

**Note of Welcome of
HKIE President Ir Dr Barry C H LEE at
The HKIE New Members' Reception
1 June 2024**

Fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, good afternoon. Let me extend the warmest welcome to all of you. To our new members, congratulations on being part of the HKIE family! I am sure this recognition marks a significant milestone in your professional career for which you have put a lot of effort to achieve.

The presidential theme I have chosen for this session is “We Engineer, We Serve (知行合一 成就專業)”. I emphasise the inherent duty and profound responsibility that we, as engineers, bear to innovate and harness our skill sets for the betterment of society.

The Institution is committed to fostering the development of a robust talent pool to meet the evolving needs of our communities. Recently, the dissemination seminar on the evaluation of professional titles for engineering professionals in the Greater Bay Area was a resounding success.

It provided valuable insights into the opportunities available to our members. As a result, HKIE members in the Civil, Geotechnical, Electrical, and Control, Automation & Instrumentation disciplines can now apply for five Mainland professional titles through the Guangdong Institution of Engineers' evaluation programme (職稱評審計劃). This significant breakthrough opens up new career prospects for our members.

As we are in a rapidly changing world, we must be able to adapt and plan for the future to ensure the Institution's long-term sustainability. As a learned society, we will continue to help our profession equip itself for the future. For practicing engineers, the Institution, with the support of Divisions, will help enhance their professional development and technical expertise through learned society activities. For build new generations of engineers, we will continue to reach out to young people, organising school talks and award schemes to attract bright young talents to study engineering and join the profession.

Additionally, we will continue to organise regional and international conferences, overseas visits, and other activities to help our profession connect with the local community and engineering organisations in Mainland China and worldwide. The future belongs to you all. I invite you to join us in achieving the goals and support us by actively participating in various upcoming institutional activities.

To warmly welcome our newly admitted Members and Fellow members, their names are published in Ming Pao (明報) today, along 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 ensure our new members know the Officers of our Institution, who are keen to listen to your views on the development of the Institution, the engineering profession, and 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

Additionally, I would like to introduce our Secretariat, under the able leadership of the Chief Executive and Secretary, Ir Prof Alfred SIT.

Be sure to talk to us sometime.

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

我好高興喺今日見到新嘅資深會員同正會員攜同你哋嘅家人同朋友出席。藉此難得嘅機會，我哋一齊俾啲掌聲，喺你哋背後默默支持同鼓勵嘅家人、同事及朋友。我相信佢哋今日必定為你哋嘅成就感到鼓舞，並以你哋成為香港工程師學會資深會員或者正會員而感到自豪！

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

Ir Dr Barry C H LEE
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