



Message from the Chair



It is my great honour to have been elected by the Council Members as the Chairman of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong (ACEHK) for the 2018/2019 session.

Over the last couple of years, we can take pride in Hong Kong's consulting engineering industry, who have played a major role in the planning, design and commissioning of a variety of large and small construction projects in Hong Kong. We also see an increasing expectation and demand from the general public and the HKSAR Government on our industry.

To ensure the consultancy engineering profession continues to prosper, we will need to enhance the competitiveness of our industry to cope with the need for high quality construction projects to sustain the growth of Hong Kong. We have to focus on the following areas.

Sustainability – to provide a good environment to develop our young professionals with a solid foundation. They are our future leaders!

Innovation & Creativity – to promote “out-of-box” thinking and adopt latest applicable technologies in our industry to enhance the efficiency and standards of our professional services.

Excellence – to promote technical excellence and quality services offered by our industry. This is important to enhance the image of our profession.

I look forward to receiving your support in our endeavours.

Barry Sum
Chairman



ACEHK Annual Seminar

Preparedness of Consulting Engineering Practice in meeting New Era of Construction Challenges

AIM OF THE SEMINAR

This year's Annual Seminar aimed to discuss the hurdles prohibiting the industry innovating, to share good practices and to stimulate thoughts on ways to improve the quality of civil engineering works from planning, design to construction and operation phases. The seminar brought together leading experts from a spectrum of disciplines to share their insights and experiences in state-of-the-art practices, and to showcase how digital tools and new technologies can be applied to assist the consulting engineering practice to transform itself to cope with the new norms of project delivery.

Friday 8 November 2019, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

ACEHK Annual Dinner and Annual Awards

Annual Dinner

The 2019 Annual Dinner will be held on 10 December 2019 at the Langham Hotel, TST

Annual Awards

Awards Descriptions

ACEHK Annual Award - given to a project that proves to be the epitome engineering excellence, incorporates ingenuity, and takes considerable measures to ensure sustainability.

Overall Best Award - given to the project that stands out the most among all entries, and has received the highest total marks.

This years judges are Dr Cheng Hon Kwan GBS, OBE, JP and Dr James Blake, GBS, OBE, JP

The ACEHK Annual Awards Ceremony will take place at the ACEHK Annual Dinner 2019.

Updates to ACEHK Memorandum and Articles of Association

ACEHK Council has undertaken a review of it's Memorandum and Articles of Association to update the membership rules for the Association. Key changes include:

- i) Changes to Clause 12 to clarify requirements for admission to the register of Principals of the Association.
- ii) Clarifying wording of Clause 50 on situations where an objection to a voter can be made.
- iii) Clarification of Clause 68 with respect to voting requirements for electing council members
- iv) Amending Clause 73(d) with respect to the procedures for calling of an EGM

The full amendments are to be presented to members for approval at an EGM called for 16 Dec 2019.

Selected ACEHK Initiatives June 2019 - October 2019

- Submission to DevB on impact of changes to NEC forms of contracts

ACEHK has made representations to DevB regarding the impact on consultants' scope of work related to changes to NEC forms of contract within existing Agreements. It is the Association's view that any request to change a form of contract to be prepared or administered under a lump sum agreement falls within the scope of additional services, that should be assessed in accordance with Clause 33 of the governments General Conditions of Employment.

- Preparation of Standard Letter on Good Practice for Contract Clauses for non-government Clients

ACEHK is aware that in certain circumstances, consultants are requested to agree to contract conditions that are either unfair or out of proportion to their scope of services. Such conditions may related to high or unlimited liabilities, consequential losses, fitness for purpose provisions etc. The association is preparing a standard letter template for use by members to explain why such conditions may be inappropriate or counter-productive to both parties.

Summary of ACEHK Council Support to External Committees, June - October 2019

ACEHK council has made representations and/or provided support for the following initiatives during this period

- Attendance at CIC BIM Committee meetings to help develop BIM Standard no. 10
- Attendance at Organising Committee for Mainland & HK Construction Industry Forum
- Petition to ArchSD to request for separate appointments of Structural Engineering, Building Services consultancies etc.
- Attendance at HKTDC One Belt one Road Summit
- Attendance at FSD Ventilation Installation Liaison Group Meetings
- Attendance at EMSD Working Group for Reviewing the CoP for Electricity Wiring Regulations
- Attendance at Informal Exchange Session on Development of Buildability Evaluation System for Public Engineering Works Projects

Young Members' Committee

Event Highlights

The YMC has continued the popular mentorship programme with high subscription rate of over 50 participants this year. We were pleased to see the active engagement between the mentors and mentees in discussions. The YMC also launched the new breakfast meeting series, kicked off with the theme of Sustainability and Future Development in Hong Kong, and graced by the insights shared by our honourable guests from the public section - Mr. SH Lam JP, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), and Mr. CK Lau JP, Director of Civil Engineering & Development, also Commissioner of Mines.



Mentorship evening: group photo



Breakfast meeting: participants engaged in dialogue



Breakfast meeting: group photo

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