



## 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

## 2018 AGM

The ACEHK's Annual General Meeting was held at The Hong Kong Club on 10 December 2018. The meeting was well attended by 26 Council Members and Registered Principals.

At the meeting, it was confirmed that 3 new members were elected to the committee for the 2019 session to replace retiring committee members, including Honorary Treasurer Ir Francis Sotoo, Ir Stephanus Shou and Ir Jon Pavey. The three new elected members were Ir Julian Tyson of Halcrow China Ltd., Ir Chris Lee of CM Wong & Associates Ltd. and Ir Andy Kwok of Au Posfords Associates Ltd.. Ir Barry Sum of AECOM was nominated and seconded for the post of Chairman for the 2019 committee and was unanimously confirmed by the committee as Chairman for the 2019 session. Barry thanked immediate past chairman, Victor Cheung, and Francis for their excellent work on the committee in 2018 and the whole committee gave a vote of thanks for their service over the years. Ir Eric Lau of Atkins China Ltd & Ir Stephen Mak of Meinhardt Infrastructure & Environment Ltd. were nominated and seconded as Honorary secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively for the 2019 session. Ir Chris Lee agreed to take up the role of leading the Young Members Group.



## ACEHK Council Activities

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

- The Construction Site Safety Initiatives (2018) Relevant to Consultants - Consultation Paper
- Belt and Road: Hong Kong - IN Forum cum Belt and Road Cross-Professional Advancement Programme Inaugural Conference
- Management Handbook for Direct Employment of Resident Site Staff by Consultants for Public Works Projects, see p2 for further updates
- Discussion on the financial impacts to consultants on delay to consultancies; Payment Schedule for D&C and IDC Consultancy Agreements - discussion with CEC, see p2 for further updates
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- CIC Research and Technology Development Fund – Invitation from CIC to apply for development funds was circulated to members
- Discussion on RISC issue with Deputy Secretary of DevB, Mr Vincent Mak on RISC record. Discussions were held with DevB on this topical subject.
- Request for advice from ACEHK on BIM Standards for the Civil Discipline (UU)
- New Policy for Selection, Appointment and Management of Consultants under EACSB., see p2 for further updates
- Comment on the “Initial Design Parameters under Fire Safely Improvement Works Subsidy Scheme”
- Proposals for Further Liberalisation of Trade in Services under CEPA (
- Briefing on the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
- Support for the Belt and Road Summit 2019
- BIM Standards Forums - MEP & Underground Utilities
- PSW Study Expedition to UK on Uplifting Industry Performance (
- 60th Consulting Engineers Committee (CEC) Meeting

## CEC Discussion

ACEHK continues to maintain a dialogue with CEC and DevB on the implementation of the new Consultancy Procurement System. The 60th CEC meeting was held on 15 Mar 2019. DevB gave a brief update on the implementation of the new EACSB Consultancy Procurement System. 187 companies had applied for listing and 123 were approved.

## Improvements to Consultants' Cash-flow - Update

As reported in previous newsletters, the Council continues to make representations to government, through Development Bureau, for more equitable standard payment schedule arrangements for government consultancy (particularly Lump Sum) agreements.

EACSB submitted a proposal for modification of the consultancy payment schedule, which was circulated to members. There remained some concerns from members over some of the provisions of this draft proposal and further representations were made by Council to EACSB. A subsequent follow up meeting was held with DevB to present further evidence in support of our paper detailing the difficulties experienced by consultants as a result of onerous milestone payment schedules and the severe negative effects on consultants cashflow from extended delays in payment incurred should an agreement be delayed through no fault of the consultant.

The matter is being considered by DevB, and ACEHK continues to engage with the Bureau to address and resolve this issue.

## Revision to the EACSB Management Handbook for Direct Employment of Resident Site Staff by Consultants for Public Works Contracts

ACEHK has been in discussion with DevB regarding the wording of their supplementary agreements for management of RSS in accordance with the requirements of the new Management Handbook. After a number of representations and follow-up discussion with DevB on this matter, the wording of the supplementary agreement was amended to satisfaction of council and member companies were notified of ACEHK's decision to accept the new wording.

## NEC sharing session on Jan 14 after 6pm by Tim Knee-Robinson

Mr Tim Knee-Robinson, Drafter of NEC3 and NEC4 and Lead Drafter of NEC4 User Guide, gave a presentation to members on 14 Jan 2019. It covers an overview of NEC4 with focus on ECC, PSC, TSC and DBOC, as well as the transition from NEC3 to NEC4. The event was attended by over 50 member's representatives.

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Feedback

Members can provide feedback on any issue to the Chairman at:  
[chairman@acehk.org.hk](mailto:chairman@acehk.org.hk)

## Young Members' Committee

### Event Highlights

The Young Members' Committee (YMC) has concluded their second year of running strongly in 2018 and organised a variety of events. Thanks to the support and participation by young engineers from our member firms, and special thanks to the support from experienced engineers at the mentorship programme



Connect with Young Engineers at Mentorship Programme (July and December 2018) University of Hong Kong (October 2018)



Site Visit at Construction Industry Council (December 2018)

With the momentum gathered in the past two years, we welcome over 10 new members to our YMC and we look forward to delivering to you all more events and foster a tight network of young consulting engineers this coming year.

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