

CORPORATION NEWS

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Back to School

| By Jason Yeo |



BH Global Corporation has once again organized the “Back to School” event to help the needy students of Taman Jurong & Tajong Pagar Community Centre. This event was held at the Popular Book Store in Bras Basah Complex. Around 250 children benefited from this event. They are able to choose items ranging from stationaries to assessment books to prepare for their upcoming semester. Each of them is given a \$50 popular voucher, McDonald’s voucher and a BH Global goodie bag consisting of useful writing materials.

When in the store, the children are excited to choose their desired items. Volunteers assist those kids that are not accompanied by their parents in choosing the correct type of items. Apart from that, we also helped to calculate the value of items so that the children will know if they have to add or remove any items from their shopping cart. After shopping, the company also engaged external parties to provide face painting for the children.



We were glad to see the happiness on their faces as the artist draws for them. Some of the popular requests from the kids are Superman, Avengers, and Spiderman. We can see that every kid have a hero to look forward to. Although it was an exhausting day, all volunteers find this a meaningful Sunday morning.

Let us look forward to more of such activities in the future.

Weiya and lucky draw

| By Jasmin Lim |

To conclude the year, staff located at the premises of BH Global headquarters were treated to a (尾牙) buffet dinner on the 28th of January.



According to tradition, (尾牙) is an event in which employers treat their employees to a meal to conclude the year and hope for better business in the coming year. It is also a way for employers to show their appreciation towards their employees' hard work in the past year .



Staff of BHM also participated in a lucky draw in which CNY hampers given by vendors were given out. Everyone was anticipating eagerly for their names to be called out, be it winning two cans of abalone or a hamper full of premium items.



Luck for the New Year

| By Jasmin Lim |



Prosperous greetings were heard echoing in the office as staffs- decked out in new outfits greeted one another. Back from a long break of reunion dinners and festive snacks, everyone was in a cherry mood. As an integral part of Chinese tradition, a troupe of lion dancers was engaged to perform. Symbols of strength and good luck, lions were known to bring in auspiciousness and chase away negative energies as they danced and pranced energetically. The deafening sounds of the drums and cymbals, accompanied by the Cai Shen (財神) mascot, further heightened the atmosphere, with many rushing to take pictures.





To add to the air of festivities and to kick-start the year, there was a mass tossing of Yu Sheng. Yu Sheng is considered a symbol of abundance, prosperity and vigor. *Yu* means "fish" but enunciated appropriately, it also means "abundance", while *sheng* literally means "raw" but enunciated appropriately, it means "life". Thus, *Yu Sheng* implies "abundance of wealth and long life". In Cantonese, it is known as *lo sheng* with *lo* also meaning "tossing up good fortune". The tossing action is called *lo hei*, which means to "rise" (*hei*), again a reference to a thriving business and thus its popularity with businessmen during the New Year.



Staffs crowded around the tables and proceed to toss the shredded ingredients into the air with chopsticks while saying various auspicious wishes out loud. It is believed that the height of the toss reflects the growth in fortunes, thus everyone was seen to be tossing enthusiastically.

Lunch ended with a round of sumptuous buffet, which left everyone full and happy- ready for work in the New Year.



Chinese New Year at OGS

| By Maggie Tien |

Oil & Gas Solutions would like to wish everyone "The spirit of the dragon and horse -- 龙马精神"

From the beginning of January, our EC member started to prepare for Chinese New Year, such as decoration and sourcing for dinner.



The decoration that the EC member had put up for the company.



This year we had our dinner at Spring Court Restaurant 7th Feb 2014. Everybody had long waited for this day to arrive. There is Karaoke session and a sumptuous dinner. The purpose of the dinner is to gather everyone so that we could have a good start of the year.



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Z-Power In Vietnam

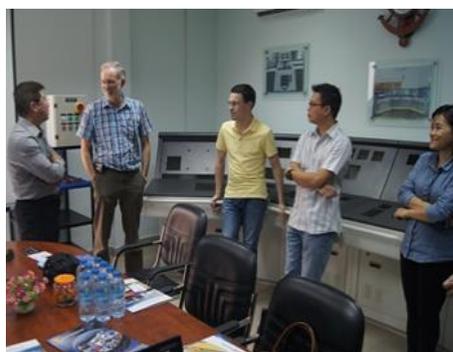
| By Nguyen Hoang Thanh Thao |

Cross Promotion in Vietnam

BH Global Corporation Ltd members -Beng Hui Marine Electrical Pte Ltd, Oil & Gas Solutions, Z-Power Automation Pte Ltd and Z-Power Automation (Vietnam) had a cross promotion trip visiting various customers in Vietnam on 13th-15th of November 2013. We paid visits to some of the well-known shipyards in Vietnam such as Triyards Saigon Shipyard, Triyards Saigon Offshore, South East Asia Shipyard, PetroVietnam Marine Shipyard, Vietsovpetro and VARD Shipyard. By means of this useful trip, customers can understand more about our companies as well as our diverse range of marine products and services. They also showed their interest in our service: supplying one stop solutions for Marine, Offshore and Oil & Gas Industries. In addition, their goodwill is looking forward to cooperating with us for their coming projects in the near future.

Visit ZPAV Factory

Z-Power Automation (Vietnam) had a meeting with one of the potential customers SEAS to discuss regarding to their current and coming projects. At the same time the Purchasing Manager, Senior Purchaser and Electrical Engineer from SEAS paid a visit to our factory for checking our panels' quality. This was a great opportunity for Z-Power Automation as our potential customer can have the actual overview and evaluation about ZPAV products as well as services, which is the good basis for our stable and long term cooperation.



Year-end Meeting

Z-Power Automation (Vietnam) held a year-end meeting to have a general report for year 2013. We appreciate all members in ZPAV for their contribution and encouraged them to continue working hard for the year 2014.



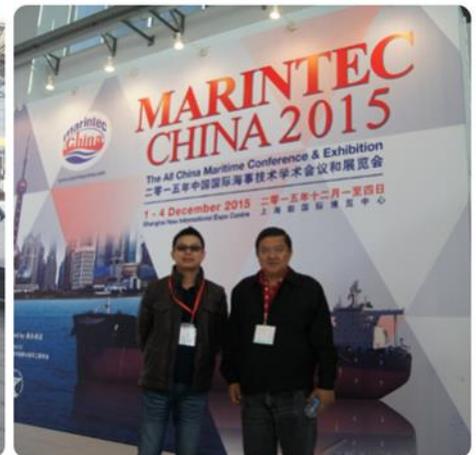
ZPA Visit to Vietnam

We took the group photos in occasion Mr. Ang – our Managing Director and Mr. Denis – our Senior Sales Manager paid a visit to Vietnam for business trip.



Marintec China 2013

The Board Directors of Z-Power Automation (Vietnam) visited the MARINTEC Exhibition in China on December 4th – 5th 2013. We have rarely missed the chance to visit such useful exhibitions where we can find more potential customers as well as suppliers.



Birthday Celebration

On the occasion that Mr. Yee – our Director and Mr. Thuong – our Project Engineer have birthday on the same day December 29th 2013, we celebrated a party with delicious sea food. This was also a very good occasion so that we could relax together as well as show our care to all ZPAV members. The two “main characters” could not hide their happiness and excited feelings after receiving the simple but meaningful birthday gifts.



Year-end Dinner

ZPAV members enjoyed the year-end party in a sea food gala buffet restaurant. May the best things come to ZPAV and all members of ZPAV family in this New Year 2014.



Christmas celebration

Z-Power Automation (Vietnam) celebrated a simple but very joyful and warm Christmas 2013 which is one of our annual activities. Everyone enjoyed playing the gifts exchanging game and some other games. We always take this opportunity to offer all ZPAV members the enjoyable moments after the tired and stressful working days. The other meaning of this event is that we are aware of the importance of the solidarity in team work.



Lunar New Year 2014

| By Jasmin Lim |



Known as the Spring Festival or Lunar New Year, the Chinese New Year (CNY) is the most looked upon occasion every year among the Chinese. The festival traditionally begins on the first day of the first month in the Chinese calendar and ends on the 15th day. The first two days of CNY falls on the 31st of January(Friday) and 1st of February(Saturday), both days being public holidays for Singapore.

Traditions

Spring cleaning

Spring cleaning- known as (大扫除) in Chinese - is an important tradition signifying clearing of the old to welcome the new. During CNY, sweeping should be avoided as it implies sweeping out any fortune or good luck.

Dragon and Lion dance

Dragon and lion dances are common during CNY. It is believed that the thunderous beats of the drum and the ear-piercing sounds of the cymbals together with the face of the dragon or lion dancing actively can evict bad or evil spirits.



Hong Bao

Within families, it is also traditional to exchange red packets (红包). These red envelopes filled with money are given by married people to children and unmarried relatives. Many Singaporeans like to go to the bank for brand new notes and the amount should always be an even number.



Reunion dinner

The reunion dinner, also known as (团圆饭), marks a gathering on CNY's Eve and many consider it to be the most important part of the celebration. Family members will come together to enjoy a sumptuous meal. One very popular dish in Singapore is Yu Sheng (鱼生) – a salad of raw fish and shredded vegetables. Before digging in, the tradition is that everyone should use their chopsticks to toss the ingredients into the air –the higher it goes, the higher your earnings for the coming year.



Activities

Night markets

Chinatown and other major streets will come alive in splendid red hues to herald the coming of the Spring festival. As it is the year of the horse, contemporary street light-up design of 88 illuminated lantern sculptures of horses galloping towards prosperity and a myriad of gold coins suspended along the street have left many enthralled.

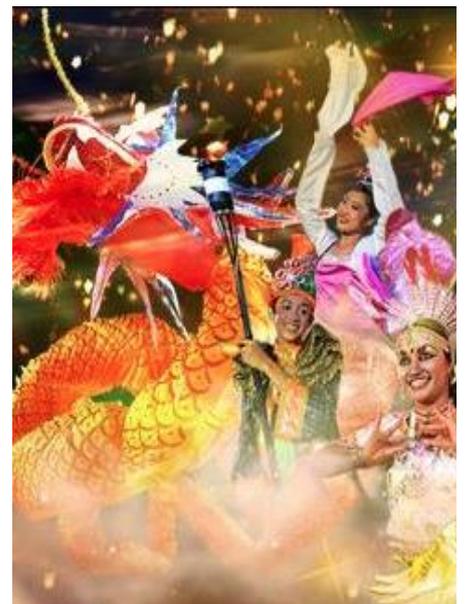
CNY would be the best time to visit Chinatown to immerse in the rich Chinese culture. With a variety stalls lining up the streets, visitors can feast on New Year delicacies, enjoy the vivid lights and decorations of the stalls and shop for the many New Year traditional goodies from cookies, decorative ornaments and mandarin oranges to potted plants and traditional costumes.



Chingay Parade



This National Event is the biggest street performance and float parade in Asia. The word Chingay (妆艺) means "the art of costume and masquerade" in the Hokkien dialect. This street extravaganza epitomizes the dynamism of Singapore's vibrant and multicultural society. Chingay this year saw twice as many foreign performers as last year amounting to a total of 500, with many coming from South Korea, China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and even Italy. To cater to more spectators, it is held on the spacious grounds of the Formula One Pit Building alongside the Marina waterfront.



River Hongbao



Another popular annual Chinese New Year event is the River Hongbao, held on the Marina Bay Floating Platform, a crowd-favorite during Chinese New Year. Visitors will be able to catch 'live' demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy and paper cutting at the Handicraft Street and also enjoy flamboyant lanterns specially hand-crafted on-site by craftsmen from the Sichuan province, lighting up the Floating Platform.

10 Tips to increase productivity and manage your time

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“I’d like to schedule a time-management seminar on my calendar...as soon as I can find time to buy a calendar!”

THE ECONOMIC TIMES

Are you spinning out of control with endless demands on your time and life? Are your stress levels at an all-time high with never ending tasks and deadlines leading to endless working hours and no family time to recharge your batteries? It is time to master productivity skills for the workplace that will empower you for higher performance while enabling good health and a better work life balance through reduced stress and efficient use of office time. Here is how.

1. Think start your day

Spend the first 10 minutes of your work day to figure out what you want to achieve. Think through pending jobs, pressing problems and urgent deadlines while making notes on your diary or a task list. Rearrange them into a rough check list prioritizing the most important tasks on top. The first on the list becomes your primary goal for today - something that will make the day worthwhile. Use the early part of the day to complete stuff that requires greater mental bandwidth and save the afternoon for meetings or repetitive chores.

2. Clock your talk

A large part of a wasted day invariably goes into communication that took too much time and yielded little output. Become aware of when you speak, to whom and for how long. If you are on the phone, stand up to speak and sit down only when the conversation is over. If you are conducting a meeting, set a start and finish deadline. If it is an unscheduled urgent chat with a colleague, box it to 2 minutes before you head back to your task list.

3. Birds of a feather

Group similar tasks together and tackle them as a block with a deadline. Read all e-mails in 10-minute slots at one go, but only every 2 hours or more.

Similarly make your 20 sales calls in a row. Clubbing similar tasks increases the rate at which you complete them once you settle into a rhythm for that batch. Engage technology to help you out, like using labels or folders to automatically bunch together similar emails. Between two diverse sets, take a quick break and walk about to get refreshed and to change gears for the next lot.

4. Take baby steps

Remind yourself every few minutes - is this really the best use of my time? Stop unproductive work and start the next task on the checklist with a simple action. Or focus on taking a baby step that will get you closer to your goal for the day. Thus, you can catch yourself from chatting over Gtalk or the office messenger and refocus on researching information for tomorrow's meeting instead.

7. Uni-task

Multi-tasking kills productivity and is as useful to you as Windows 95. The right way to work efficiently is to schedule and priorities tasks and then tackle them one at a time. With complete focus on that one task, your speed will go up dramatically and you will get a lot more done in any given hour than if you try to speak on the phone while creating the sales chart on Excel.

8. Swallow the bitter pill

Most efficiency experts recommend that you start the day by tackling the most unsavoury task first. Once that is out of the way, a lot of energy is released that helps you zip through the rest of your list. Try and see if that works for you. However some professionals work better by keeping the distasteful task for the last. Avoiding or delaying that task creates an impetus to finish other less unsavory tasks in an effort to stay productive. Soon the rest of the check list is done and dusted and you have no choice but to tackle the last one. Which kind of person are you?

5. Divide and conquer

Often there is a project or target that is simply too big and complicated and keeps getting put off for later. In such cases, divide the project into smaller sub-projects and break those down further into individual actions. From this list ,figure out what can be done by other people and immediately communicate and delegate the tasks to them. From the rest, pick up the easiest actions and accelerate them to a close. Soon you will pick up momentum and achieve significant progress.

6. Quick to decide, slow to change

On a cumulative basis, the biggest hurdle to productivity is your reluctance to decide early combined with an eagerness to revisit and revise those decisions. Reverse that attitude and commit to taking quick decisions and sticking through with them. Do you need to fix up a meeting for next week? Decide on 3 pm for Wednesday, communicate it, set a reminder and move on. Over time, your quick decisions will be as good if not better than the decisions you put on the back burner.



9. How to procrastinate

How do you decide whether a non-critical task should be done immediately or later? If it takes less than 30 seconds do it right away, like responding to an email invitation for a meeting. For a longer non-urgent task, put it on your Google calendar or workplace scheduler as a reminder for the appropriate time. In both cases, the actions enable you to forget about it completely and move on to your next goal for the day.

10. The last thing to do

15 minutes before the end of day, review what you have done. Would you have performed better if you had done things differently? What would you change? This evaluation exercise will ramp up your efficiency on a daily basis. Finally before you leave, clear your desk of all objects and papers apart from the computer and a notebook and pen (if you use one). The next morning will start well when you return to an uncluttered workplace.