

Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I hope you all have enjoyed a rejuvenating Easter! As we move steadily into 2017, allow me to share with you our progress thus far.

We have gained ground in implementing our initiatives planned for this year. As such, I am pleased to announce that the Networking Lunch with speaker Ir Wai Chi Shing held on the 28th of February was a successful event with a good turnout of participants; moreover, the next networking event is being held on 16 May. The ACEHK Annual Awards event is also currently under planning; the Annual Awards Ceremony will be held during the ACEHK Annual Dinner on 20 November. Our Annual Seminar has also been set to take place on 19 June, and will be on the topic of Enhancing Project Cost Management. Likewise, with much success, the Young Members Presentation initiative has also seen good progress as final preparations for seminar presentations are being carried out simultaneously with its logistics arrangements.

ACEHK has participated in the recent Construction Industry Alliance Anti-Filibustering Rally at LegCo on 19th March, and will continue to make a firm stand against filibustering in the future. As always, ACEHK will maintain its efforts in campaigning for a better future for the industry.

On the Belt and Road Initiative, ACEHK will continue to focus on strengthening relationships with HKTDC, the Liaison Office of Central People's Government, and the Infrastructure Financing Facilitation Office.

I look forward to seeing your support at each of our upcoming events, I am confident we will continue to be successful in implementing our initiatives, and in strengthening our connections across the entire industry.

Francis KUNG

Chairman

OUR INITIATIVES

28 February 2017 (Tuesday) – The first networking lunch was held at Harbour Grand Hong Kong and attended by over 60 participants. The speaker was Ir Wai Chi Shing, GBS JP FHKEng, Managing Director of Urban Renewal Authority and gave an interesting talk on “Leveraging Consultants’ Innovation to Enhance Quality of Urban Renewal”. The presentation material is posted on the ACEHK website for members.



20 November 2017 (Monday) – The ACEHK Annual Awards event is nearing its opening date for submission entry. Through this event, we hope to showcase and give due recognition to truly excellent engineering projects. A subsequent award ceremony is planned to take place during this year's ACEHK Annual Dinner. Guidelines for entry and details of this event may be found on the ACEHK website.

Young Member's Presentation – The Young Member's Committee are now currently finalizing their presentation materials, and are reaching out to the first batch of university students. By raising awareness of the role of the Engineer throughout Hong Kong's history, we help society better understand the need for innovative and sustainable engineering solutions.

CIA ANTI-FILIBUSTERING RALLY

19 March 2017 (Sunday) – ACEHK participated in the Construction Industry Alliance Anti-Filibustering Rally at LegCo. Around 2000 participants (both professional and construction workers) from the construction industry attended the Rally.



EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY CHAIRMAN AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBERS

28 April 2017 – Seminar on Investment Opportunity towards Thailand 4.0

20 April 2017 – Communication Meeting between ACEHK, AREC, ArchSD

12 April 2017 – 1st OC of 2018 Mainland and HK Construction Industry Forum

11 April 2017 – HKCA 69th Council Inaugural Ceremony and Dinner

7 April 2017 – HKIE Conference “Our Hub Your Future in Belt and Road”

24 March 2017 – AAP AGM & Dinner

22 March 2017 – Indian Chamber of Commerce Annual Cocktail

17 March 2017 – HKIE 42nd Annual Dinner

26 February 2017 – HKRCA Annual Dinner

20 February 2017 – HKIA Spring Reception

CONSTRUCTION / CONSULTANCY FORECAST / ANALYSIS

Construction Industry Activities/ Overview

LegCo

On Saturday 18th March 2017, the Legislative Council's Finance Committee eventually approved \$12.4 billion in funding for a package of public works projects. However, the other outstanding packages that included major projects amount to \$80 billion are still pending final approval.

Hong Kong 2030+

The HK 2030+'s 6-month public engagement (PE) ends on 30 April 2017. The Conceptual Spatial Framework for Hong Kong 2030+ depicts Strategic Growth Areas like the East Lantau Metropolis (ELM) and New Territories North, and new Supporting Transport Networks, and will be the topics of the upcoming technical studies.

BELT & ROAD

ACEHK is invited by HKTDC to join the High-level Infrastructure Investment Mission to Thailand and Vietnam on 7-12 May 2017.

The registration is closed and if members are interested to join future events, please take note of our email notices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. Breakfast Sharing Talk by Mr Raymond Lee, Director of Planning will be held on 16 May 2017 (Tuesday) at the Hong Kong Club.
- B. CHINCA 1-2 days visit to CHINCA, AIIB, and China Civil Engineering Society in Beijing is being planned for mid-2017.
- C. Annual Awards 2017 - The OC members have prepared the criteria and selection panels for the award. Tentative call for Entry is in April/May 2017. Details will be circulated to Members and posted on the Website.
- D. Cocktail Commemorating the 40th Anniversary Album Launch will be held by 13 June 2017.
- E. Annual Seminar on "Enhancing Project Cost Management" will be held on 19 June 2017 (Monday). Venue: Theatre II, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong.
- F. 40th Anniversary Annual Dinner and Annual Awards Ceremony at Cordis Hotel will be held on 20 November 2017 (Monday).
- G. AGM will be on 11 December 2017 (Tuesday) at the Hong Kong Club.

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