

The Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong  
香港顧問工程師協會

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### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



On 15 April 1977, the Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong was established as a non-profit making association representing the consulting engineering profession in Hong Kong. A group of engineers were seeking to set and maintain standards of professional conduct and ethics of consulting engineers, promote the advancement of the profession of consulting engineering and promote the professional interests, rights, powers and privileges of consulting engineers.

With this vision, ACEHK is entering its 40<sup>th</sup> years. Over the past 39 years, ACEHK has successfully promoted the advancement of the Profession of Consulting Engineering, both in Hong Kong and overseas. We have also offered a platform to address the business interests of its members and assist local authorities, developers, bankers, funding agencies and others requiring engineering services to select consulting engineers.

In recent years, Hong Kong consulting engineers has outreached to China and other Southeast Asia countries, demonstrating the competency and agility of local engineers. Following the Belt and Road Initiative, the Association has led the Hong Kong Consulting Engineers' footprint further to ASEAN and European countries, promoting the advancement of profession and extending the business border.

A series of 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary events are arranged to welcome this remarkable milestone as listed below. More will be coming. Please do join us to celebrate this precious moment.

**Ian CHUNG**  
Chairman

Date	Events
April 2016	Photo Competition
May 2016	Cocktail Reception
Jun 2016	Seminar
Sep 2016	Golf Day
End 2016	40th Anniversary commemorative issue

### 2015/2016 session Council Member

As 39<sup>th</sup> accepted in the Annual General Meeting (AGM), 12 council members are elected for ACEHK 2015/2016 session. They are:

Ian Chung  
Francis Kung  
David Chang  
Francis Sootoo  
Thomas Chan  
Rupert Leung

Tommy Ng  
William Ng  
Stephanus Shou  
KK Yin  
David Au  
Sai Hing Ching

### MATTERS OF THE MOMENT

#### Meeting with Dr. WK Lo

ACEHK has conducted a breakfast meeting with Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, Member of the Legislative Council expressing the concern on recent filibustering in the Legislative Council Meeting which results in delay in the approval of financial funding for Public Works. Members also raised the issue that most of the consultancy services on railway projects have been completed or will be completed very soon. This is lack of upcoming railway projects to sustain the current workforce and some companies have released or demobilized their railway workforce.



#### Construction Industry Alliance - Say NO to Filibustering Parade for Livelihood

Filibustering is hurting our livelihood and the industry future. Further to the Construction Industry Alliance (CIA)'s Press Conference and the meeting with the Chairmen of Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee and Public Works Subcommittee on 20 January 2016. The Alliance at its follow up meeting on 3 February 2016 considered that we should voice out and bring up public's awareness on the serious implications to the livelihood of construction employees and the local economy. At a time when the global economy is volatile the implication will be devastating.

Three rallies have been arranged on 13 March, 10 April and 8 May to express our grave concern on the impact of filibustering in the LegCo. ACEHK will continuously fight for the livelihood of construction employees and the local economy.



## Belt and Road Portal

ACEHK was invited by HKTDC to become one of the advisors in the Belt and Road Portal. As an advisor, ACEHK will be listed in the portal. In return, ACEHK would agree to provide a one hour free consultation, on Belt and Road related infrastructure projects, to each enquirer. These consultation sessions will be carried out in person in Hong Kong. Should the enquirers require further consultation (i.e. after the first hour), individual advisors could consider charging a consultation fee at their discretion.

ACEHK has confirmed our interest in registration to the portal. More details and updates will be posted on ACEHK website: [www.acehk.org.hk](http://www.acehk.org.hk)

## Belt and Road Summit 2016

The event is organised by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region, supported by the People's Republic of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Commerce, and the People's Bank of China, in association with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. More than 20 international thought-leaders, senior ministers from countries along the Belt and Road, and renowned business leaders will offer their insights during the conference.

Over 2,500 participants, including key figures of international institutions, corporate leaders, project owners, global investors and service professionals, are expected attend the event, providing networking opportunities.

China's Belt and Road Initiative is designed to enhance the orderly free-flow of trade and the efficient allocation of resources by expanding business cooperation between East and West, from Asia to Europe via Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, West Asia and the Middle East.

The "Belt" and "Road" refer to the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, respectively. The Initiative offers companies unparalleled opportunities to tap new markets and explore the tremendous potential of the Chinese mainland, ASEAN countries and many other economies along the Belt and Road.

To highlight the excellence of Hong Kong's infrastructure and real estate-related services in the context of Belt and Road initiative, ACEHK is invited by HKTDC to join the event and is offered to have a display area to showcase how Hong Kong's Infrastructure and real estate-related sector can offer its service and bring about economic benefits to the markets concerned under the Belt and Road initiative.

The event has been held 18 May 2016 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Significant projects from ACEHK member firms are displayed at the ACEHK booth. Leaflet introducing ACEHK is also placed at the display area provided by the HKTDC.



## Construction Industry Security of Payment Ordinance

ACEHK has been invited to join the task force for preparation of legislative proposal to the Construction Industry Security of Payment Ordinance to provide advice on industry practices and operation details relevant to the proposal and to resolve issues referred by the Government for finalization of the legislative framework. 3-month Consultation for the proposed Ordinance has been conducted from 1 June 2015 to 31 August 2015 and regular meetings have been held to offer comments and advice on responses received and proposed amendments.

## Consulting Engineering Committee (CEC)

ACEHK has continuous meetings with Development Bureau in the Consulting Engineering Committee (CEC). It is a forum for the discussion of all matters relating to the employment of engineering and associated consultants. Below are some of the topics under discussion:

- The Construction market – Clearer pipeline to be provided
- CEPA opportunities and related issues – Participation in foreign aids projects
- Manpower and resources management
- Procurement Policy - NEC
- Consultancy administration

The next meeting will be held on 1 June 2016.

## NEW JOINERS

We warmly welcome FL Engineering Consultants Ltd and Hewson Consulting Ltd. joining the ACEHK from December 2015 and February 2016 respectively.

FL Engineering Consultants Ltd. was established in 2003. The principal business activities of the company is the provision to clients with quality consulting services and cost effective solutions in the field of highway engineering particularly in the specialized areas of highway maintenance work and small scale capital works projects.

Hewson Consulting Engineers are bridge and structural design consultants with a passion for delivering creative engineering solutions irrespective of the size or location of the project, providing We provide specialist bridge, structural and geotechnical engineering and design services to contractors, consultants and owners.

## RECENT CHANGES TO LIST OF REGISTERED PRINCIPALS

### Joiners

Name	Firm
Chapman Lam	MVA
Li Shing Foon Eric	CH2M/Halcrow China
Chan HoYan, James	Black & Veatch
Searle William Justin	Black & Veatch
Chan Chi Kong	Hyder
Man kin-chang, John	Meinhardt
Phung Wing-cheung, Clifford	Meinhardt
Lai Wai-wah, Alex	Meinhardt
Ho Ka-kit, Kenith	Meinhardt
Chan Pak Cheung, Raymond	Jacobs
Lee Kai Chao	FL
Nigel Roy Hewson	Hewson
Andrew Peter Hodgkinson	Hewson

### Leavers

Name	Firm
Paul Yau	Meinhardt
Richard Ko	Jacobs
Tony Lam	Jacobs
Ricky Yim	SMEC

## FEEDBACK CORNER

Event updates have also been posted in <http://www.acehk.org.hk>

Members can provide feedback on any current issue to [chairman@acehk.org.hk](mailto:chairman@acehk.org.hk)