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### Far East Trade Visit

PPM Technology's Managing Director John B Jones has recently returned from a very successful and busy trade visit to the Far East. The trip didn't get off to the best of start - due to a mistake by the airline John's luggage was still in London when he landed in Taiwan!!

Whilst in Taiwan John met our distributors **Sheng Yi Tech & Analytics Co.** John and representatives from Sheng Yi attended the Occupational Hygiene Association of Taiwan seminar regarding Indoor Air Quality, held in Kaohsiung, Southern Taiwan, he presented a lecture titled – *'How clean is the air in your workplace? – Benefits of continuous monitoring'*.

Various professionals in the Occupational Health industry were in attendance, including representatives from a number of Taiwanese Universities as well as the government occupational health and safety council.

Delegates seemed to be very interested in the lecture and in our products; Taiwan recently introduced new Indoor Air Quality legislation, which will implement mandatory monitoring of IAQ in some large public buildings.

Following his time in Taiwan, John went on to visit Hong Kong – he met our distributors **Science International** and **Hinds International** to discuss future plans and activities for the Chinese market. Science International advised us that they are tendering in a number of provinces for sale of Formaldemeter instruments, during John's visit we received the news that they were successful in a tender for 50 Formaldemeter htv instruments.

Whilst in Hong Kong John also met representatives from a company who are hoping to distribute our IAQ instruments in Macao – **Ecotech Environmental**. Ecotech are one of Macao's leading companies in the environmental industry.

**Website** - <http://www.ecotechmo.com/en/index.shtml>

### Visit from Haarla Oy representative.

**HAARLA**

PPM recently welcomed George Evans from Haarla Oy to our HQ in Caernarfon, Haarla distribute our products in Scandinavia and Baltic countries, South America, South Africa and various other countries around the globe.

Productive meetings were held regarding future opportunities and activities for PPM and Haarla - they will continue to promote our Formaldemeter range and also our multiparameter IAQ Monitoring instruments. Overlays.



Sheng Yi and PPM at the Exhibition.

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## Scientists divided on potential carcinogenicity of Formaldehyde.

European regulators are preparing a reassessment of the hazard classification of formaldehyde – currently classified as a “suspected carcinogen” under European law.

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## Dubai: Children 'at risk from poor quality of air in schools'

Dangerously poor-quality air in school classrooms is exposing children to the risk of health problems including respiratory illness, a study has found. The study compared air quality in four government schools to standards set by the municipality and international guidelines, and found readings well above the recommended maximum.

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## French study links Formaldehyde to respiratory problems in children.

Poor indoor air quality in schools is responsible for respiratory health problems in children, according to a study carried out in France. After studying air samples and children from 108 primary schools, the researchers concluded that “children were differently exposed to poor air quality in classrooms” and that almost 30% were “highly exposed according to available standards”. Moreover, they suggested that instances of rhinoconjunctivitis were “significantly associated with high levels of formaldehyde in classrooms”. Full study - <http://thorax.bmj.com/content/early/2012/03/20/thoraxinl-2011-200391.long>

## PR China: Testing finds Formaldehyde levels above national standards in most homes.

Testing by Shanghai Environmental Protection Industry Association found that four out of every five homes tested in the city exceeded the national safety standards for airborne formaldehyde. The association tested some 14,000 local households over the past five years and found that more than 60 percent of households contain formaldehyde levels that surpass standards during the year. Moreover, the figure increases to 80 percent during the summer, when high temperatures further facilitate formaldehyde emissions.

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## Formaldehyde exposure may affect fertility in men.

Occupational exposure to formaldehyde in Chinese men may be linked to reduced fertility, reports a paper in the *May Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, official publication of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM).

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