

### President's Message



Dear Members,

As we move onto the last quarter of 2021, we wish you all had a very cozy reunion with your families over the Mid-Autumn Festival. We are also steadily accomplishing our yearly goals especially amid the challenging time brought about by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

The HKICM 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dinner cum Construction Management Awards (CMA) 2020 Presentation Ceremony was successfully held on Friday, 27 August 2021 at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong. We were delighted to have Ir LAM Sai Hung, GBS, JP, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Development Bureau as our Guest-of-Honour as well as Mr YU Tak Cheung, JP, Director of Buildings, Buildings Department, Head Juror of CMA 2020 as VIP guest. In addition, nearly 360 distinguished guests and members joining us that evening, including officials from Government and Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR, as well as HKICM Honorary Fellows, Past Presidents, Councillors and members to join the event.

Technical seminars, workshops and visits are already executed to provide continuing education and update of latest construction management skill and technologies. Our program either in-person or webinar, covers a wide range of activities such as our renowned prep course in July for Authorized Signatory (AS) co-organized with HKCA led by some of our most experienced Ex-com members; and the sought after webinar "Introduction of Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL) in New Public Works Contracts" held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and sequel plans on training accredited adjudicator for HKICM members in view of promoting HKICM to be admitted as an Adjudicator Nominating Body (ANB) under the SOP Framework. Technical visits from major contractual sites to automatic welding plant, either in person or virtual, from school to data center, are overly subscribed. The enthusiastic support and active involvement of members and non-members has accelerated continuous improvement on our planned activities.

To accommodate more candidates who are not able to attend professional assessment in person, we have conducted our first ever online professional assessment in August. We have also delivered an assessor induction workshop to boost the number of registered assessors and aligned them to the Institute's assessment philosophy to support conversion of aspired practitioners to be our professional members.

Having gone through years of strong cooperation with the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Hong Kong, we are delighted to reinforce our connection by signing a Memorandum of Understanding on 15<sup>th</sup> July. In short, we will maintain collaborative partnership and co-operation in knowledge sharing, continuous professional development, technical visits, and stakeholders' engagement in Hong Kong and beyond.

Further engagement with Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) has been made on 9<sup>th</sup> August. Several collaborations have been initiated to Director HO Wing-yin, Winnie, JP including interdisciplinary seminars and forums to share insights and perspectives from construction managers, architects, and engineers on the built ecosystem. We have also been involved in community services by donating to Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship and volunteered to present mooncakes and staple food to under-privileged in September. Our football team has brought us encouraging news by making their way to challenge the Construction Industry Council Grass Football League Cup (CIC Cup) sponsored by CISVP of CIC.

Furthermore, we are making good progress to prepare the Institute's Silver Jubilee next year. Revamped corporate video is in the final process of development and will be released during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in October 2021. Running in parallel, our Annual Conference – a joint event with HKCA with blended platform, has been set on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at HKCEC. The theme of the conference is "Rising Challenges. Embracing Change", and we are delighted to have Dr Allan Zeman, Chairman of Lan Kwai Fong Group, to be Guest of Honor. Renowned speakers from local and overseas have been invited and confirmed to present on the conference. We will strive to share and highlight fellow members' experiences and solutions in this occasion. Please stay tune to our announcement on website for the updates on our progress.

Final but not least, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The resolutions of the proposals to elect Ir LAM Sai Hung, GBS, JP, and Ir Prof MA Siu Cheung, Eric, GBS, JP as an Honorary Fellow were passed unanimously. We look forward to their support to advance HKICM to a position of pre-eminence in professional membership organizations.

Thanks again to our dedicated Council & committee members who have been contributed greatly to the success of our quality services and events.

Best Wishes,



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President  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2021