

## Newsletter January 2023

### Chairman's Message



It is the starting of the 2023 and I wish all the CICES members have a wonderful and healthy year 2023 and a very good year of Rabbit. There are lights that the pandemic which have causing much harm and damage to the globe will be over in 2023 and Hong Kong will start to recover and resume its energetic and vibrant life styles. Although the pandemic exist over 3 years and we have all passed through three toughest years, we strive to live as strong as possible in order to go back to the normal working and living as before. As the social restrictions started to relax in late 2022, all our committee meetings, CPD events and social activities of our region have been resumed to the face to face mode instead of the video conferencing mode.

We will resume our carrying out of the annual dinner in April this year that all our members and friends can be reunited and have new connection with the government officials, professional organizations, contractors and other construction practitioners over the development of the construction industry especially in the surveying practice. The CICES annual dinner has been suspended since 2020 and I am delighted to hold the CICES annual dinner again during my final time as the CICES HK Region's Chairman.

My torch will be handed to the new CICES HK Region's Chair in the AGM of 2023 and I will humbly finish my role as the Chairman of the HK Region for four consecutive years since 2019. In these four years we have much challenge in the social environment and have gone through the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic in the human history. Although it was a great challenge to me , I have provided my best time and service to the Hong Kong Region and lead it to provide the best service and benefits to our members as best as I can. During my chairmanship I have successfully applying the Matching Grant Skills Upgrading Scheme (MGSS) from the Development Bureau and have provided the government subsidized training of BIM and NEC professional training to our members, altogether there were over 25 members who had received government subsidy and finished the training course at 25% of the market price of the course.

Moreover, the Reciprocal Agreements (RA) of membership were signed between our GE and CM stream with HKIS (Land Surveying Division) and (Quantity Surveying Division) for 5 years term in 2019 and 2021 respectively. Several MOUs were also signed between us with the CIOB (HK) and the HIREA for further professional co-operation. All these RAs and MOUs have benefits to our members and enhance our international recognition which also safeguard our members' professional status locally for achieving the local recognition as professional land and quantity surveyors

During these four years' time our committee members have tried the best to

**promote our institution's membership to the construction practitioners and students in Hong Kong, I see a very rapid growth of our membership locally and there are more than 180 members of various categories having been admitted into our institution during my time as Chairman. These new members were all assessed and professionally interviewed locally by our Reviewers in Hong Kong Region.**

**After the finishing of my term of Chairman, I will serve the community in other areas and hope to meet all of you again in other professional occasions.**

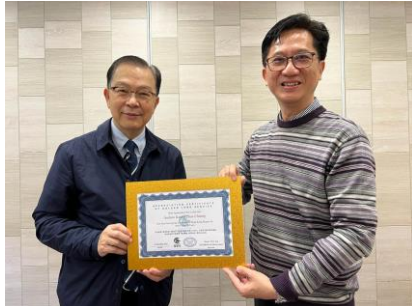
**The Chinese New Year of Rabbit has come to town and I am very much hoping that you will all have a prosperous , happy and healthy Chinese New Year and that you can all enjoy a fruitful and joyous time with your family.**

**Daniel Sum  
Chairman  
Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors-Hong Kong Region.**

## **CICES HK Region's Activities**

### **The Appreciation Certificates Presentation and the Long Service Certificates Presentation to the CICES HK Region's Committee Members and Honorary Advisors**

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**16 December 2022:** An appreciation certificates presentation to all the committee members and the honorary advisors who have attended the ceremony where HK Region's Chairman Daniel Sum was presenting such certificates to them for appreciating their valuable time and efforts in the development of the HK Region from early 2019 to early 2023 during the term of the

Committee. The long service certificates were also awarded to the Committee Members who are serving the Hong Kong Region as committee members from serving 4 years to over 20 years and such certificates were awarded to them for appreciating their continuous long service to the Hong Kong Region, and developing HK Region from very few number of members to the continuous and rapid growth recent years to a total of approximate 700 Hong Kong members by the end of 2022. Their efforts are remarkable and will be memorable in the history of the CICES HK Region. The snapshot photos of the presentation ceremony are attached in the overleaf of this newsletter.

### **CICES HK Region and Lighthouse Club HK Branch site visit to the Sikh Temple**

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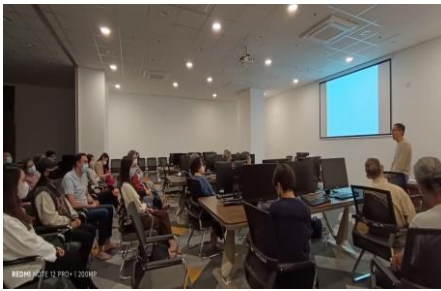
**3 Dec 2022:** The Sikh temple in Hong Kong reopened on 6th November 2022, after a HK\$230 million (US\$29 million) five-year renovation.

The Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors and the Lighthouse Club Hong Kong Branch jointly organised a visit to this Sikh temple on 3rd December 2022.



# Appreciation Certificates Presentation Ceremony and Long Service Award Ceremony





During the visit the project team and the client's representative provided some insights of the design concept, the challenges and the culture background of the works.

### CICES HK Region and AES joint CPD on Hong Kong Court Judgments Resolving Disputes Arising from Projects Involving Surveyors and/or Engineers



**24 Nov 2022:** The success of the Hong Kong Construction Industry relies on many different professionals, including but not limited to surveyors and engineers. However, in the course of carrying out the construction projects, disputes will inevitably arise, and the Courts will often need to examine the roles of the professionals and how they interact with the others.



In the Seminar Mr. Terence Wong reviewed the relevant Hong Kong Court Judgments recently decided, which would have shed some light for professionals (particularly surveyors and engineers) as to how disputes should be avoided, and how to handle disputes should they arise.



## Visit to the Headquarters of New World Construction Company

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**8 November 2022:** A visit to the Headquarters of New World Construction Company to celebrate their 10 years anniversary by our Committee Members and led by Ir. Andrew Keung (President Representative-Far East) and have received the hospitality and briefing of New World Construction over their development in this 10 years and the construction projects which have been carrying out.



## Regional Chair Meeting

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**2 November 2022:** Chairman Daniel Sum attended the Region Chair Meeting by Video Conferencing Apps and most of the Regional Chairs of UK joined such meeting. The new CEO Mr. Simon Hamlyn has led the meeting and expressed their concern and caring for the CICES Hong Kong Region and its local members.

Chairman Daniel Sum reported the development of the Hong Kong Region in the provision of the CPDs, the planning of the carrying out of the new annual dinner in 2023 and the membership growth in the Hong Kong Region.

## Verification of Dragon Boat Racecourse's Distance

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**17 September 2022:** CICES HK Region sent representatives to act as the professional surveying consultant to verify the distance and positions of the Dragon Boat Racing in Chai Wan. This event has been suspended since the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020.



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