

President's Message



Dear Members,

Welcome to my second message in the HKICM Newsletter 2018.

This quarter has gone really quick and it is already halfway through 2018. Our Council has been extremely busy working very hard while my presidential calendar was once again filled up with various invitations, events and activities throughout the past three months. It has been a very busy and fruitful months and I am pleased to share with you some of the encouraging endeavors and advancements for the Institute.

(1) CPD and Training

Other than those regular CPD seminars, a training series on “Professional Practices in Construction Management” to enhance the core competence of our members on their practical knowledge in construction was official launched in April 2018.

The training series, which contains a total of 7 modules, will be delivered one module per month from April to November 2018. The first 3 series were successfully held during 2Q 2018, including: Series 1 - Site Layout and Mobilization on 19 & 26 April 2018, Series 2 - Construction Site Safety on 15 & 29 May 2018 and Series 3 - Alternative Dispute Resolution on 15 & 22 June 2018.

In addition, 3 technical visits have also been successfully held during the period, including:

- Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge in Zhuhai, PRC on 27 April 2018;
- "WEEE Park" and "EcoPark" on 12 May 2018; and
- Greater Bay Area (Guangdong Province) on 17 & 18 May 2018.

(2) External Communications

During the period, courtesy visits have paid to Legislative Councillors, including Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS (Functional Constituency - Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape) on 30 April 2018 and Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP (Engineering Functional Constituency) on 12 June 2018 respectively. Upcoming courtesy visits being scheduled, including Labour Department and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation in August 2018.

(3) Connections with Mainland

On 17 May 2018, a 16-member HKICM delegation has paid a courtesy visit to the Guangdong Construction Industry Association during a 2-day technical visit to the Greater Bay Area (Guangdong Province). It was the first time that the two organizations met to exchange views and construction working practices.

During the meeting, discussions were primarily focused on exploring collaboration opportunities to enhance the development of the construction management profession between Hong Kong and on the Mainland. Both parties agreed to develop a closer ties and a MOU on co-operation was signed and witnessed by official from the Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of Guangdong Province and members from both organizations.

In addition, a 3-day visit to China Construction Industry Association and its Constructor Committee as well as relevant ministries and bureaux in Beijing has also been scheduled in mid-September 2018.

(4) Promoting Our Profession and Members

The latest media reports on the suspected substandard construction works at the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link Project have aroused public concerns on the quality of works and safety of the rail project and raised queries on the existing quality assurance, site supervision and control systems and processes.

The Institute is very concerned about the incidents and has expressed our views through various media that “lack of proper supervision is likely the main cause of the substandard works at Hung Hom MTR Station. In the absence of a registration system for site supervision personnel means they aren't forced to take responsibility for anything that goes wrong.”

To close the loophole, the Institute urges the Government to consider introducing a mandatory registration scheme to regulate the registration of and control the competency standard as well as to enhance the professionalism of site supervision personnel, including Construction Managers and front-line Construction Supervisors.

(5) Promoting Construction Management Excellence - Construction Management Award (CMA)

CMA 2018 nominations were officially closed on 29 June 2018 and encouraging numbers of nominations were received which is now undergoing first screening process.

For CMA 2018, in addition to the existing award categories, two new awards “Young Construction Manager Award” and “Distinguish Construction Manager Award”, which are essentially a Hall of Fame for Construction Managers, will also be established. The results will be announced during the HKICM 21st Anniversary Dinner cum CMA 2018 Presentation Ceremony to be held at JW Marriott Hong Kong on 16 Nov 2018.

This year is an amazing opportunity and I am looking forward to promoting our Institute and our profession wherever I can. Thanks again for all the supports and I am confident that our Institute will continue to prosper and maintain our progressive and sustainable development to face the challenges ahead.

Best regards,



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President

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