

President's Message

"A Busy but Rewarding Six Months"

The time is passing really fast and I have already finished half of my first tenure as the President of HKICM. I was overwhelmed by the busy schedule in the past six months. Although the tasks are daunting, the experience of working with a team of enthusiastic Office Bearers and Council Members for a common vision to build a stronger Institute is highly satisfying and most rewarding. Let me share with you some of the highlights in brief.

Membership

As at 1 April 2015, the total membership reached 1,978 (of which 1,026 are Corporate Members) representing a growth of 5.1% over the same period last year (2.3% for Corporate Members). A number of initiatives have been implemented or planned to boost the membership this year and I am optimistic that the number of members will have a new record high by next year.

External Liaison & Relationship

In late 2014, we have signed a collaboration agreement with the Chartered Association of Building Engineers, United Kingdom and Australian Institute of Building to embrace mutual collaboration for the benefits of both the construction industry and the building profession in respective areas.

Members' Forum

A members' forum to discuss the Consultation Paper on "Proposed Security of Payment Legislation for the Construction Industry" introduced by the Government will be held in August 2015. The Institute will collect the views from the members and respond to the Government regarding our views on the proposed framework for the legislation.

Training & CPD

Training courses organized or to be organized in 2015 include RCM Top-up Course for Registration as a RCM (1st intake in January 2015 and 2nd intake in August 2015), Short Course on Authorized Signatory Interview (1st session in April 2015 and 2nd session in July 2015) and Certificate in Construction Safety Supervisors in April 2015.

For the past 6 months, a total of 10 CPD events or 1.6 events per month were held with high rate of participation in general while 14 more CPD events have been scheduled for the coming 6 months. Many thanks to Cr Parco Tsang and his Committee for their dedicated hard work.

Financial Management

In order to tackle the escalating cost of business operations and the ad hoc expenses for office renovation, a Task Group led by the Honorary Treasurer, Cr C M Ho has been set up to study on how to generate additional income for the Institute, such as introduction of "Commercial Affiliate", commercial packages including commercial sponsors, event sponsors and advanced technology promotion seminars.

Summer Internship Programme 2015

This year's summer internship programme, which is in collaboration with VTC, has been launched in April. Promotion flyer and invitation letters were sent out to a total of 20 educational institutions, 138 contractors and 62 consultants. The responses were quite overwhelming as 165 student applicants and 9 supporting organizations offering a total of 28 placements were received.

Quality Building Award (QBA) 2016

Our Institute is honored to be the co-chairing organizations (together with Hong Kong Construction Association) for the QBA 2016. Thanks to 3 of our Council Members, led by IPP Cr Paul Chung as Co-chairman to take part in all levels of the organizing committee during the past few months, the award nomination period was official commenced from 22 June 2015 running until 12 p.m., 6 November 2015.

Office Renovation

A Task Group led by IPP, Cr Paul Chung has been set up to plan and oversee the proposed office renovation. An environmental consultant was engaged to develop the Secretariat Office into a green office upon completion of the renovation in the latter half of 2015.

I wish members may now have a better understanding of what the General Council has been doing during the past 6 months. I am very much looking forward to receiving your feedback and views so that we are able to improve and serve our members better.

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