

President's Message

Dear Members,

This would be my last presidential message before stepping down as President of HKICM after the upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held in December 2016. I would like to thank all of you for the continuous support and encouragement that you have given to our Institute and myself for the past 1½ years.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to share with you some of the works that we have accomplished during the first 7 months of 2016.

Membership

As at 1 April 2016, the total membership stood at 2,000 (of which 1,045 are Corporate Members) representing a moderate growth of 1.1% over the same period last year (1.9% for Corporate Members). A “Membership Drive Campaign” with a series of membership promotion programmes and schemes, including Member-Get-Member, Fellowship Hall, Membership Reinstatement and Upgrade to Professional Membership have been planned for implementation during the latter half of 2016 and early 2017 to boost the membership. I am optimistic that the number of members will have a new record high by next membership year.

In order to enhance the quality and standard of the Professional Assessment, a ‘PA Assessor Induction Training’ and ‘PA Assessors Forum’ were held in May and July 2016 respectively which focused on improvement of assessors’ understanding on the professional assessment program logistic, interview techniques and skillset, and upkeep the standard of assessment. In addition, the existing PA Panel Assessors Register revamped with its pool of Panel Assessors being updated and enlarged so as to cope with the expected increase in applications for membership.

Training & CPD

Training courses organized or to be organized during 2016 include Half-Day Elite Course on “Final Preparation Before Authorized Signatory Interview”, Construction Environmental Supervisor Certificate Course, Professional Assessment Workshop 2016 and RCM Top-up Course for Registration as a RCM (3rd intake).

Up to the present, a total of 9 CPD events or 1.3 events per month were held with high rate of participation in general while 5 more CPD events have been scheduled for the coming 2 months.

The Institute will soon launch its compulsory CPD Policy requiring ALL members (except the classes of Construction Supervisor, Graduate and Student) to complete a minimum of 30 CPD hours per year on a mandatory basis starting from 1 April 2017. This is a crucial yet indeed a big step forward for full professional development and recognition for all corporate members of the Institute.

Courses Accreditation

During the period, the Board of Examination has accredited or re-accredited a total of 3 MSc & 1 BSc degree and 1 professional diploma courses of HKU SPACE, 3 BSc & 1 MSc degree courses of UCEM and 4 diploma courses of CIC while application for 1 BSc degree & 1 professional diploma course of VTC are still under processing. Special thanks being given to BOE members for devoting their efforts to study and review the course curricula in detail before making recommendations to the General Council.

External Liaison & Relationship

Reaching out of the Office Bearers during the period includes:

- Lunch Meeting with CIOB (Hong Kong) and Courtesy Visit to Buildings Department in April 2016
- Courtesy Visit by AIB in May 2016
- Lunch Meeting with Liaison Office of The Central People's Government in HKSAR and Courtesy Visit to CIC by HKICM Office Bearers in June 2016
- Lunch Meeting with HKIS and with UCEM in July 2016

On 13 July 2016, an agreement was reached with Australian Institute of Building to enhance and renew the existing MoU on collaboration for another 2 years. Briefly, under the new MoU AIB members are eligible under HKICM's DMR Scheme to be admitted to the Member class of membership of HKICM subject to a Professional Interview.

Professional Services

The Authorized Signatory (AS) Committee, jointly with SME Committee of Hong Kong Construction Association, has conducted a comprehensive AS questionnaire survey during the past 2 months to collect the views and opinions from ASs and other construction professionals on the daily problems they have encountered as an AS and the ways to enhance the existing AS registration system. A total of 128 responses were received which will be analysed and presented to the Buildings Department for consideration.

HKICM 20th Anniversary Activities

To celebrate 20 years of profound history and achievements, the Institute will hold its 20th Anniversary Dinner on 6th January 2017 (Friday) at Conrad Hong Kong in Admiralty area, Hong Kong.

In addition, “Construction Management Awards” will also be organized, as part of the anniversary activities, to give public recognition to buildings and individuals with outstanding quality and performance. All members of the Hong Kong construction management profession will be invited to submit entries for the Construction Management Awards.

I wish members may now have a better understanding of what the General Council has been doing during the past 7 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.

Best regards



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