

President's Message



It is my great honour to assume the presidency of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers (HKICM) for the Council Year 2016/17 from our Immediate Past President, Cr LAM Kin-wing, Eddie. This has been a great year of my life and I enjoyed working with members in enhancing and promoting the profession of construction management.

Take this opportunity, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Eddie for his great leadership, and all Council and Co-opted Members of the Council Sessions 2014/15 & 2015/16 for their contribution to the Institute during the past two years.



The present status and recognition achieved by HKICM is a result of the joint efforts of our past presidents and senior members. I shall continuously co-operate with our council members to uphold our professional standards in order to maintain and strengthen the status of construction managers in Hong Kong, as well as to enhance closer relationship and collaboration with peer professional institutes in Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas.

In the coming year, the new Council and I will concentrate on the following tasks:

Construction Managers

To promote the importance and professionalism of “Construction Managers”, we shall:

- collaborate and jointly with universities and/or peer professional institutes to organize a conference on Construction Management; and
- invite construction companies to sign a “RCM Charter” in encouraging wider engagement of Registered Construction Managers in overseeing construction projects.

Construction Supervisors

Quality works require quality supervision. The experience and technical competence of Construction Supervisor is important to ensuring the works carried out by subcontractors/workers are properly done and the quality standards are met. To this end, we shall:

- officially launch the construction supervisors registration system to register and regulate the professional activities of Registered Construction Supervisors (RCS); and
- deliver career and introductory talks to students of CIC and VTC as well as employees of construction companies in encouraging them to join HKICM as construction supervisor members and then register as “RCS”.

Young Members

Young members are invaluable asset of our industry and indeed considered as the future for the construction management profession’s sustainable growth. In order to enable them to better understand the profession and the uniqueness of the skills and expertise it possesses, the following activities will be carried out to help enhance their interest in joining HKICM:

- encourage and assist them to pursue our membership by organizing pre-qualification structured learning course and CPDs; and
- encourage them to join our Young Members Committee and participate in our events and activities.

Experience Sharing

Construction management involves many different aspects and requires a lot of skills and experience which may take a rather long period of on-job training to master. Although large construction companies may have their own in-house construction management training and project management development programmes, they may not have sufficient time and resources to provide organized practical trainings to equip their staff to be construction managers or project heads. In view of this shortfall and most importantly with supports from the industry and veteran construction practitioners, we shall:

- organize a Structured Learning Short Course on “Construction Management Practice” to enhance construction practitioners on the relevant knowledge on technologies, laws and regulations, procedures and practices, etc. specific to the roles and duties of Construction Managers practicing in Hong Kong. Experienced construction practitioners will be invited as speakers who will share their practical experience; and
- CPD series based on experience sharing on construction management practices.

With the tremendous effort of the strong incoming council team and unfailing support from our members, I strongly believed that the Institute will maintain its important role as one of the leading stakeholders in the construction industry while attaining the recognition of construction management profession in Hong Kong is not so far away.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy and Prosperous Year of the Rooster and Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Regards



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HKICM President 2016-2017
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