

**Note of Welcome of  
HKIE President Ir Dr Barry C H LEE at  
The HKIE Prize Presentation Ceremony cum New Members'  
Reception  
13 January 2024**

Fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, and our newest additions to the engineering family, good afternoon. A very warm welcome to all of you to the HKIE Prize Presentation Ceremony cum New Members' Reception. Today is a very special occasion. Other than the presentation of the HKIE Scholarship, the HKIE Prize for Outstanding Engineering Students, the Trainee of the Year Award and certificates to our newly admitted Fellow Members and Members, 50-year Membership Certificates will also be presented to our honour members who have achieved 50-year membership with us. It is thus my pleasure to witness our members reaching different milestones and achievements in their professional career at different stage of life.

As you are no doubt aware that my presidential theme this year is "We Engineer, We Serve (知行合一 成就專業)". It emphasises the integration of knowledge and practice for serving the people and society with engineers' professional values and skills. Our initiatives have progressed and yielded significant achievements and a range of benefits for fellow members and the engineering community at large.

Achieving excellence in engineering professionalism is one of our goals. The Institution signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Vocation Training Council (VTC) in last August. With this MOU, VTC's training courses in Building Information Modeling (BIM) would satisfy the Institution's BIM Accreditation requirements.

Moreover, the Institution signed a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with the Guangdong Institution of Engineers in last November, initiating a pilot project to match the qualifications of our Civil, Geotechnical, Electrical, and Control, Automation & Instrumentation disciplines with those of five engineering disciplines with our counterpart. This has further opened career opportunities for engineering talents in both Mainland and Hong Kong and helped build a reserve of talent for the industry.

To promote knowledge sharing, the Institution hosted the International Council on Electrical Engineering Conference in last July in Hong Kong. The Conference attracted more than 400 delegates from all over the world to share experience, knowledge and innovative ideas in relation to electrical engineering. The Institution spares no effort to strengthen and deepen our collaboration with Mainland counterparts.

In last October, over 200 engineering and digitalisation professionals were attracted to the Shanghai and Hong Kong Symposium on Science and Technology we hosted.

As so many of you are here today, I am excited to announce that the Council approved the formation of a new Nuclear Discipline. This establishment reflects not only the emergence of this field, but more importantly the professionalism we uphold, as well as engineers' commitment to the global sustainability issue.

Another exciting news is our “Hong Kong Engineers Week 2024” will be held from the first to ninth of March, providing a platform for promoting “Be the Change” on the engineering profession. It will feature a series of events including competitions, carnival and career fairs. Through these activities, we hope to deepen public understanding of the engineering profession and enhance visibility of the Institution and engineers.

As a part of the HKIE family, I would like to appeal for all your support, in particular those new members in joining these events and promoting them to your friends and colleagues.

To warmly welcome our newly admitted Members and Fellow members, their names are published in Ming Pao (明報) today with the eye-catching photos of some of our new Fellows. You are most welcome to take a copy of the newspaper at the reception desk.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to make sure our new members know the Officers of our Institution who are keen to listen to your views for the development of the Institution, the engineering profession, as well as the city itself. Here you will meet, Our Immediate Past President, Engineer Aaron BOK, Senior Vice President Engineer Eric MA, and Vice President Engineer Alice CHOW

Be sure to talk to us some time.

Before I close, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the new Members and Fellows and the award winners, and also your families, colleagues and friends who have supported you along your way to achieve this professional status.

Without further ado, let's start the presentation ceremony. Thank you.

Ir Dr Barry C H LEE  
President  
The HKIE