

## President's Message



Dear fellow members,

This is my 2nd President's report since I took office on 12 December last year. With the full support from members of the Executive Committee and General Council, substantial advancement in various aspects of works has been accomplished. Many thanks for their unfailing support and hard works during the past few months and I am pleased to highlight the major areas of our works and where we are heading for your information.

### **(1) Membership**

- As at 31 March 2019, the total membership reached 2,872 (of which 1,129 are Corporate Members) representing a growth of 13.5% over the same period last year (2,530 as at 31 March 2018).
- In order to maintain a steady growth of membership, promotional and career talks as well as briefings on introducing HKICM and construction management profession will continue to be conducted at various education institutions and major construction companies for the remaining year.

### **(2) CPD and Training**

- Up to the end of April 2019, a total of 12 CPD and training events, including 6 CPD seminars, 3 technical visits and 3 training courses, have already been organized.
- Upcoming events scheduled during 2nd Quarter 2019 will include 3 CPD seminars, 1 technical visit and 3 CPD training courses under "Professional Practices in Construction Management" series.

### **(3) Education and Academic/Professional Accreditation**

- As resolved by the General Council during last meeting, corporate membership of Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Building Surveying, Quantity Surveying & Construction and Project Management Path) were approved as equivalent professional qualifications under "DMR Scheme" with immediate effect.
- It was confirmed by BOE that validity of the existing accreditation of VTC SHAPE

programme BSc in Construction Management due to revision of programme curriculum (effective from September 2019 intake) will not be affected.

- A Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration between HKICM and The Civil Engineering and Architectural Society of Guangdong was signed on 12 January 2019 for a term of 3 years.
- Preliminary discussions have been held on accreditation of two Professional Diploma courses in construction management delivered by the Hong Kong Institute of Constructions.

#### **(4) External Relationship**

- During the period, external communications continued with relevant local and overseas government departments, public authorities and peer professional organizations via courtesy visits or meetings, including:
  - > Courtesy visit to Central and Western District Office of Home Affairs Department on 8 January 2019;
  - > Courtesy visit to HKICM by a delegation from Guangdong Provincial Association for Science and Technology on 12 January 2019;
  - > Courtesy visit to HKICM by a delegation from Safety Administration Bureau of Xiongan New Area on 24 Jan 2019;
  - > Courtesy visit to Hong Kong Housing Society and Development Bureau on 12 April and 18 April 2019 respectively; and
  - > Meeting with the President of Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors on 25 April 2019.
- Upcoming events during the remaining year, including:
  - > HKICM Hunan Exchange & Study Tour 2019 has been scheduled from 15 ~ 18 May 2019; and
  - > Courtesy visits to Construction Industry Council and Hospital Authority tentatively in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2019.

#### **(5) Public & Social Affairs**

- Representing the Institute as one of the industry stakeholders, I have attended the CIC Breakfast Meeting held on 20 Feb 2019 to discuss the roadmap of actions in response to the latest quality supervision issues. Thereafter, a letter was sent to CIC on 25 Feb 2019 soliciting to join the newly established “Task Force on Construction Industry Site Supervision Practice” to review the site supervision practice on quality of major structural construction projects.
- A letter was sent on 15 April 2019 to express our members’ views and opinions on Labour Department’s proposal to increase the maximum fines and the maximum imprisonment terms under the Occupational Safety and Health Legislation applicable to construction.

**(6) Promoting Construction Management Excellence - HKICM Conference 2019**

- The HKICM Conference 2019, jointly organized with Small & Medium Enterprise Committee of HKCA, which is themed “Construction New Era - Innovation and Professionalism 營新 - 專業新紀元” scheduled to be held on 11 Oct 2019 (Friday) at Grand Ballroom, Ocean Park Marriot, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

**(7) Professional Services**

- The 7<sup>th</sup> in-take of the Half-day Elite Course on “Final Preparation before Authorized signatory (AS) Interview”, organized by the AS Committee, was held on 23 Feb 2019.
- Private tutorial on ‘AS Interview Training’ was organized for Gammon Construction Limited and Paul Y. Engineering Group on 5 Jan and 6 Apr 2019 respectively.
- A quick survey, organized by the AS Committee, regarding the issues on: (i) enhancing Communication between ASs and TDs with Buildings Department; and (ii) risks and insurance associated with AS. Results of the survey will be presented and discussed during the upcoming meeting with BD.

**(8) Social, Sports & Recreation Events and Activities**

- A spring gathering of the new General Council 2018/19, including a lunch gathering at Lingnan Club and thereafter a photo-taking session at the Secretariat Office, was held on 12 January 2019 (Saturday) afternoon.
- Sports and recreation activities participated/to be participated, including:
  - > ‘Construction Industry Happy Run and Carnival 2019’ organized by CIC was held on 19 Jan 2019;
  - > ‘Green Run 2019’ organized by Green Council was held on 24 Mar 2019;
  - > ‘Construction Industry Table Tennis Competition and Carnival 2019’ organized by CIC was held on 7 & 14 Apr 2019; and
  - > ‘Construction Industry Council Futsal Competition 2019’ organized by CIC will be held on 23 Jun 2019.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the members who have contributed tirelessly to the common good of our profession.

With Warmest Regards,



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President

30 April 2019