



Message from the Chair



Time flies so quickly. The AGM is upon us in just a few days. I would like to give members a brief summary of our activities in the past 12 months.

Three networking talks have been held with speakers Ir Frank Chan, Ir Dr Hon WK Lo and the latest one with Mr Ivan Cheung on "NEC - Moving with the Times." The Annual Seminar was successfully held on 20 June with over 270 attendees. The 41st Annual Dinner held on 12 November at the Langham Hotel was attended by over 260 members and guests, during which the Annual Award was presented to the winning team. A new ACEHK website was also launched at the Annual Dinner.

Since the promulgation of the new EACSB policy on selection, appointment and management of consultants in June, we have been working closely with DevB and successfully resolved our members' concerns, particularly on the manpower input update, in the implementation of the new policy on existing consultancy agreements. We will continue to co-ordinate with DevB and our members for any further improvement to the procurement system to achieve a healthy competition and more sustainable development of the industry. We are also having ongoing dialogue with DevB to amend the fee payment schedule to better match with actual expenditures in order to alleviate consultant's negative cashflow.

The Young Members Committee has been providing support to the Council in successfully organising the Annual Seminar and Annual Dinner, in spite of their impressive year plan of activities including a mentorship programme, project site visits and school talks for secondary school students. The youngsters have also created an ACEHK Facebook page.

ACEHK continues to give strong support to the HKTDC on activities under the Belt and Road initiative and the Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Forum led by DevB. We also have strong representation on various committees under the CIC.

I am deeply honoured to serve the ACEHK as Chairman for the 2017/2018 session. With your unfailing support, I believe we have achieved a eventful but fruitful year. I would like to thank all Council members for their dedication, hard work and support throughout the past 12 months. It has been a pleasure and inspiration working with you.

As 2018 is coming to a close very soon, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Victor Cheung
Chairman

ACEHK Annual Dinner

ACEHK held its 41st Annual Dinner on 12 Nov 2018 at the Langham Hotel. The event was a great success with 22 tables and attended by over 260 members and guests. The event was chaired by two of our YMC members, Tony Chan & Angie Chao and hosted by our Chairman, Ir Victor Cheung. Victor provided a wide ranging Chairman's speech about ACEHK's activities and aspirations. We also welcomed our Guest of Honour Mr LAM Sai-hung, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), who shared his views on the construction industry with the attendees.

The winners of the ACEHK Annual Awards were announced (see below) and the evening provided ample opportunity for networking during the pre-dinner reception, and during the dinner itself.



ACEHK ANNUAL AWARDS 2018

Winners of the ACEHK Annual Awards 2018 competition were announced at the Annual Dinner on 12 November 2018 at the Langham Hotel. The awards aims are:

- To promote awareness and enhance presence of the engineering industry
- To showcase and give due recognition to truly excellent projects.
- To share and highlight practices and management of successful projects.

OVERALL BEST AWARD RECIPIENT



This year's Overall Best Award was presented to the project team of Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point Site Formation & Infrastructure Works – Contract with the highest combined score of the four categories.

Project Team Members:

- Civil Engineering and Development Department
- AECOM Asia Co. Ltd.
- CRBC-CEC-Kaden JV
- Meinhardt Infrastructure and Environment Ltd.

ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS



Project: Retrofitting of Noise Barriers at Fnlaling Highway Between Po Shek Wu Road and Wo Hing Road

Project Team Members:

- Meinhardt Infrastructure and Environment Ltd.
- Chun Wo Construction & Engineering Co. Ltd.
- China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd.



Project: The Expansion of Tai Po Water Treatment Works

Project Team Members:

- Water Supplies Department
- Black & Veatch Hong Kong Ltd.



Project: Hong Kong's first application of TBM U-Turning Method in Underground Rock Cavern

Project Team Members:

- Atkins China Ltd.

EACSB's New Procurement and Consultants Monitoring System

After extensive consultations with DevB regarding their new procurement system, ACEHK was able to obtain satisfactory resolution on most of our members concerns, particularly in relation to the treatment of existing consultancy awards prior to the implementation of the new system.

Registration of consultants with the various government departments is currently ongoing and ACEHK continues to support our members in raising their queries and concerns with DevB regarding the registration process.

The new policy is a significant change to how government procures and manages engineering consultancies, and ACEHK will continue to support its members to raise and resolve issues that arise during the initial implementation of the new system.

Improvements to Consultants' Cash-flow - Update

As reported in the previous newsletter, 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.

A follow up meeting is to be held with DevB in Dec 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. We aim to achieve a quick and full resolution of all our members' outstanding concerns.

Luncheon Meeting with Ir Dr Hon LO wai-kiwok

Dr Lo shared his knowledge of challenges and opportunities for engineering works in the Greater Bay Area. He focused on the opportunities provided by the unique "One Country, two Systems" status of Hong Kong, and how this can help our industry secure work under the "one Belt One Road" and "Greater Bay Area Development" initiatives. Slides from his talk are available on our website, under past events.

NEC Sharing Luncheon

A luncheon was held at the World Trade Centre where Mr Ivan Cheung, NEC Asia Pacific Users' Group Secretary, shared his experience of the use of the NEC contract forms in Hong Kong.



Upcoming events

2018 AGM

10 December 2018

ACEHK YMC Mentorship Programme

The YMC will hold a reunion party for YMC mentors & mentees at Shun Fat Industrial Building on 14 Dec 2018.

NEC Sharing Session

ACEHK is arranging a NEC sharing session in Jan 2018, hosted by NEC Expert from UK, Mr Tim Knee-Robinson.

International Water Association Asia Pacific Regional Group Conference

HKCEC 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2019

ACEHK Revamped Website

ACEHK has a new, re-vamped website! The new features include a new modern look & feel, easy scroll & click navigation & updated photo galleries.

Please visit the site to check out all the ACEHK events and latest news
<http://www.acehk.org.hk>

Feedback

Members can provide feedback on any issue to the Chairman at:
chairman@acehk.org.hk

Young Members' Committee

Event Highlights

3 October 2018 Career Talk at HKU



With the theme "Connect with Young Engineers – Exploring the Engineering Industry in Hong Kong, the career talk was successfully held at HKU to inspire students to pursue engineering professions as their future career. Through experience sharing, it demonstrated how engineers improve our living place and provided an opportunity for students to have an exchange dialogue with our young engineers.



1 December 2018 Guided Tour at Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre (CITAC)

A visit to CITAC was organized for the YMC members to explore and identify innovative techniques and technologies. The CITAC's inaugural exhibition is divided into five different thematic zones, namely "Industrialisation", "Informatisation", "Intelligentisation", "Integration" and "Infinity", with more than 30 construction innovations on display. The exhibition showcases innovations both locally and internationally, which are suitable for adoption in the Hong Kong construction industry to bring greater productivity, sustainability and safety. Eric.Lau@atkinglobal.com

