

Newsletter

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The Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong

香港顧問工程師協會

Message from the Chairman



It has been a fruitful but rather challenging 1st half of 2024 that ACEHK together with our member firms organized and participated in variety of activities and events. It was my pleasure meeting many of you and noticing your active participation. Further to the 2nd round of recruitment from Mainland China between

October and November 2023 to mitigate the shortage of talent forecast by CIC, ACEHK had continuously participated in recruitment roadshows to UK in January 2024 and Mainland Universities graduates in April and May 2024.

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government stated after his announcement of the Hong Kong Budget 2024-2025 in February 2024 that the construction of Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands is expected to be delayed by two to three years, with possible delays in P&E and design & construction works observed. With the subsequent concern on the opportunities and pipeline of consultancies in the 2nd half of 2024 and onward, we have been maintaining regular dialogue with DevB. To address our concern, DevB arranged briefing to ACEHK Council Members in June 2024 and updated us the upcoming consultancies in 2024.

In 2023, there were about 3,100 industrial accidents in the construction industry in Hong Kong. Among these, were 20 casualties. In fact, the construction industry continues to record the highest fatality rate among all sectors in Hong Kong. The occupational health and safety is a top concern and a priority for all of us in the industry. As a result, ACEHK purposely organized and convene a Safety Forum 2024 in May to foster cross-industry collaboration and use this event as a forum to share knowledge and best practices and learn how we can embrace new technologies with overarching aim is to find ways to lift the overall safety performance of our industry.

Our YMC Breakfast Meeting in July with the theme of "Carbon Neutrality and ESG Initiatives in Built Environment" continue inspired our young engineers to gain deeper understanding of ESG trend in Hong Kong and how they can develop themselves as professional engineer with ESG oriented mindset. I was glad to see so many young engineers attending this remarkable event.

ACEHK will continue participated in external events and committees, representing ACEHK and the views of our member firms. We strive to raise the profile and healthiness 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 AI application in civil engineering, talent development and networking evening cocktail.

I would like to engage you to join us and work together to build a healthy and vibrant future for our industry. Last but not the least, I would like to wish you all the best for the rest of 2024 and look forward to seeing you more at upcoming ACEHK events.

DEVB's Briefing on Upcoming Consultancy 2024

DEVB has arranged briefing to ACEHK Council Members about the upcoming 2024 consultancy projects on 17 June 2024. The projects include First Phase Development of the NTN – San Tin / Lok Ma Chau Development Node – Package 3, Programme Management Services for CEDD Major Projects, Study of Landslides Occurring on HK Island & Outlying and Kowloon & NT between 2025 and 2027 (Paring), etc. DEVB has informed that there are around 64 no. of consultancies to be invited in 2024 with total forecast lump sum fee around HK2,150m. DEVB has also proposed adoption of 1-stage consultants selection process for large consultancies as default to save time and resources of both consultants and project offices in the future.



Recruitment of Graduates from the UK and Mainland China 華僑大學, 浙江大學 & 哈爾濱工業大學

ACEHK had participated recruitment roadshows to UK in Jan 2024 and Mainland Universities graduates in 2024. On 16 April 2024, 15 May 2024 & 28 May 2024, we have visited 華僑大學, 浙江大學 & 哈爾濱工業大學 respectively to brief the Mainland students about Hong Kong consultancy industry which were well appreciated by Mainland students.



ACEHK Safety Forum

ACEHK had successfully held Safety Forum 2024 on 8 May 2024 with title "Safety Resilience: Adapting, Innovating, and Thriving in the Face of Challenges". Leading by our Chairman Stephen Lai, we had pleasure to invite Ricky Lau (Permanent Secretary for DEVB) as our honourable guest for opening address. Distinguished speakers included Mr Nash DOYLE, Mr Bharatt Raaf, Ir Chris Cheng, Ir Francis Yau, Ir Johnny Chan, Ir Albert Cheng, Ir Simon Liu, Ir Andy Kwok and moderator Ir Rupert Leung. The forum had been warmly closed by Ir Prof Thomas Ho as our special guest to deliver inspiring closing remark to enlighten us the importance of safety.



ACEHK Annual Awards 2024

All companies/departments/authorities within Hong Kong are eligible for entry of ACEHK Annual Awards 2024 which will be due 6 September 2024. The awards are designed to promote awareness and enhance presence of the engineering industry, to showcase and give due recognition to truly excellent projects and to share and highlight practices and management that made projects successful. Please visit www.acehk.org.hk to register your submission !!



Now open for entries

Other Recent ACEHK Events

- Francis Yau/ Simon Lau- 粵港澳大湾区建筑科技联盟成立工作及粵港澳大湾区建筑科技联盟成立大会暨首届粤港澳大湾区建筑科学大会 on 6 & 7 Dec 2023
- Francis Yau / Simon Ng - HKIE Structural Division Annual Dinner 2024 on 19 Jan 2024
- Francis Sootoo - CIC Cocktail Reception on 21 Feb 2024
- Stephen Lai - HKIE Annual Dinner on 15 March 2024
- David Chang - Resident Site Staff Association Annual Dinner on 15 March 2024
- Stephen Lai, Francis Yau, Simon Ng, Victor Cheung - 26 March 2024 年內地與香港建築論壇
- Francis Yau - Centre of Excellence for Major Project Leaders: Project Delivery Capability Programme, Convocation Ceremony cum Welcome Session 2024 on 18 March 2024
- Chris Lee and Angela Chao - Reception for Scholarship and Bursary Donors 2023/24 on 16 April 2024
- Stephen Lai / Simon Ng - ICE Annual Conference on 18 April 2024
- Andy Kwok - 4S Labeling Scheme launching ceremony on 20 May 2024
- ACEHK Council Members – ACEHK/AREC/ArchSD Communication Meeting on 28 June 2024



Mainland University Engineering Graduates Welcome and Sharing Session (16 Jan 2024)

DEVB, ACEHK, HKIE and YMC have jointly organised the welcoming gathering on 16 Jan 2024 to share the experience and cultural exchange with the Mainland Graduates and our Hong Kong young engineers. ACEHK had actively participated the event and expressed our warmest welcome to the Mainland Graduates which were mostly appreciated by the young engineers. Stephen Lai, ACEHK chairman, had shared his life and career experience with his inspiring speech with all the participants.



YMC – Breakfast Meeting 2024

ACEHK YMC are thrilled to announce the big success of the ACEHK YMC – Breakfast Meeting 2024, held on July 5th! With the inspiring theme of "Carbon Neutrality and ESG Initiatives in Built Environment," this event served as a fantastic opportunity for young engineers to gain a deeper understanding of the ESG trend in Hong Kong. Moreover, it emphasised the pivotal role of bankers in this context and explored the profound impact of ESG initiatives on the engineering industry. We extend our sincere appreciation to our guest speakers, Ir Tim Wong and Mr. Kenny Mak, for graciously sharing their valuable time, knowledge, and resources, which undoubtedly contributed to the success of this event. Thank you to all the participants who joined us for this remarkable event, we look forward to welcoming you to our future events!



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ACEHK YMC 2024

Event Held:

5 Jul 2024: ACEHK YMC Breakfast Meeting 2024

26 Jul 2024: Bridge the Gap / Mentorship Series – Networking

Upcoming Events:

17 Aug 2024: Soft Skills Workshop

7 Sep 2024: Technical visit to MIC Factory in Zhaoqing

Nov 2024: Design Thinking Workshop

Dec 2024: Bridge the Gap / Mentorship Series – Networking

Dec 2024: Delegation

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