

**The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Annual General Meeting
6 December 2018
President's Report**

Dear Members,

How time flies!

This is the last episode of my two-year presidency.

Before I bid farewell and retire from the stage, please allow me to share with you the various endeavors of the Institute and related events of interest in the last quarter of 2018.

Promoting Architectural Excellence

HKIA Annual Awards 2017/18

Riding on the positive feedbacks received on the revamp format of the Annual Awards 2016/17, we continue to honor our members and their outstanding works to a wider extent of recognition this year. A 5-day exhibition of the 2017/18 Award-winning and finalist projects was held at Pacific Place in early November, while the presentation for the Award was made at the HKIA Annual Ball on 3 November 2018. Congratulations to all the award winners!

Promoting Our Profession and Members

HKIA Tokyo Exhibition

Thanks to the support by Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Tokyo) of the HKSAR Government and The Japan Institute of Architects (JIA), the architectural exhibition on our young architects, "MORE THAN HIGH-RISE – Exploring Hong Kong through Architecture", was successfully held from 1 to 11 November in Ginza6, Tokyo, Japan. The event was also listed by the HKSAR Government as one of the highlights of the "Hong Kong Week" in Japan this year.

Not only we were honoured to have our Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam to officiate the opening of the first ever exhibition hosted by HKIA in Japan, I am particularly impressed to see how our young professionals rising to the challenges of the overseas event. Their exhibits on show received many positive feedback and appreciation from the local community, as well as from Hong Kong. There was also a fruitful discussion on "Opportunities and Challenges for Hong Kong and Japanese Young Architects" by speakers from both HKIA and JIA at an open forum on 10 November. I must thank our Exhibition Project Leaders Past President Mr. Vincent Ng and Honorary Secretary Professor Paul Chu, for their dedicated efforts to make the whole event a big success.

HKIA Furniture Design Competition 2018

After the successful launching of the first HKIA Furniture Design Competition in 2017, the Young Members Committee continued to organize the second one this year. The winning multi-use sets were showcased at The Center, Central from 10 to 21 November. The exhibition will then be moved to City University of Hong Kong during 13 to 20 December 2018 with the Prize Presentation Ceremony to be held on 15 December 2018. After the exhibition, these prototypes will be donated to under-privileged families for their use.

Communication within Institute

HKIA Annual Ball 2018

The HKIA Annual Ball 2018 on 3 November 2018 was an enjoyable evening well attended by about 480 distinguished guests and HKIA members. We were pleased to have Mrs. Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the HKSAR as our Guest of Honours at the

Ball. The conferment of HKIA Honorary Fellows and the prize presentation to the HKIA Annual Awards 2017/18 winners, Young Architect Award 2017 and Student Medals 2018 were made at the same occasion. Congratulations again to our newly admitted Honorary Fellows and all the award recipients!

Communication with the Industry

Forum on Quality for Construction Industry and CITF Launching Ceremony

I was invited by Development Bureau (DEVB) and Construction Industry Council (CIC) to participate in the Forum on Quality for Construction Industry as a panelist on 2 October 2018. The Forum aimed to raise awareness of the industry on the quality of construction works and to reinforce DevB's initiatives for quality enhancement in "Construction 2.0" through new means of construction such as prefabrication/Modular Integrated Construction and Building Information Modelling (BIM). To encourage wider adoption of innovative constructive methods, a total of HK\$1 billion funding is allocated to cover two aspects, namely technology adoption and manpower development. This Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) was officially launched in the same occasion as well.

Grand Opening of Hong Kong Institute of Construction

On 3 October, I attended the opening ceremony of Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) in Tai Po. HKIC aims to nurture an accomplished construction workforce with sound professional skills, theoretical knowledge, innovation ideas and passion for works, which would be pivotal to the future of our construction industry.

Grand Opening of CIC Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) Display Centre

I also attended the opening of the CIC Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) Display Centre at the Zero Carbon Building on 6 November. Being the pioneering project by means of MiC in Hong Kong, the Centre consists of ten modular units to showcase 5 residential units for different occupancy. Currently MiC has also been adopted in several public projects to enhance site safety and construction quality. So fellow architects, let's get prepared for a new era of the construction industry in Hong Kong.

Project Capability Building Program Seminar for DevB

On 21 November 2018, I delivered a special seminar on "Construction 2.0" to about 200 Development Bureau professionals, colleagues, upon invitation by the Bureau. In addition to the sharing on the Design for Manufacture and Assembly based on UK experience, I took this opportunity to roll out the recurring but challenging issues of appropriate procurement means for design to achieve quality; cost control without loss of visual appeal, social values and environmental agenda. Certainly, some food for thought to the audience, who are requested to adopt a "common sense approach and commercial mindset" in the administration of future public works projects as per "Construction 2.0".

Communication with Mainland

National Day Celebration Dinner and Visit 2018

Together with Council Member Mr. Simon Chan and Young Member Ms. Claudia Cheung, we attended the National Day Celebration Dinner and Visit in Beijing during 27 to 30 September 2018. The Hong Kong construction industry professional group also visited the Chinese Academy of Science and Technology to learn the great achievements and leading innovations in science and technology by our nation over the past 70 years. During the visit to the Palace Museum, we not only had the opportunity to closely examine the conservation work of the Forbidden City, I also made a presentation on the "Conservation of Heritage Buildings in Hong Kong" during the exchange seminar with the local experts. We look forward to more of this kind of dialogues and exchanges with Mainland counterparts in future.

Joint Institutes Visit to Huizhou, Bay Area

During 21 to 23 October 2018, I joined the Presidents of HKIS, HKILA and Past President of HKIP to lead the joint institute visit to Huizhou and the Bigger Bay Area organised by Office of LegCo Member Hon Tony Tse. We visited the reservoir that are the source of water supply to Hong Kong, and the upstream environment to learn more about the water quality monitoring and control work in place. We were also introduced to the grand city planning of Huizhou and the new projects for a livable city, including the various environmental innovative initiatives at Huizhou Tonghu Ecological Smart Zone and LVKE Environmental Protection as well. Again I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR for facilitating this informative visit.

Sichuan-Hong Kong High-level Roundtable Meeting

On 7 November 2018, I attended the Sichuan-Hong Kong High-level Roundtable Meeting (川港專業商協會座談會) and met the delegation led by Mr. Peng Qing-hua, Secretary of the Sichuan CPC Committee. In-depth discussion was made on key areas of Sichuan-Hong Kong cooperation to enhance the business environment and development of professional services.

Guangdong Hong Kong Construction Industry Annual Meeting 2018

Further to the inaugurating event last year, the annual meeting between Guangdong and Hong Kong construction industry key stakeholders (粵港建造業 2018 年會) was held in Hong Kong on 19 November 2018. Chaired by the deputy director of the provincial construction administration bureau, there were stimulating and candid exchanges on the development opportunities of Hong Kong professionals in the Greater Bay Area, with constructive suggestions in particular for our young professionals.

Belt and Road Initiatives

On 12 November 2018, I was invited as speaker at the Belt and Road Forum (一帶一路貿易投資政策與實務交流會) which was jointly organised by Ministry of Commerce, Hong Kong Trade and Development Council and The Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association for promotion of investment and business opportunities in the Belt and Road countries. As shared with the audience, the unique edge of our full architectural professional services in Hong Kong, as well as our abundant experience with offshore projects should be of great significance and assistance in exploring the new Belt and Road markets.

Connection with Overseas

Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) Zone C Institute Presidents Meeting

On 20 October 2018, I had a fruitful one-day meeting in Macau with other ARCASIA Zone C Institute Presidents, hosted by the Zone C Director from MAA. ARCASIA, which cover lots of Asian countries under the Belt & Road Initiative, was recognized as an important platform for future development of the Initiative. The prospect of holding an international Belt & Road forum under ARCASIA in the coming year would be further explored.

Now my dear fellow members, serving you and the Institute for the past 2 years has been an amazing journey for me.

I am privileged to have come across so many learned seniors, passionate colleagues and enthusiastic friends along the way. With the collective efforts, a number of new initiatives and collaborations just happen amazing within these 2 years, which I could not have anticipated at the start of my presidency.

My sincere appreciation must also go to our Council, Boards, Committees and all the

members for your support, hard work and contributions.

Soon there will be a new chapter for the Institute. I am confident that under the leadership of Architect Felix Li, our Institute will continue to flourish with ever remarkable achievements in the years to come.

So finally, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

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