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4 December 2024

Dear Members,

HKIA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024

Please be advised that the following matter will be raised for discussion at the AGM scheduled for 13 December 2024, 7:00pm, at Craigengower Cricket Club:

Electronic Voting for Council Elections and Motions

In the light of enhancing accuracy and efficiency while being environmentally friendly, HKIA is considering to adopt electronic voting as an option alongside with ballot voting for both Council Election and motions raised at General Meetings. A Taskforce under the Council is exploring the long-term arrangement of allowing members to vote on elections and motions through both physical ballots and electronic means, taking into consideration Rules of the Institute, production cost, voting and election requirements, anonymity, and cybersecurity concerned.

As there are quite a few sections of the Rules stating specifically the use of papers in handling election and motions, the introduction of electronic voting requires amending the Rules.

In fact, there has been an increased usage of emails and online means for communication between HKIA and members. We invited members to give consent in using the online Member Area platform launched two years ago to handle membership renewal and updating their CPD and other information, and now the majority of members are using the online platform.

We are planning to introduce a motion in the 1st QGM of 2025. More details on the proposed electronic voting system and outline on the proposed changes to the relevant Rules will be presented in this AGM for members to consider. Should you have any enquiries, please contact HKIA Secretariat at 2511 6323 or qgmagm@hkia.org.hk.

Yours sincerely,

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