

President's Message



Dear Members and Friends,

October 1st was a joyful day as we celebrated the 74th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. It is my honor to represent the HKICM in attending a series of celebration events organized by some of our major alliances in Hong Kong. We have also rolled out an array of celebratory events to share the joy of the National Day. With a view to bringing a celebratory ambience around town, we have organized a Basketball Tournament for our members and industry peers to enjoy and boost the bonds off work. The members' reception has also been resumed lately whereby we presented membership diploma to newly elected members. We are thrilled to see so many enthusiastic members who are eager to connect and contribute to the development of the Institute.

We have developed very close links with 廣東省土木建築學會 on mutual membership recognition and are presently engaged in nominating thirty of our Fellow members to be their members. Moving forward, we will explore and solicit their support for our application for 一級建造師 in Mainland China. In view of the potential conversion of candidates from Mainland kindred bodies, we are also proactively reviewing the entitlements for members elected through this channel. We will keep you posted on the details once acknowledged by the General Council.

Following the success of the exploratory delegation to GBA in Jun, we are delighted to let you know that a study tour to 四川 (Sichuan) has been planned in late October. We are finalising the itinerary and are expected to meet provincial government officials from 住房城鄉建設部辦公廳 (Ministry of Housing and Rural-Urban Development PRC) and professional kindred bodies, examine regional hydraulic engineering projects in 都江堰, tour 九寨溝-黃龍 conservatory and inspect the HKSAR aided panda sanctuary too.

It was an honour for us to attend the Construction Industry Council-Hong Kong Institute of Construction (CIC-HKIC) 2023 Employer Recognition and Guest Lecturer Appointment Ceremony on 20 September. Apart from being personally appointed as the Panel Chairman of the CIC Accredited Technician Training Scheme and Collaborative Training Scheme (認可技術專才培訓計劃及合作培訓計劃), we are pleased to nominate three of our senior construction managers as guest lecturers of the HKIC to contribute professional skills to industry training. It is my hope that this training program will open more concrete opportunities for young practitioners. In fact, there are various areas in which HKICM can strengthen collaboration with CIC HKIC, including lifelong learning and construction supervisor conversion courses.

It's worth noting that we have received a delegation from the Huizhou Prefabricated Construction Supply

Hong Kong Alliance (惠州裝配式建造供港聯盟) last month in Hong Kong. The Alliance's unique edge in maintaining smooth connectivity and close ties with MIC and MiMEP manufacturers would allow us to better engage high-quality suppliers in Mainland. This has not only help to alleviate the shortage of labour and shorten the time for installation of E&M installations on site, but also further enhance site safety, construction quality and reduce construction waste. All these are crucial to the theme of "speed up, improve efficiency, increase quantity and improve quality" and hence instrumental in fostering sustained housing supply and development.

While we have organised various thematic CPDs over the last quarter, the 'Corruption Prevention in Administration of NEC Target Contracts' online seminar (Aug 9), presented by Ms Maria Lo, Chief Corruption Prevention Officer, ICAC stands out remarkably. This event was well received by an overwhelmed signed up of over 320 viewers. We would strive to strengthen our commitment to ethics and conduct rules and focus on professional services.

Our popular AS pre-assessment preparation course held on 22 July was also well attended by 25 participants eager to learn about the interviewing skills and to familiarize themselves with the assessment process. Kudos again to our experienced presenters and audiences. A few site visits have been organized in the last quarter including a visit to Hong Kong Battery Recycling Centre on 5 August.

We also have a productive discussion with the Architectural Services Department on 17 August to advance RCM/RCS professional quality assurance in view of soaring concern on construction site safety and management. We have reiterated in several media interviews that deployment of RCM/RCS is the utmost solution considering the mounting complexity of construction management and unabated heartbreaking accidents occurred persistently. Our Safety, Health and Environment Committee has also dedicated themselves to produce a series of "safety walk" and "safety talk" learning sessions to address the concerned situation.

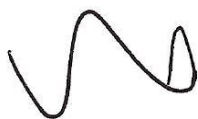
We have formally introduced our enhanced competence-based assessment in professional membership conversion from September onwards. Supported by our registered assessors who have fully been trained to comply with the revamp, all candidates will need to prove their competence and convince the panel assessors that they are capable of practicing as professionals. And we look forward to serving the industry better by HKICM professional members.

As the co-organiser of "2023 Young Lo Pan Award Ceremony" 青年魯班選舉, we have been supporting the Hong Kong Lo Pan Kwong Yuet Tong, the Vocational Training Council and Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union, to promote professional images and development prospects as well as targeted teaching in schools to attract more young people to the construction industry. The award presentation ceremony was held successfully on 30th of July (魯班先師寶誕 Lo Pan Patron's Day) at the Lo Pan Temple at Ching Lin Terrance, Kennedy Town.

Lastly, we are proceeding well with the preparation of our biennial Joint Conference with HKCA. And Dr Allan ZEMAN, GBM, GBS, JP, Chairman of Lan Kwai Fong Group has kindly accepted our invitation to be the Guest of Honour. With the theme of "建築人 何去何從? Construction at the Crossroads", the Conference will address the constraints and challenges the construction industry faces and identify ways that lead us to a thriving future. We look forward to seeing you all on 12 January 2024.

We thank you for your continuous support and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Best wishes,



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President
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