Chapter.

IEEE HK CASCOM Joint Chapter

**Copy of MCE Email to Xian Section**

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Dear Lingling Zhang,

Please be advised that IEEE Hong Kong Section CAS/COM Joint Chapter has decided to retract its decision to sponsor this event.

If you have any questions regarding this retraction of sponsorship, please contact SW Cheung (swcheung@eee.hku.hk), Chair of IEEE Hong Kong Section CAS/COM Joint Chapter for further clarification.

As IEEE Hong Kong Section CAS/COM Joint Chapter has declined their 50% financial sponsorship, this conference application is in jeopardy of being declined.

As a result, we are asking that you provide another financial sponsor for this conference by 17 January 2018.

If we do not receive a reply by the above mentioned date, we will have to proceed with declining this conference application.

I look forward to your reply.

Warmest Regards,

Melissa

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