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A seminar jointly organized by Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, Environmental Division (Env Div) and Energy Institute (Hong Kong Branch) was held on 16th March 2011 at HKIE seminar room. The talk was delivered by Professor Johnny Chan, Dean of School of Energy and Environment, City University of Hong Kong and the topic was on "Global Warming and Typhoon Activity". Dr CW Tso, Immediate Past Chairman of the HKIE Env Div introduced the speaker to the fully packed seminar room with about 100 participants. Professor Chan started with the common misperception about typhoon activity such as the increased intensity and frequency of typhoons in this western North Pacific region as a consequence of global warming and higher sea surface temperature and hence more energy available to typhoons. However, statistical data he has analyzed do not support the deduction. In fact, he pointed out that total typhoon activity is likely to decrease and the number of intense typhoons is unlikely to increase substantially in the coming future. Dr HF Chan, Honorary Advisor of EI (HKC) gave a vote of thanks and presented a souvenir to Prof Chan for his time and efforts in delivering this interesting talk which finished at about 8:00 p.m.