

# 會長報告 2008/2009



回顧過去一年，本人欣然向各會員匯報任內的點滴。

但首先

「是甚麼促成香港工程師學會的成立？是甚麼將大家連繫在一起？甚麼是專業精神的真正意義？」

這些值得深思的問題，是本人在第三十三屆會員周年大會上接任會長一職時，向大家提出的。問題的答案或者難以闡明，但卻尤為重要。在面對廿一世紀的挑戰時，我們必須坐言起行，推動學會、工程專業及社會的發展。畢竟，我們承諾要竭盡所能，做到最好。

在集思廣益的大前提下，學會舉行了一次退修會議，讓理事與各分部及事務委員會代表仔細研究學會在未來應擔當的社會角色。這正是一個契機讓我們回顧過去，展望將來，鞏固過去奠下的基礎，再與會員攜手擬定學會未來的路向。為期兩日的「建構未來」退修會議於二零零九年一月舉行，共有超過六十名會員參加。我們十分榮幸，邀請到英國土木工程師學會會長 Dr Jean Venables，跟我們分享英國土木工程師學會如何在政府政策和社會上發揮影響力的經驗。香港律師會前會長葉天養先生亦專程出席會議，並在會上笑談工程師的各種特質。會議接著檢討學會的架構及國際地位，並重新檢視我們在社會上的

身份、角色和作用，為工程專業建構未來。會議討論了許多具爭議性的議題，對所有與會者來說一點也不容易，故「建構未來」並不是空話。

接近草擬完成的退修會議報告，將為如何落實會議上的議題，制定所需策略。而值得一提的是，與會者特別重視透過積極回應傳媒，提升學會在社會上的地位與知名度。

在這方面，本年度的執行委員會同樣表示關注，並已由本人與各位副會長輪流接受訪問，盡量回應傳媒的邀請。此舉既滿足了希望學會更積極回應傳媒的訴求，亦加強了學會與傳媒的溝通。年內，我們共處理了三百多個傳媒查詢，顯見學會在加強與傳媒溝通方面進展良好。

至於其他方面，學會的宣傳短片已經更新，不但可提升公眾對工程專業的興趣，宣揚工程師對社會所作出的貢獻，同時讓學生瞭解工程界是充滿活力和多元化的。

學會以書面形式向多個立法會委員會以及政府決策局提交建議，涉及的議題種類繁多，並不只限於技術層面或與工程專業有關的事宜。雖然學會在某些議題上未必與政府立場一致，但學會定當全力支持政府施政。本人亦認為學會必須對大眾關心的議題發表意見，才能為社會帶來最大裨益。因此，我們就施政報告及財政預算案提交的意見書中，除了重申必須持續投資基建項目、研究和培訓外，亦就對抗金融危機作出建議。

這樣卻引伸到一個潛在問題，學會應否繼續保持其非政治化的態度。這問題既沒有答案，亦沒有任何規則可循。但即使閉門度日，任何人仍然免不了跟政治上扯上關係，而事實上工程師在政制上亦有其扮演的角色。工程師於選舉上的投票率一向非常高，理事會留意到會員日趨關心政治，為使所有會員都享有選舉權，理事會通過讓仲會員及學生會員加入功能界別選舉團。或者，問題的關鍵在於「學會在政制事務上應擔當甚麼角色？」這議題不曾被探討，但學會必須朝著這方向邁進。

作為專業團體，學會紮根香港，放眼世界。學會不但已簽訂了多項國際工程協議，而且還有更多在磋商中。工程學歷資格及專業能力的互認，提升了會員在國際舞臺上的流動性。學會在本年度分別與英國的水務及環境管理學會、工程及科技學會以及營運工程師學會建立更緊密的連繫，並首次與營運工程師學會進行仲會員資格互認。

學會與內地的工程專業團體亦繼續維持良好關係。本年度，執行委員會北京訪問團與內地不同部門官員會面，就會員資格在內地的發展及互認問題交換意見。年內，本人亦出席了多個由內地工程專業機構舉辦的活動。

二零零八年十月，本人在工程及科技學會位於倫敦的總部舉行酒會，藉此與英國分部及當地的工程專業機構代表見面，以加強彼此的連繫，及交流兩地工程業的發展概況。

於二零零九年三月，本人聯同青年會員事務委員會代表團訪問杜拜，並在過百人的接待酒會上，與眾多會員見面。會員對於能夠學以致用，參與海外大型基建項目，發揮在香港獲取的專業知識，深感自豪。作為學會會員，他們雖遠在杜拜，但仍然努力不懈，共同奮鬥，這份團結一致的精神，讓人感動。故此，學術分部政策委員會正研究如何協助他們加強與其他會員的連繫。

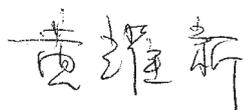
在關懷社會方面，當四川大地震摧毀了很多寧靜村落和奪去無數生命後，許多會員馬上施以援手。最讓人感動的，並非會員對災民提供的各種援助，而是他們仁愛善良的一面，將現代專業精神表露無遺。至於由理事會成立的「香港工程師學會四川項目信託基金」，已經取得慈善機構資格，實在令人欣喜。而學會亦成立了兩個專責小組，負責協調工作，肩負起重建四川的長遠任務。與此同時，會員亦積極參與本地的志願工作，學會遂推展名為「香港工程師學會專業人士義工服務嘉許計劃」。作為會長，對於會員熱心公益事業，本人深感驕傲。

為了促進會員間的交流，學會舉辦了兩次會員聚會，其中一次是招待所有會員的聖誕派對。另一次則於五月舉行，讓在本年度新加入的法定會員及資深會員與各理事見面。本人亦很榮幸在聚會上向各位新會員派發證書。

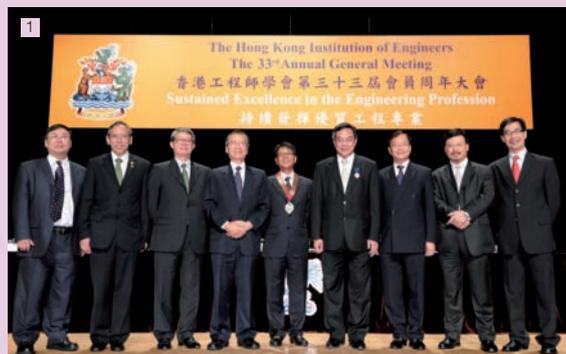
學會二萬三千名會員所作出的貢獻，不勝枚舉，實難以一一陳述。但本人衷心感謝會員的支持和指導，以及秘書處的努力與貢獻。

作為你們的會長，我清楚聽到你們對我一年前的提問作出了回應：

「香港工程師學會由全體會員的無私奉獻所組成。成為工程師的榮耀把我們緊密的連繫在一起。以人為本的信念建構起專業精神的真正意義。」



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黃耀新工程師



- 1 香港工程師學會第三十三屆會員周年大會
- 2 會長與學會的英國分部會面
- 3 會長及英國土木工程師學會會長於退修會議上合照
- 4 歷任會長於會長演說後合照

# President's Report 2008/2009



Looking back at the past 12 months, I am pleased to submit my report to the members.

But firstly

“What makes The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers? What binds us together? What is the true context of professionalism?”

These were the soul-searching questions that I appealed to the members for answers as your newly installed President at the 33rd AGM. Answers for which might be difficult to transfix at times but nonetheless essential. Because in meeting the challenges of the 21st century, we need to walk the talk to progress the future development of the Institution, the profession and the community. After all we are here with pledges of serving our best.

Repatriating to collective wisdom on the talk, a retreat was hosted for Council Members and representatives from Divisions and Committees to contemplate the future role of the HKIE in society. It was a punctuating moment for us to look back and to see forward. We first took stock of what we had achieved in the past and then engaged our members to come forth with a vision of the future strides with which the Institution should walk. The Retreat, “Shaping the Future”, was a two-day event held in January 2009 and attended by over 60 members. We were fortunate to have the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) of the UK, Dr Jean Venables, to share with us the experience of ICE in influencing the government and the public. The former President of the Law Society of Hong Kong, Mr Donald Yap, also joined us with his quipping remarks on the seemingly numerating character of engineers. We then reviewed the structure of the Institution and its international standing as well as our identity, form and function in society for the purpose of shaping the future of the home of the engineering profession. It had been demanding for all the participants and “Shaping the Future” was not a mere chanting slogan.

Whilst the Retreat report is being finalised to formulate needed strategies of putting issues raised and deliberated into perspective, it is worth highlighting here the participants' particular zealousness in bringing forth the status and exposure of the Institution in the community by opting for prompt responsiveness towards the media.

On this front, I am pleased to report that in this Session, the Executive share the same awareness and have been proactive in responding to the media, with myself and the Vice Presidents taking turns in dealing with interviewing requests as far as possible. With this arrangement, the yearning for more figurative responses from the Institution can be entertained and communication with the media reinforced. We have dealt with some 300 media enquiries. The walk in this direction is well in progress.

On the omni front, our corporate video has been revamped to arouse the public's interest in and appreciation of the profession and the contributions of engineers to society. The video will also serve to orientate students to the diversity and dynamism of engineering.

In written format, the Institution has made submissions to the Legislative Council's various panels and committees as well as Government bureaux. Issues covered were of a wide spectrum not limiting to technological aspects nor pertaining to those matters of the engineering profession only. We affirm our fullest support of the Administration although we do not always have the same accord on certain matters. I also feel that the best interest of the community can only be served by the Institution being vocal on broadened issues. Hence in our submissions on the Policy Address and Budget Speech, in addition to reiterating the fundamental and inherent necessity of continuous investments in infrastructure projects, researches and training, we had offered propositions to tackle other imminent tasks needed to combat the pressing financial crisis.

This leads us to the embedded question of whether the Institution should remain apolitical. There is no ready answer nor are there any hard and fast rules for it. Even if one hides inside a garret, politics knocks at the door and in fact engineers do play a part in the constitutional hierarchy. The number of engineers voting in elections is always high. The Council noted the enthusiastic trend. In order to bring about prompt participation from all, the Council had endorsed a motion to include the grades of Associate and Student members into the engineering functional constituency electoral college. Perhaps the pertinent question is: “What roles should we play in constitutional affairs?” It would be mostly uncharted waters, but the Institution must take the walk.

Established as a professional body, the Institution has developed a global outlook in tandem with a local focus. The Institution is already a constituent in many international engineering agreements. More are in the pipeline. This mutual recognition of engineering qualifications and professional competence has enhanced the mobility of our members in the international arena. With a more specific move, we have in this Session tied a closer link with the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management, the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) as well as the Society of Operations Engineers (SOE) all from the UK. With the SOE, for the first time, mutual recognition of respective associate membership was introduced.

The relationship with our Mainland counterparts has been well maintained. In the last annual Executive Visit to Beijing, we met with officials of different ministries and exchanged views on issues related to the development and recognition of HKIE qualifications on the Mainland. I had also attended functions and events held by our Mainland sister associations.

In October 2008, I hosted the President's Reception at the IET in London. I had the opportunity to meet the UK Chapter there and representatives from our sister institutions in the UK. This has not only enhanced our mutual relationship but also kept us abreast of each other's development.

My travel plan saw me joining the Young Members Committee delegation to Dubai in March 2009. I met with many of our members in a reception with over 100 in attendance. I saw their pride in taking up mega projects abroad with engineering expertise from Hong Kong well received. But I also saw more: it was the resonating pride in the air that they knew the effort they sowed collectively as members of the Institution had driven home a high degree of cohesiveness whilst in Dubai. The Learned Society Board has been invited to study ways of assisting them in reaching out to our members.

In reaching out to others, many of our members have lent their helping hands immediately after the devastating earthquake in Sichuan destroyed many tranquil villages and ruined many lives. I am particularly touched by not what the tangible and intangible relief they brought to the victims, but by the human side of them as individuals that glowed. That is avant-garde professionalism in raw display. I am also pleased to report that The HKIE Project Sichuan Trust Fund set up by the Council has been accorded with a charitable status. Two task forces to coordinate the various efforts were also formed to take up this long-term commitment of rebuilding Sichuan. Our members' enthusiasm in volunteering also takes roots in the home ground. The Institution has just launched the HKIE Professional Volunteers Service Accreditation Programme. I am proud to be your President.

To apprise members with each other, we held two receptions. One was a Christmas party for all. The other was held in May, for new Corporate and Fellow Members admitted in the year to meet the Council Members. I was honoured to present a certificate to each of them.

The list of good work of our 23,000 strong members can run on for pages and it is not possible to mention them all in this report. But I must express my gratitude to all of them for their staunch support and guidance. I would also like to thank the Secretariat for their hard work and devotion.

As your President, I am now pleased to say I have heard you all loud and clear the answers to the questions I posed 12 months ago:

"It is the core dedication from members that makes the HKIE. It is the pride in taking up the profession that binds us together. It is the belief in humanity that cultivates the true context of our professionalism."



**Ir Peter Y WONG**  
President



- 1 Signing Ceremony of Reciprocal Recognition Agreement with the Society of Operations Engineers in London
- 2 The President accompanying the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government and other guests at the HKIE 34th Annual Dinner
- 3 Gathering with the media at the HKIE Media Luncheon 2008
- 4 The President and participants at the HKIE Retreat Meeting entitled "Shaping the Future"