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## **BACnet on its Way to Standardization in China**

## Forum in Hong Kong positively influences Asian Pacific building automation market

Hong Kong, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. – The increasing demand for the global BACnet standard in China and Asia Pacific was evident at the first BACnet Forum ever held in Hong Kong, on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Douglas Chan, president of the BACnet Interest Group China (BIG-CN), announced the commissioning of the BACnet standard ISO 16484-5 as Chinese standard. He anticipates extreme growth of the Chinese user group in the next two years. A strong BIG-CN that supports the Chinese standardization is needed.

The first independent BACnet introduction in Hong Kong was focussed on BACnet as enabler of sustainable building automation for construction and refurbishment. Jointly hosted by the BACnet Interest Groups AustralAsia (BIG-AA), Europe (BIG-EU), China (BIG-CN) and BACnet International (BI) it was a unique congress and trade show around the newest BACnet technology and recent applications in large buildings. Simon D. Mahoney President of BIG-AA, Raymond Rae from the BI Board of Directors, Klaus Wächter Executive Board of the BIG-EU and Douglas Chan welcomed experts from China, India, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

130 specifiers, consultants, integrators and operators attended the congress. Dr. Albert So presented the city of Hong Kong's application for an elevator addendum to the BACnet standard which is currently being developed by a dedicated working group of the standardising committee. The leading building automation manufacturers pointed out the added value of interoperable BACnet technology. An intensive, lively discussion on technical, economic and ecologic potential demonstrated the progressive intentions of the Asian "BACneteers".

In the end, they voted for more dissemination activities – BACnet Forums<sup>®</sup> BACnet Journals<sup>®</sup>, trade show presentations – on the one hand in the Asian Pacific mega-cities,

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on the other hand in the area of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, in Beijing, Shanghai and other Chinese economic centres.

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