Established in June 2009, TIEMS China Chapter (TCC) brings together specialists, researchers, government officials and practitioners within the emergency management and public safety domain, dedicating to promote the application of international advanced emergency management theory and technologies in emergency treatment in China and aiming at enhancing both scientific and technological exchange inside TIEMS and introducing China’s experience in emergency management to all TIEMS members as well.

Since its foundation in this June, besides the accomplishments in scientific research and communication and publication, TCC mainly focuses its attention on the preparation of TIEMS 17th Annual Conference in Beijing. After serious discussions on board meeting, supported by TIEMS headquarter, TCC decided to arrange two senior workshops as the warm-up activities of the 17th Annual Conference:
1. “2009 Shanghai International Exhibition & Forum on Metropolitan Public Safety”

On December 10th-12th 2009, in Shanghai Exhibition Center, as a co-sponsor, TCC organized “2009 Shanghai International Exhibition & Forum on Metropolitan Public Safety”, with the theme of “A Safe City for Better Life”. TIEMS president K. Harald Drager, TIEMS Principal Registration officer Giedo Van Pellicom, TIEMS Secretary General Andreas Clessienne and Martin Von Bergh paid a special visit to Shanghai and participated in this special workshop as guest keynote speakers. As the first workshop which TCC sponsored after its foundation, this activity was completed with full success.

The forum covered a wide range of topics including disaster prevention, emergency command communication, disaster disposal, rescue and guarantee, and relief construction, which made it actually an exhibition of the latest achievements of Chinese government in emergency prevention, disaster rescue and disaster reduction.

On Dec 12th, TIEMS arranged a special section concentrating on the preparation of TIEMS 17th annual conference and TIEMS long-term development strategy. Firstly, President K. Harald Drager gave a keynote speech with the title of “Good Public Safety Communication is vital for City Safety”, emphasizing the significance of good communication. Then,
Martin Von Bergh introduced TIEMS Education and Certification project which he’s responsible for. After that, TIEMS Director for Asia-Pacific Area, Mr. Qu guosheng, shared his research about Wenchuan earthquake by delivering his speech with the topic of “The Particularity of Catastrophe Response and Strategy for Rescue and Disposal”. The speech with the title of “On the Protection of the Chinese National Critical Infrastructure from the Three-year Practice and Revision of NIPP” presented by Dr. Zhang Ji who’s the TIEMS Director for Communication and Publication indicated the trend of emergency management in China and successfully concluded this special session.

During the forum, TCC especially designed and dressed a propagandistic booth for TIEMS in the exhibition area, introducing the history and aim of TIEMS and the foundation of TIEMC China Chapter. Besides that, during the exhibition, TCC distributed almost 200 pieces of well-designed TIEMS 17 Annual Conference Brochure to all delegates, arousing large-scale attention and successfully promoting the TIEMS brand and TIEMS activities.
2. The 6th Digital China Development Forum (DCDF2009)

On December 12th-13th, TCC co-sponsored another workshop — “The 6th Digital China Development Forum (DCDF2009)” . A total of four hundreds of government officials, renowned academicians, experts and researchers, famous entrepreneurs coming from countries all over the world took part in this senior workshop in Beijing Zhongyuan Hotel. The topics covered by
this workshop ranged from digital disaster reduction and emergency management, wireless city and E-government, Digital Park, Digital Ocean, Digital economics and industries to Digital energy sources and resources, digital health, Satellite navigation application and local service, etc.

TIEMS President K. Harald Drager together with TCC Vice Presidents Mr. Qu guosheng and Mr. Li jing addressed at the opening ceremony. Mr. Qu and Mr. Li also hosted the “Digital Disaster Reduction and Emergency Management” forum on 13th Dec. TIEMS President K. Harald Drager delivered a splendid presentation with the subject of “Global development in Emergency management”, summarizing the latest development within emergency management field and pointing out the future development trend. In addition to that, TIEMS Registration Officer, Giedo Van Pellicom, introduced and explained the newest TIEMS Education and Certification Program which is under large-scale promotion. Then, taking the “Wenchuang” earthquake as the background, TCC vice president Mr. Qu guosheng gave a presentation with the title of “Digital Disaster Reduction and Emergency Management” being the same with the topic of the special session. Following to that, TCC vice president Mr. Li jing gave a speech with the theme of “Digital Shifang and the control on after-earthquake reconstruction” and introduced the control experience and method applied in the after-earthquake reconstruction in Shifang which is a severely afflicted city in Wenchuang Earthquake. At a later time, TCC Secretary General, Dr. Zhang ji, shared his own research supported by practices carried out by his own by giving a presentation of “Four types of emergency management digital platform and its development”, analyzing the features, similarities and differences of the four types of digital platform.
the guidance of two forum hosts, Mr. Qu and Mr. Li and the support of all experts and delegates, the forum concluded with fruitful dialogues and discussions.

After the main session the workshop, K. Harald Drager held a panel discussion with all TIEMS members on the spot. The following preparation work for TIEMS 17th annual conference were fully discussed including paper review procedure, keynote speakers invitation and proceedings publication. Moreover, all members freely exchanged their opinions on TIEMS Education and Certification Program and TIEMS long-term development strategy.

During the five whole days, under TIEMS President and all board members’ considerable supports, TIEMS China Chapter co-sponsored two senior workshops affiliated with emergency management and public safety with complete success, thus achieving TCC’s original goal and evoking large repercussions in both academia and industry world.

At the end of the whole activity, the President of TIEMS, K. Harald Drager, expressed his heartfelt thanks too all TCC members who contributed a lot to host the workshops and the preparation of TIEMS 17th Annual Conference. He also highly praised a number of participants who has made excellent researches in this domain and called on all the participants and delegates to submit and publish their latest research by TIEMS platform and networks. Finally, K. Harald Drager encouraged all TCC members to work even harder to ensure the success of TIEMS 17th Annual Conference in China and contribute more to the uplift of TIEMS international position.