

Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



As we are approaching the AGM, I would like to share with you the very tangible progress we have made from what was but a promise last year.

Altogether, it was an event-packed year, all of which were organized under our four initiatives. We have held 3 networking lunches and breakfast talks with speakers Ir. Wai Chi Sing, Ms. Ada Fung, and Mr. Raymond Lee, a cocktail reception for the launch of the 40th Anniversary Album, an Annual Seminar, the ACEHK Annual Awards, and the Young Engineers Presentations. I was certainly impressed by the support received and the popularity of the events, which moreover was reassuring for us as an association.

Our four initiatives have all had growth, and many have complimented the association on these. The feedback on the Young Engineers' Presentation is especially pleasing. We acknowledge that current public opinion of the engineering industry, as a whole, is unsympathetic, to say the least. It is our belief that by clarifying to the public, in particular the younger generation, what the role of the engineer is, what it is we do, and how it is we help, we may regain their trust in our duties to serve our community.

ACEHK will continue to liaise closely with our Chief Executive to make a firm stand against filibustering in the coming year. We will maintain our efforts in campaigning for a better future for the industry, as well as for the community we serve.

On the Belt and Road Initiative, ACEHK will continue to focus on strengthening relationships with HKTDC, the Liaison Office of Central People's Government, and the Infrastructure Financing Facilitation Office.

This will be the last issue of Newsletter in 2017; I believe our initiatives will continue to grow in the coming years to guide the engineering industry. It has been an honor serving as your Chairman.

Francis KUNG
Chairman

ACEHK ANNUAL DINNER 2017

Our Annual Dinner was held on the 20th of November, 2017 at Cordis Hotel Hong Kong. We were blessed to have over 250 participants at this year's Annual Dinner, 35 of which were our honored guests. Our guests this year were mainly representatives from different government bodies, and various stakeholders and business partners across the engineering industry.

The night opened with a speech from our Chairman Francis Kung. It shed light on the four initiatives that took place this year. Strengthening ties across the industry, starting an important dialogue with the younger generation on the role of the engineer are of particular note. The Guest of Honour Mr. Chan Fan addressed the audience with a presentation on "What Makes a City Great", which reminded everyone of the end-goals of the engineering industry.



Furthermore, photos of the Annual Dinner event may be found at the following link:
<http://www.acehk.org.hk/gallery.shtm>



ACEHK ANNUAL AWARDS 2017

The inaugural ACEHK Annual Awards drew submissions which exhibited the very best of engineering in Hong Kong. The Annual Awards Ceremony was held as a part of the ACEHK Annual Dinner 2017 event. Ir. Hon Chi Keung presented the four awards. The Overall Cooling System at Kai Tak Development Phase III (Package A) received the Overall Best Award. Three other projects were Annual Award recipients.



The results and photos of the ACEHK Annual Awards Ceremony may be found in the following link:

http://www.acehk.org.hk/news/detail.shtm?news_id=99&category_id=1

YOUNG ENGINEERS PRESENTATIONS

The first university talks were very successful with more than 200 participants attending. The presentations included a brief history showing how engineers helped in mitigating flooding as well as their role in the days of water rationing and improving the lives of those living in overcrowded shanty towns. The presentations provided the audience with a clearer understanding of the doctor-like role of the engineer, but for infrastructure, and for society.

The **Young Members Committee** has done a remarkable job in starting this initiative, and has paved a sturdy path of communication with the younger generation.



MARKET OVERVIEW

CONSTRUCTION / CONSULTANCY FORECAST / ANALYSIS

Construction Industry Activities/ Overview

- The **Tung Chung New Town Extension project** (\$20.21 Billion), and CKR Main works project (\$42.363 Billion) received approval from the Finance Committee 1st and 2nd meetings respectively. Up until this date, the total sum of projects approved by the Finance Committee (2017-2018) is around \$70.67 Billion.
- A Briefing Meeting was held regarding the proposed **Enhancement on Appointment and Administration of EACSB Consultants** on 22nd of September. Representatives from DevB spoke to ACEHK Members about changes to Listing and Grouping, Bidding Restrictions, Tender Assessment Method, Technical/Fee/Fee Quality Assessment, Performance Monitoring & Management, and Disciplinary Mechanism.
- DevB issued a circular on 13 October 2017 announcing a temporary **extension of the maximum service break** period governing the carryover of the reimbursement cap from one RSS employment to the next (for the same rank). With immediate effect, the maximum service break period is extended from 12 to 24 calendar months. (The stated objective of this change is to maintain the resilience of the RSS system.)

BELT & ROAD

- Our Chairman attended the one day Belt and Road Summit on 11 September 2017. Under the theme "From Vision to Action" it will highlight how Hong Kong helps companies unlock opportunities under the Belt and Road Initiative. An important part of the Summit was to highlight how Hong Kong helps companies to unlock opportunities under the Belt and Road Initiative. For details visit: <http://www.beltandroadsummit.hk/en/index.html>
- Both of our Chairman and Hon. Secretary attended the Co-operation Meeting with International and Mainland Relations on 22 November 2017. The theme of the meeting focus on the collaboration between ACEHK and HKTDC, which could help Hong Kong companies grasp Belt and Road business opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. Annual General Meeting – 11th of December, 2017.
- B. Belt and Road Forum at Beijing – 18th January, 2018
- C. Visit to CHINCA – Postponed to 2018, date TBC
- D. Young Engineers Presentations to Universities - TBC, more to be scheduled in 2017/2018 term
- E. Breakfast Talks and Networking Lunches – TBC, more to be scheduled in 2017/2018 term

FEEDBACK CORNER

Event updates have also been posted in <http://www.acehk.org.hk>

Members can provide feedback on any current issue to chairman@acehk.org.hk