

# Newsletter

July 2023

## Message from the Chairman



It has been an eventful first half of 2023 with a variety of activities organized by ACEHK and our member firms. I'm pleased to see so many of you participating in and benefitting from these events.

We had constructive meetings with DEVB regarding upcoming mega consultancy projects total over HK\$3 billion. These projects present significant opportunities for our member firms while strengthening Hong Kong's role in the Greater Bay Area.

Our breakfast discussion on talent retention highlighted the importance of attracting and nurturing young talent. I was glad to see so many young consulting engineers attending and sharing their perspectives. ACEHK will continue to organize more events for our rising stars.

We also participated in external events and committees, representing ACEHK and the views of our member firms. We strive to raise the profile of consulting engineering in Hong Kong and provide opportunities for collaboration.

Moving forward, ACEHK has planned various seminars, talks and networking opportunities covering topics like digitalization, talent development and the Greater Bay Area. I hope you will join us and bring your ideas to help build a vibrant future for our industry.

I wish you all the best for the rest of 2023 and look forward to meeting more of you at upcoming ACEHK events.

## Celebrating HKSAR's 26th anniversary

On 1 July 2023, Ole WONG (left) and Francis SOOTOO (right) have represented ACEHK to attend the celebration of HKSAR's 26th anniversary with CIC and construction sector guests at Zero Carbon Park of CIC.

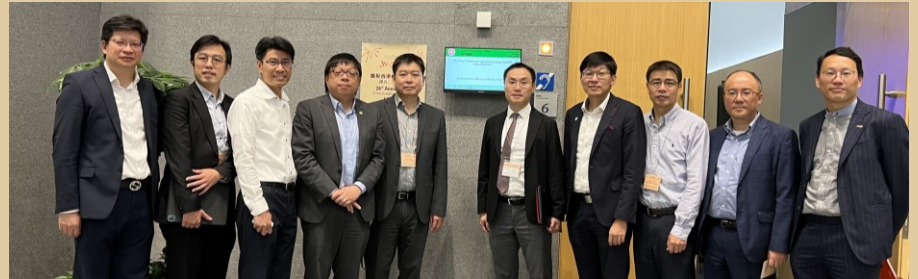


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## Mega Consultancy Projects Sharing by DEVB

DEVB has arranged two sessions to brief the Member Firms about the upcoming mega consultancy projects on 18 Jan 2023 and 29 June 2023. The projects include San Tin / Lok Ma Chau Development Node, Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and Associated Reclamation Sites, Lung Kwu Tan Reclamation, Kau Yi Chau Reclamation and Infrastructure, Tuen Mun Bypass, Route 11, etc. DEVB has informed that there are at least 70 no. of consultancies to be invited in 2023 with total estimated lump sum fee more than HK\$3,000m.



Left to Right : Dickson LAW, Ole WONG, David LEUNG, Tony HO, Andy KWOK, Simon NG, Stephen MAK, James SZE, Simon WONG, Clifford PHUNG

## Breakfast Meeting on Talent Retention in the Private Engineering Sector

On 2 June 2023, Andy KWOK (Chairman of ACEHK) and the construction industry leaders have attended a breakfast discussion about talent retention in Hong Kong for the private engineering sector to share their insights on the topic of Talent Retention in Private Engineering Sector. There were more than 30 young consulting engineers from different Members' firms joining the event.



Right 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> : Simon LIU (VP of HKCA) & Andy KWOK (Chairman of ACEHK)

## ACEHK Participation in Selected External Committees and Events

- **DevB – Consulting Engineering Committee** Meeting was held with DevB and the Secretary for Development to discuss key concerns of Member Firms on 7 Mar 2023.
- **前海管理局代表訪港座談交流會** Francis YAU has attended the forum on 23 Feb 2023 on behalf of ACEHK
- **Intellectual Property** ACEHK has attended DEVB meeting to discuss the position paper of Intellectual Property on 24 Feb 2023.
- **CIC Breakfast Meeting** Dickson LAW has joined breakfast meeting on 28 Feb 2023 regarding self-certification to express our view.
- **ArchSD Building Services Chat Forum** Eric LAU has attended the forum on 29 March 2023 together with Arup, WSP and JRP.
- **CIC 廣州高質量議會參訪團** ACEHK has encouraged the Member Firms to participate this event from 23 May 2023 to 25 May 2023.
- **DEVB Workshop on NEC Hong Kong Edition 2023** ACEHK have attended the workshop on 29 May 2023 held by DEVB to brief the Member Firms about the HK edition 2023 of NEC.
- **中央政府駐港聯絡辦教育科技部: 關於“融通大灣區建設工程管理制度·引領新時代建築業高質量發展”的調研安排** ACEHK has invited Member Firms to participate this event in June 2023.

## New Registered Principals

ACEHK congratulates the following new RPs from current Member Firms:

- Ir Kenny LAM from Mannings (Asia) Consultants Ltd
- Ir LAW Chu Wing and Ir PANG Hak Kan from Atkins
- Ir Vincent TAM and Ir Kelvin LAU from Wings & Associates Consulting Engineers Ltd

## Roadshows for Recruitment of Graduates from the Mainland China

DEVB has arranged recruitment roadshows with Mainland Universities graduates including 廣州大學, 廣東工業大學, 華南理工大學 and 深圳大學 between 25 April 2023 and 28 April 2023. ACEHK has invited our Member Firms to participate in the 4-days roadshows and our Honorary Financial Secretary Francis YAU (left photo) and Council Member Simon NG (right photo) have represented ACEHK to brief the Mainland students about Hong Kong consultancy industry which were well appreciated by Mainland students.



## BD Electronic Submission Hub Workshop

On 15 March 2023, ACEHK and Member Firms have attended a workshop organized by Buildings Department to spearhead the development of the Electronic Submission Hub (ESH) (<https://esh.bd.gov.hk>) as a digital platform for receiving and processing of building plans, documents and applications submitted under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123), as an alternative means to the present paper-based mode of submission.



Left to Right : SP CHIN, Francis YAU, YEUNG Kwok Wei, Clarice YU, AU YEUNG Hoi Pang, Andy KWOK, Simon NG

## CIC 齊建廉潔文化, 共享公平『誠』果

On 5 May 2023, Andy KWOK (Chairman of ACEHK) has joined the CIC event with DEVB to promote integrity management and a probity culture in the construction industry. The event which took place at the CIC Zero Carbon Park at Kowloon Bay was attended in person by around 90 leaders, company directors, managerial staff and practitioners of the construction industry, while about 2,000 practitioners joined online. Representatives of trade associations, institutes and workers' unions pledged to comply with the Integrity Action Agenda to proactively combat corruption and illegal "referral fees".



Right 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> : Andy KWOK (Chairman of ACEHK) & Tony HO (Dep Secy for Development (Works), DEVB)

## ACEHK Events Planned in 2023

The following events are currently planned for 2023. Further events will be added during the year. Please check the website for updates, which will also be included in the next Newsletter.

- **July** - Breakfast Talk - Digitalization and Innovation in Construction Works
- **August** - Greater Bay Area event
- **September** - Belt and Road Week at HKTDC
- **October** - Annual Seminar at 5 Oct 2023
- **November** - CEC Meeting, Annual Award and Annual Dinner at 13 Nov 2023
- **December** - AGM at 18 Dec 2023

## ACEHK Council Members for 2022/2023 Session

Position	Name	Company
Chairman	Ir Andy KWOK	Binnies
Past Chairman	Ir Stephen MAK	Meinhardt
Vice Chairman	Ir Stephen LAI	AECOM
Hon Secretary	Ir Ole WONG	Mott MacDonald
Hon Treasurer	Ir Francis YAU	Aurecon
Council Member	Ir Francis SOOTOO	MVA
Council Member	Ir Ivy KONG	WSP
Council Member	Ir Simon LAU	Au Posford
Council Member	Ir Jason WONG	Arup
Council Member	Ir Eric LAU	Buro Happold
Council Member	Ir Simon NG	Mannings
Co-Opted	Ir Chris LEE	CM Wong
Co-Opted	Ir Victor CHEUNG	J Roger Preston
Observer	Ir James SZE	Arup
Observer	Ir Dickson LAW	AIS
Observer	Ir Kan PANG	Atkins
Secretariat	Bernice CHENG	OM Link

## Young Members Committee

Position	Name	Company
Chairman	Derek YU	AECOM
Past Chairlady and Treasurer	Angela CHAO	CM Wong
Vice Chairman	Andrew LEE	AECOM
<b>Secretary, Social Media and Souvenirs</b>		
Kathy LAI (Mott MacDonald)		
<b>Social Events Team</b>		
Derek YU (AECOM), Louis AU (AECOM), Jimmy FUNG (Arup), Saad FAIZI (Arup), Raymond HUI (Atkins)		
<b>Bridge the gap Series Team</b>		
Angela CHAO (CM Wong), Heather AU (Aurecon), Hinx POON (Buro Happold), Joshua TAM (Binnies)		
<b>Delegation Team</b>		
Saad FAIZI (Arup), Cyrus CHAN (Binnies), Keiko KAM (WSP), Anwar UL HAQ (AECOM), George WONG (Mott MacDonald)		
<b>Initiatives/Projects Team</b>		
Andrew LEE (AECOM), Saad FAIZI (Arup), Sharjeel LARIK (Mott MacDonald), Fauzy SIDDIQUI (Mott MacDonald), Wes SUN (Buro Happold)		

## ACEHK YMC 2023

### Event Held:

14 Jan 2023 : Mentorship – Design Thinking Workshop

15 Mar 2023 : Mentorship – Wrap up event

2 June 2023 : Breakfast meeting – Talent Retention in Private Engineering Sector

### Upcoming Events:

Sept 2023 : Bridge the Gap Series – Event 1

Oct 2023 : Evening cocktail and Joint Society Design Thinking Workshop

Dec 2023 : Bridge the Gap Series – Event 2

2024 : Delegation to Dubai

## ACEHK Online and Feedback

- On the web <http://www.acehk.org.hk>
- On Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheACEHK/>
- On LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/in/the-association-of-consulting-engineers-of-hong-kong-139646235/>

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