

## President's Message



Dear Members,

### **A Look Back at 1<sup>st</sup> Half of 2017**

Year 2017 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HKICM with a series of celebration activities being kicked off from the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner cum CMA Awards Presentation Ceremony Banquet held on 6 January 2017. My heartfelt thanks go to all honorable guests, past presidents, founding members, members and friends of HKICM for their presence at the banquet and continuous support of the Institute over the past years.

Since I took up the presidency of HKICM in late 2016, my presidential calendar was filled up with various invitations and other events throughout the past 6 months, which have been full of exciting challenges and provided me with a lot of memorable experiences.

It's time to look back what we have engaged with achievements during the period and the major issues we are heading for the coming half year:

#### **(1) Construction Management Awards 2016**

Construction Management Awards (CMA), a bi-annual award first inaugurated in 2016 by HKICM, is a major highlight of the Institute as we promote our main goal to acknowledge the invincible construction team spirit and the dedicated construction practitioners for their excellence performance.

Themed "Takes up Challenges for Better Tomorrow", the CMA 2016 Excellent Construction Team Award was presented to the construction team of One HarbourGate Project as the project team exhibiting the most outstanding overall attributes. The list of all the award winners is uploaded onto the HKICM website.

I would like to thank the Organizing Committee led by Cr Paul CHUNG, our Past President in successfully organizing this event. A big thank you also goes to the Jury Panel headed by Mr HUI Siu-wai, JP, Director of Buildings in selecting the award winners. Special thanks must also give to all sponsors who generously provided their incredible supports.

An Organizing Committee co-led by Cr Daniel Shum and Cr Dick LI, our Vice President and Honorary Secretary respectively has been set up for the upcoming CMA 2018, in which a new award category “Young Construction Manager Award” will be established in addition to the existing categories.

## **(2) Membership**

As at 1 July 2017, we have a total of 2,187 members, an increase of 7.4% since early beginning of the year. We are able to achieve such a substantial membership growth, especially in Member and Construction Supervisor classes mainly as a result of the Membership Drive Campaign carried out during late 2016 and 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2017, including the “Member-Get-Member Programme” and promotional talks on Introduction of HKICM to students of various education institutions.

With the introduction of Membership Drive Campaign and launching of Construction Supervisors Registration System in the latter half of 2017, I’m confident that we are able to maintain a healthy growth in the number of members.

As for members benefit, HKICM has just joined the “Non-Profit Making Organizations Study Support Scheme (NMOSS) of LiPACE of The Open University of Hong Kong, our members can now enjoy 15% discount for enrolling some of the LiPACE programmes under the NMOSS.

## **(3) Continuous Professional Development (“CPD”) and Training**

To cope with the full launching of the new CPD policy (minimum of 30 CPD hours per year on a mandatory basis upon membership renewal) effective 1 April 2017, a total of 22 CPD events have been arranged or scheduled so far, thanks to the hard work of various committees, in particular, the CPD & Training Committee.

In order 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, a training series on “Construction Management Practice” in the forms of experience sharing CPDs and short courses will be organized, tentatively starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2017.

A pre-qualification structured learning course “HKICM Professional Assessment Workshop” was also organized in June 2017 to encourage and assist potential candidates to pursue HKICM membership.

The Institute will continue to organize series of CPD events and training courses for its members aiming to enhance their professional competency and to keep them abreast with the latest development of the building industry and changing market conditions during the rest of the year.

#### **(4) Education**

Over the years, the Young Members Committee has participated in the orientation programmes for university students to promote the professional image of the Institute so as to enable these prospective practitioners to better understand the construction management profession and the uniqueness of skills and expertise required.

With the increasing numbers of applications from educational institutions seeking our accreditation of new courses in construction management related disciplines, members of the Board of Examination have devoted their efforts to study and review the course curricula in detail and carry out accreditation visits before making recommendations to the General Council.

During the period, accreditation processes for a total of 8 Degree and Higher Diploma courses of Hong Kong College of Technology and Hong Kong Continuous Professional Education Centre was completed. In addition, enquiries/applications for accreditation of a total of 6 Bachelor degree courses from PolyU, PolyU SPEED and VTC SHAPE respectively have been received and currently under review.

To demonstrate the Institute’s dedication and commitment in promoting professional development in construction management and helping to nurture young talents for the industry, the Institute has resolved to launch a HKICM Scholarship Scheme to offer annual scholarships to recognized outstanding students undertaking programmes in construction management related disciplines at local universities and vocational training institutions.

#### **(5) External Relationship**

The Institute has maintained continuous communications with relevant government bureaux, departments and authorities through courtesy visits and other peer professional institutions via meetings and joint organization of events and activities.

We have scheduled courtesy visits to Development Bureau, Transport and Housing Bureau, Housing Department and Architectural Services Department during the latter half of 2017.

To promote the status and professionalism of “Construction Managers”, a RCM Forum: “Cost Escalation in Hong Kong Construction Projects - The Possible Way out” with HKCA, HKIPM, CIOB(HK) and AIQS as supporting organisations was successfully held on 17 June 2017 at the Lecture Theatre of PolyU Campus.

The HKICM Conference themed “The Bridge to Advancement: New Horizons in Hong Kong’s Construction Industry”, to be co-organized with SME Committee of HKCA, is scheduled for 17 November 2017 at the Cordis Hotel Hong Kong. This Conference is a signature event which provides an excellent platform for both local and overseas professionals, practitioners and academia to exchange ideas and share their experiences to promote the productivity and innovation in the Construction Industry.

## **(6) Social Events and Activities**

In building up a more cohesive team spirit within the Institute and amongst the members, we have organized or participated in following social and sports events during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year, including VTC Day Camp, CIC Qigong Class, CIC Happy Run, Young Lu Pan Awards Contest and CIC Football League 2017.

In addition, it was recently resolved that HKICM will form a Volunteer Team to extend our services and assistance to social/community organizations so as to foster a caring spirit in the community in Hong Kong. It is believe that with the concerted effort and participation of the social service team, our profession can earn a higher esteem and recognition in the community.

Finally, 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.

Regards,



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HKICM President

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