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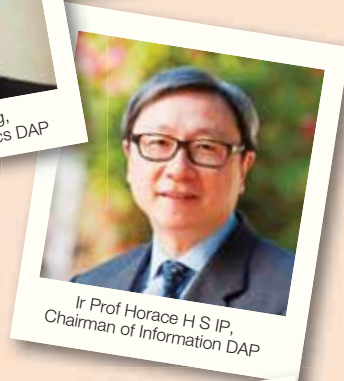
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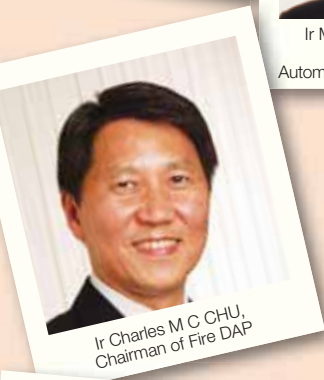
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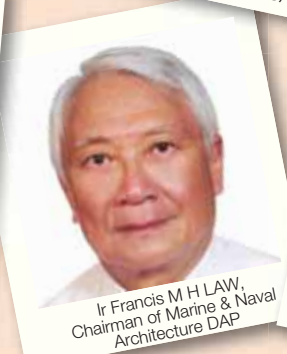
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The Discipline Advisory Panels continued to spare no effort in upholding the qualification standards and reviewing generic or specific issues relevant to their respective Disciplines. Valuable inputs have been given to various proposals raised during the Session, including the proposal to allow applicants with engineering academic qualifications not accredited by the HKIE to submit applications for Corporate Membership and the new route which allows applicants with research and development experience to become Corporate Members of the Institution. The Discipline Advisory Panels have also provided advice on membership, qualifications and training matters and reviewed over 400 applications for membership during the Session.

The Logistics & Transportation Discipline was successfully formed owing to the contribution of the Working Group for Formation of the Discipline, which comprised representatives from the Civil, Control, Automation & Instrumentation, Information and Manufacturing & Industrial Disciplines. We are pleased to note that other Disciplines have given full support to the development of new Disciplines, which is in line with the strategies adopted by the Institution.

In response to the growing concerns on lift safety and maintenance in Hong Kong, the Institution has set up a Task Force on Lift Safety to formulate recommendations to the Government in this regard. Representatives of the Building Services, Control, Automation & Instrumentation, Electrical, Mechanical, Manufacturing & Industrial and Marine & Naval Architecture Discipline Advisory Panels have actively participated in the Task Force to ensure that the views of the relevant Disciplines are included in the Amendment Proposals to the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance.

We are pleased to report that the proposed Registered Inspectors under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) will now include the Building Services and Materials Disciplines, in addition to Building, Civil and Structural Disciplines. Credits should go to the respective Discipline Advisory Panels for their support over the matter.

On the Mainland front, Building, Building Services, Electrical and Structural Disciplines continued to negotiate with our Mainland counterparts on mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

Following the renewal of a Reciprocal Recognition Agreement (RRA) with the Institution of Engineering and Technology, the Control, Automation & Instrumentation, Electrical, Electronics, Information, Manufacturing & Industrial Disciplines under the Agreement had worked together to ensure a smooth implementation of the Agreement. In addition, with the concerted efforts of the Chemical, Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Disciplines, a RRA was successfully established with the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management. At the moment, the Mechanical Discipline Advisory Panel is also reviewing the renewal of a RRA with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Both Fire and Geotechnical Disciplines have reviewed the academic requirements for Corporate Membership and made corresponding amendments to the respective admission requirements during the Session.

In regard to the Government's proposal on "Registered Fire Engineer", Building Services and Fire Disciplines have submitted their views and inputs on the requirements for consideration by the Government.

On the promotion of Disciplines, various activities have been organised for the industries and potential applicants in the form of career talks, seminars and road shows by various Disciplines.

Last but not least, we are pleased to report that with the Structural Discipline Advisory Panel steering the course, the first written examination of the HKIE Structural Examination (the Examination) was successfully held on 11 December 2009. The Examination aims to test the competence of the applicants to the Corporate Member level in Structural Discipline taking into account local requirements. There was an overwhelming response and 241 applications for the Examination were received.