

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2019/2020



Ir Dr P L YUEN
Chairman

ADMINISTRATION BOARD

The Administration Board is responsible for the interpretation, development and implementation of the Institution's policies related to financial and administrative matters as well as for co-ordinating administrative functions that involve more than one Committee under the Board. Appraising the Institution's administrative policies from time to time is a fundamental role of the Board.

During the year, the Board worked closely with the Journal Editorial Committee to launch the revamped Hong Kong Engineer Online and encourage members to opt-in for the digital version of the Journal. The Board supported the Committee on its plan to gradually phase out the printed copy of the Journal.

The Institution generated sufficient income to fund the activities initiated throughout the year and the Board is pleased to note that the Institution's healthy financial

position has been maintained. To generate additional income from the accumulated surplus to fund the future development of the Institution, it was decided to set up a long-term investment plan as proposed by the Finance & Investment Sub-Committee and the Management Committee. Following the Council's approval for the investment framework, the Finance & Investment Sub-Committee was tasked with working on the details of the investment plan.

Through the work of the Management Committee, the Board reviewed and adopted the Terms of Reference of the Journal of International Council on Electrical Engineering Committee.

In addition, the Board closely monitored the changes to the establishment of the Secretariat, the affairs of the Journal and the financial accounts of the Institution's Yearbook. The Board will continue to review the Institution's facilities and management issues.



Ir David CHANG Chung Hung
Chairman

Journal Editorial Committee

The Journal Editorial Committee (JEC) continued to oversee and maintain the publication standards of the *Hong Kong Engineer* (the Journal), Hong Kong Engineer Online and the *HKIE Yearbook*. We are devoted to leveraging these communication channels to keep our members updated about the latest developments of the Institution and the engineering profession.

The layout of the Journal underwent a face lift and now offers a fresh look to readers. Responding to the rising trend of online reading, we launched a revamped version of Hong Kong Engineer Online to offer convenient access across digital devices. In addition to enhancing the digital reading experience, the revamped website is a further step in our plan to phase out the printed Journal to reduce paper consumption and support environmental protection.

We invited Government bureaux/departments, HKIE Divisions/Committees, and other professional organisations to submit articles to enrich the content of the Journal while meeting the diverse interests of our members. A number of insightful topics have been covered such as flying machines, floating city and digital transformation in engineering, to name but a few.

Honoured with the Caring Organisation Logo for the sixteenth consecutive year since 2004, the Institution continued to show our support for the community. In this Session, we offered complimentary promotional insertion services to charitable organisations such as St Christopher's Home, Sowers Action and Pok Oi Hospital.

These accomplishments are the result of the unwavering support and commitment of our Committee Members and Publisher, and the Committee is dedicated to further improving the quality of our publications.



Ir Prof Thomas CHAN Kwok Cheung
Chairman

Management Committee

The Management Committee is responsible to the Administration Board for overseeing the management of the Institution's assets and investments as well as the policies and monitoring changes related to the Secretariat. The Committee is also responsible for the regular review and updating of the policies and management procedures of the Institution as well as for reviewing the composition and terms of reference of the Institution's Boards and Committees.

The Committee is pleased to report that, for the 2019/2020 financial year, the Institution maintained its healthy financial position with a surplus of HK\$3.47 million. Total income for the year reached HK\$73.33 million against total expenditures of HK\$69.86 million. Overall spending patterns remained broadly similar to the previous year.

Having reviewed the Institution's financial position with the Finance & Investment Sub-Committee and taking into consideration Hong Kong's current economic situation and uncertain economic outlook for the coming year, the Committee recommended maintaining membership fees at their existing level for the 2020/2021 financial year and to continue offering early bird discounts to all members whose subscription payments were made by cheques, cash or faster payment before 1 April 2020.

The Committee also worked closely with the Staff Resources Sub-Committee on the proposal for the staff establishment based on the workload and development of individual functional areas of the Secretariat, which was approved for implementation in 2019/2020.

In the year under review, staff costs were monitored against the budget to ensure that the appropriate level of general service and support to members was provided satisfactorily.



Ir Edwin CHUNG Kwok Fai
Chairman

QUALIFICATION & MEMBERSHIP BOARD

During the Session, the Qualification & Membership Board continued its stringent review of the qualifying process to maintain the quality of membership admission.

Following the successful launch of the Competence-based Professional Assessment system and Scheme “A” Graduate Training in April 2019, the Board approved the extension of the competence-based approach to the Assessment of Associate Membership, to be implemented tentatively on 1 April 2022. The Competence-based system will enable the Institution to keep pace with evolving international practices and standards.

On the recommendation of the Board, the Council approved the renaming of the Manufacturing & Industrial Discipline to Manufacturing, Industrial & Systems Discipline. The change, effective from Session 2020/2021, better reflects the fundamental focus of the Discipline.

The Council approved the proposal of the Board to renew the Reciprocal Recognition Agreements (RRAs) at Member and Associate Member levels with the Society of Operations Engineers. Environmental Discipline is newly included in the RRA at Associate Member level. Following cross-Session discussions and in order to enhance the quality of membership admission, the Board proposed a new agreement template with overseas professional institutions for the admission of members. After collecting comments from the Council, the Board will further explore the way forward.

The development of the Institution is underpinned by the quality of its membership. A Task Force on HKIE Membership Application, chaired by myself, has been formed by the Executive to review the membership application process. The Task Force was also invited by the Council to explore ways to retain Graduate Members and Student Members in the Institution.

This year has been a busy and fruitful year as the Board reviewed a total of 705 and 2,977 applications for Corporate and other classes of membership, respectively. The Institution has gone from strength to strength and membership stood at more than 34,500 as of June 2020.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION STATISTICS

| GRADE | APPLICATIONS | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Considered 2019/2020 | Accepted 2019/2020 |
| Fellow | 52 | 47 |
| Member | 871 | 467 |
| Graduate Member | 1,263 | 1,190 |
| Associate Member | 4 | 3 |
| Companion | 0 | 0 |
| Student Member | 1,828 | 1,777 |
| Affiliate | 7 | 7 |
| Additional Discipline | 99 | 56 |
| Total | 4,124 | 3,547 |

Note: Up to 31 March of the year.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

| MEMBERSHIP | 31-Mar-17 | 31-Mar-18 | 31-Mar-19 | 31-Mar-20 |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Honorary Fellow | 19 | 18 | 15 | 16 |
| Fellow | 1,155 | 1,176 | 1,211 | 1,233 |
| Member | 14,435 | 14,686 | 14,898 | 15,128 |
| Graduate Member | 8,295 | 8,501 | 8,727 | 8,961 |
| Associate Member | 1,011 | 949 | 896 | 834 |
| Companion | 17 | 17 | 16 | 15 |
| Student Member | 9,181 | 8,535 | 8,511 | 7,785 |
| Affiliate | 350 | 331 | 321 | 311 |
| Total | 34,463 | 34,213 | 34,595 | 34,283 |



Ir Stephen CHIK Wai Keung
Chairman

Education & Examinations Committee

During this Session, the Education & Examinations (E&E) Committee considered a total of 60 applications for individual assessment of academic qualifications for the class of Member. The Committee accepted 36 cases as meeting the academic requirements for Members while rejecting 24 cases.

In the year under review, the Civil Discipline received 20 applications for academic assessment, highest among the Disciplines, followed by the Geotechnical Discipline with seven applications and the Environmental Discipline and Structural Discipline, both of which received six applications.

The E&E Committee rejected two E&E applications submitted under the Special Route for Specific Disciplines (Environmental, Information and Materials) in the Environmental Discipline.



Ir Prof William LAM Hing Keung
Chairman

Fellowship Committee

Fellow is the Institution's highest membership grade available for application. Fellows are senior members who are well-positioned to make major contributions to:

- the affairs of the Institution;
- issues of public interest and learned society functions; and
- the setting of qualification standards.

The membership of the Fellowship Committee increased from six to eight members (excluding the Chairman) starting from Session 2019/2020. This expansion helped alleviate the workload

of the members, retain the expertise of the Committee and facilitate succession planning.

It is the policy of the Committee to assess each application based on individual merit, taking into full consideration each candidate's circumstances. During the Session, the Fellowship Committee held four meetings and considered 60 applications. A total of 46 candidates were recommended for Fellowship.

We would be pleased to see more applications for Fellowship from qualified applicants in the future.



Ir Colin CHUNG Chi Leong
Chairman

Professional Assessment Committee

During this session, the Professional Assessment Committee (PAC) considered the proposal of on-going Assessor training plan which explored various modes of training including web-based Assessor training, Assessor forum and train-the-trainer programme. Members of the PAC provided their initial feedback on the proposal, and the views of respective Discipline Advisory Panels on the Assessor training plan would be consulted for further discussions.

As part of the implementation of the Competence-based Professional Assessment, the PAC supported the provision of the documentation relating to the assessment of technical write-up for reference by the Assessors with the objective of strengthening the support of

Assessors and candidates in undertaking the competence-based approach. It also commented the instructions given to interviewees on competence-based interview assessments, and the revised version of the Competence-based Professional Assessment Report for Structural Discipline. The PAC also reviewed the assessment procedures of mature route submission to streamline the assessment process.

Based on the principle that no candidate shall be disadvantaged due to his or her physical challenges, the PAC considered a request for special arrangement in essay writing submitted by a physically challenged candidate and recommended an alternative solution, subsequently endorsed by the Qualification & Membership Board, to conduct the test.



Ir Alfred LEUNG Wai Ho
Chairman

Quality Control Committee

The Quality Control Committee (QCC) held five meetings during the Session while reviewing a total of 563 assessment results. The passing rate of 56% was unchanged from the last Session.

During the Session, the QCC also reviewed 19 appeal cases.

The QCC strove to achieve its mission of maintaining consistent professional assessments with high-quality standards across the Institution's 21 Disciplines while upholding the quality of Members admitted via Reciprocal Recognition Agreements with other Institutions.



Ir Dr Edward LO Wai Chau
Chairman

Training Committee

The Training Committee focuses on training matters including the vetting and monitoring of Scheme “A” Graduate Training and Formal Training Scheme to Associate Membership (AM Formal Training).

In this Session, we processed 252 applications involving 98 companies in 20 disciplines and conducted 50 visits, 45 trainee interviews and 109 paper evaluations. The total number of newly registered trainees reached 885.

The approval period of the three “HKIE Approved Training Centres” has been extended to 31 August 2022 to align with the standard five-year approval period. We also formed a Task Force to review the existing mechanisms related to Approved Training Centres and training exemptions to prepare for the next round of re-assessments.

We held four Scheme “A” Workshops to help potential and existing Scheme “A” companies prepare their assessment/re-assessment applications and to co-ordinate various Scheme “A” matters for their companies. 83 company representatives attended these workshops.

We also organised four Engineering Supervisor Workshops while 106 members

were approved as Engineering Supervisors for the Scheme “A” Graduate Training or AM Formal Training.

In parallel with the accreditation exercises conducted by the HKIE for Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong and University of Macau, we handled requests for discipline matching for Scheme “A” Graduate Training for six programmes.

The competition for Trainee of the Year Award 2019 was completed. President Ir Ringo Yu presented the awards during the New Members’ Reception cum Prize Presentation Ceremony held on 10 January 2020 at the Hong Kong Club. Starting from this Session, the Committee decided that the feature article on the Trainee of the Year Award published in the *Hong Kong Engineer* will also cover the second and third prize winners in addition to featuring the first prize winner.

The Committee reviewed the fees relating to training and decided that some fees which have not been adjusted for years would be increased starting from 1 April 2022.

In response to the increasing number of requests from trainees for obtaining record of their Scheme “A” registration status, a new e-service was launched on 1 April 2020 in the HKIE website under Member’s login and active Graduate Members are now able retrieve a copy of their HKIE Scheme “A” status.



Ir Aaron BOK Kwok Ming
Chairman

LEARNED SOCIETY BOARD

During the Session, the Institution welcomed its tenth Student Chapter at The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Haking Wong), the inaugural ceremony of which was held in September 2019. The Learned Society Board also recommended the establishment of another new Student Chapter at Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong. With the Council's approval, the new Student Chapter will commence operation in Session 2020/2021.

The Institution maintained its overseas network. We renewed an Agreement of Co-operation with both the Energy Institute and The Institution of Engineers, Singapore during this Session.

We also implemented the new Division Rules to increase the number of seats reserved to young members in Division Committees to three. Commencing from the next Session, Division Committees will thus expand in

size with the engagement of more young engineers.

Upon the Board's recommendation, the Council approved the renaming of the Manufacturing & Industrial Division. Now called Manufacturing, Industrial & Systems Division (abbreviation remains as MI), its name better reflects the fields falling within the scope of interest of the Division. The change will take effect at the start of Session 2020/2021.

Social events and the coronavirus outbreak significantly affected the planning and organisation of learned society activities by our Divisions and Committees in what could well be the most challenging year we have ever encountered. While physical distancing has been essential in reducing the spread of the virus in the past few months, our Divisions and Committees did their utmost to share their professional knowledge and expertise and keep members connected via virtual meetings, webinars and online forums. The Divisions and Committees expect to remain nimble and ready to respond to changing circumstances.



Ir Prof Adam CHOY Siu Chung
Chairman

Conference Committee

Hosted by the Institution – and jointly organised with the Chinese Society for Electrical Engineering, the Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan and the Korean Institute of Electrical Engineers – the International Council on Electrical Engineering Conference 2019 was successfully held on 2-6 July 2019 at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Under the theme “Towards Intelligent Electrical Engineering”, the Conference attracted more than 450 delegates from Hong Kong, China, Japan, Korea and other regions. Held on 3 July 2019, the Opening Ceremony was officiated by guest of honour Dr Raymond So, BBS, JP, Under Secretary for Transport and Housing. The four-day technical programme featured five keynote presentations, four special technical sessions, two workshops, 254 oral and poster presentations, and several technical visits.

Jointly organised with the Shanghai Association for Science and Technology, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Symposium on Science and Technology was held on 27 September 2019 at The Cityview, followed by a Technical Visit on 28 September 2019. More than 100 participants attended the Symposium, including 20 delegates from Shanghai. Dr David Chung, Under Secretary for Innovation and Technology served as guest of honour and addressed the opening ceremony. 22 prominent speakers from Hong Kong and Shanghai also presented at the Symposium.

Several institutional conferences originally planned for 2020 were rescheduled due to the coronavirus outbreak, including the International Conference on Smart Living. Co-organised by the Shanghai Association for Science and Technology, the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers and HKIE, it was meant to be held on 27-29 May 2020 in Shanghai but has been postponed to a later date.



Ir Sidney TONG Pui Keung
Chairman

Construction Dispute Resolution Committee

The Construction Dispute Resolution Committee is dedicated to promoting the use of adjudication, arbitration, mediation and other appropriate forms of dispute resolution mechanisms in the handling of construction and engineering disputes.

During the Session, the Committee organised the HKIE 2020 General Mediation Training Course and has been developing training programmes for members to learn about topics like adjudication, arbitration, New Engineering Contract (NEC) and expert witness. The Committee also submitted articles for publication in the HKIE Journal to keep members informed about the latest developments on issues like NEC, international settlement agreements resulting from mediation, and recent arbitration developments in Hong Kong.

The HKIE Panel of Arbitrators, which comprises Corporate Members with extensive experience as arbitrators, was established in the Session. The Committee also maintained the HKIE List of Arbitrators and the HKIE List of Mediators to help the public select qualified arbitrators and mediators.

As a member of the Joint Mediation Helpline Office, the Institution also plays a role as one of its Participating Service Providers, and the Committee developed guidelines and procedures to facilitate requests for mediator nominations and appointments.

The Committee will continue implementing various initiatives and exploring collaboration opportunities with relevant parties to promote all forms of dispute resolution mechanisms.



Ir Paul CHAN Yim Cheong
Chairman

Continuing Professional Development Committee

The Continuing Professional Development Committee (CPDC) continued its efforts to promote and administer non-technical Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities for members of the Institution.

Supported by 14 CPD course providers, the Committee offered around 760 courses covering occupational safety and health, technical matters and general professional subjects in 2019. These activities attracted around 1,350 participants. The Committee approved one new CPD course provider in 2020, namely U-Safe Consultancy Workshop, and co-organised CPD courses and activities with the Young Members Committee. We also set up a Task Force on Additional CPD Activities to explore other CPD activities for members. Some activities had to be cancelled or rescheduled to Session 2020/2021 due to COVID-19.

CPD has been a mandatory requirement for Corporate Members since 1 January 2006. Corporate Members are required to undertake a minimum of 30 CPD hours per year. In order to verify compliance, the CPDC formed a Special Panel (CPDCSP) that reviews CPD submissions and makes recommendations to the CPDC on non-compliance cases on an annual basis, in accordance with the terms of the current audit mechanism. The audit on members' CPD attainment in 2018 has been completed. The CPDCSP reviewed 143 cases, of which 123 were found in compliance. In addition to the 30 hours requirement, the audit on members' CPD attainment for 2019 will cover five hours in "Technical Matters" and five hours in "Broader Areas of Studies".



Ir Prof CHAN Tat Leung
Chairman cum Editor-in-Chief
of HKIE Transactions

HKIE Transactions Committee

With the concerted effort of the HKIE Transactions Committee and its expert Editorial Panel, *HKIE Transactions* continued to publish high quality papers across various engineering disciplines. We are committed to providing a platform to facilitate professional knowledge exchange among local and overseas engineering communities by publishing papers which serve as useful references for practising engineers and academia. We strived to promote global readership and reach out to international authors to enhance the international profile of *HKIE Transactions*. This year, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland indexed *HKIE Transactions* on its list of scientific journals recommended for Polish authors to publish their articles.

"Theme Issues" of *HKIE Transactions* covering hot topics in engineering are published regularly. The Committee invited Professor Meng Ni, Professor and Associate Head of the Department of Building and Real Estate of The Hong Kong Polytechnic

University as Guest Editor for the upcoming Theme Issue on "Hydrogen Power", scheduled to be published in June 2021.

For many years, we have been holding the HKIE Best Transactions Paper Prize and the HKIE Outstanding Paper Award for Young Engineers/Researchers to both recognise outstanding papers published in *HKIE Transactions* and encourage young engineers and researchers to advance in their professional fields. We launched a webpage to give free access to these awarded papers to all members of the engineering community. The recipients of the Outstanding Paper Award were invited to present their research at a public lecture held on 25 September 2019. The awarded papers, together with the three shortlisted papers, were published in a special issue of *HKIE Transactions* in December 2019.

The selfless dedication of a group of international intellectuals including Editors, Associate Editors, Transactions International Advisors and paper reviewers is the foundation of *HKIE Transactions'* continuous improvement. The Committee will continue to uphold the professional standards of the publication.



Ir Bobby NG Mang Tung
Chairman

Public Service Committee

The Public Service Committee dedicated its efforts to promoting the Institution and the engineering profession while facilitating the communication of the Institution's views to the public.

During the Session, the Committee was invited by the Government and other public organisations to contribute our views on issues relevant to both the engineering profession and the public. The Committee also co-ordinated the nomination of HKIE members upon invitation by external boards and committees.

The Committee organised several promotional activities. The HKIE School Ambassadors Programme – which offers information, career talks and advice to

help students better understand the educational requirements and career paths of engineers – has been extended from secondary schools and tertiary institutions to include primary schools students. We also coordinated the editorial contributions from Divisions and Committees for publishing on platforms like the Classified Post Website and JobsDB Online to promote the engineering profession to the public. The “Hong Kong Engineering Archive” is under revamp and we aim to make it more appealing, especially for students, and further enhance public awareness about engineers’ contributions to the development of Hong Kong. The Committee also supported the organisation of “The HKIE Colouring Competition” for primary school students as well as “The HKIE Photo Competition” for members and the public.



Ir Prof Thomas CHAN Kwok Cheung
Chairman

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee reviewed and oversaw the development plans of the Institution as part of its mandate to formulate and sustain the long-term strategies of the Institution.

The theme of Session 2019/2020 – “Knowledge Transfer • Our Commitment for the Future” calls for the Institution to set up a portal for sharing experiences and knowledge to support the professional development of members. The Task Force for Conducting a Needs Assessment Study Relating to Knowledge Transfer was tasked to conduct surveys among members, Divisions/Committees, and Scheme “A” companies on this initiative. The survey results were released in April 2020 and posted in the HKIE website.

With regards to public affairs, the Committee organised many activities to invite the public to join members throughout the Session,

including “The HKIE Colouring Competition” for primary school students and “The HKIE Photo Competition” for members and the public. On the professional side, the Committee is developing the “Project and Asset BIM Application Manual”, co-organised the Hong Kong and Shanghai Symposium on Science and Technology 2019, and participated in The Construction Innovation Expo 2019. The Institution was also awarded the “Construction Caring Organisations” logo in recognition for our commitment in serving the industry and the community, and our devotion in promoting corporate social responsibility.

The Committee reviewed the Institution’s planned strategies in accordance with the timeframe and flowchart of the planning cycle, and agreed to the Three-Year Rolling Plan for Sessions 2020/2021 to 2022/2023 and the new initiatives proposed by the three Vice Presidents for the coming Session.



Ir Peter Y WONG
Chairman

ACCREDITATION BOARD

As a full signatory to the Washington Accord, the HKIE is an internationally-recognised body for the accreditation of engineering degree programmes in Hong Kong. Currently, the HKIE has accredited 92 engineering degree programmes (including three in Macau). During Session 2019/2020, the HKIE evaluated three engineering degree programmes in Hong Kong and three engineering degree programmes in Macau.

The Board revised its membership structure to facilitate exchange and promote good accreditation practices in a wider context. We plan to invite more overseas members and observers from other Washington Accord signatories to attend the Board’s meeting and participate in accreditation activities gradually at opportune time.

An observer from Board of Engineers Malaysia was invited to join the April 2019 meeting, while observers from Engineers Canada, the Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea and the Association for Engineering Education of Russia were also originally invited to the now cancelled April 2020 meeting.

At the invitation of the Board, a representative from the China Association for Science and Technology participated in an accreditation visit to Macau in December 2019, where participants exchanged information about current accreditation practices.

We are pleased to report the Task Force on the Accreditation of MSc Degree Programmes in Engineering Fields has made good progress in finalising the accreditation manual for MSc programmes.

The Board also approved a joint degree programme for prequalified students between Hong Kong and Chinese Taipei. As an increasing number of engineering degree programmes are jointly offered by local and overseas universities, the Board adopted an agenda to evaluate the development of more structured guidelines for these programmes.

The Board is committed to achieving the highest standard in programme accreditation and continues to maintain a close working relationship with higher education institutions.



Ir Dr CHAN Chun Leung
Chairman

Accreditation Committee for Computer Science Programmes

The Accreditation Committee for Computer Science Programmes evaluates and makes accreditation decisions for computer science and information and communication technology (ICT) degree programmes in Hong Kong.

Since 2009, the HKIE has been a full signatory of the Seoul Accord, an international mutual recognition agreement on the accreditation of degree programmes in computing and ICT. The HKIE accredits computer science and ICT degree programmes deemed substantially equivalent to the requirements set forth in the Seoul Accord. The computer science and ICT degree programmes accredited by the HKIE are thus fully recognised by other signatories to the Seoul Accord, including Australia, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States.

During the year, we conducted an accreditation exercise to evaluate a computer science degree programme offered by a higher education institution in Macau. Currently, a total of 16 computer science degree programmes are accredited by the HKIE.

In accordance with the Seoul Accord rules and regulations, every jurisdiction with full signatory status is required to undergo a verification review every six years to ensure the signatory's accreditation system and its accredited computer science and ICT degree programme outcomes remain substantially equivalent to those of other signatories. The HKIE successfully underwent a Seoul Accord Review in 2018 and its full signatory status under the Seoul Accord was extended to 2024.



Ir WONG Chi Ming
Chairman

Accreditation Committee for Higher Diploma Programmes

The Accreditation Committee for Higher Diploma Programmes evaluates and makes accreditation decisions for engineering and computing higher diploma and equivalent programmes in Hong Kong.

Since 2003, the HKIE has been a full signatory of the Sydney Accord, an international mutual recognition agreement on the accreditation of programmes at the level of engineering technologist. The HKIE accredits higher diploma or equivalent programmes in engineering and computing that are deemed substantially equivalent

to the requirements set forth in the Sydney Accord. These HKIE-accredited engineering and computing higher diploma and equivalent programmes are fully recognised by other signatories, including Australia, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Ireland, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

During Session 2019/2020, we conducted an accreditation exercise to evaluate six higher diploma programmes from the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education. A total of 37 higher diploma and equivalent programmes are currently accredited by the HKIE.