

## Proposal of the Revision of HKIA Membership Subscription for 2022

### 1. Preamble

The rates of HKIA membership subscription were last reviewed in 2013 (8 years ago). A revision will be justified to be implemented for 2022 for following reasons:

- A. An upward trend in the operation costs, having regard to Consumer Price Index and inflation.
- B. Enhanced membership services and increased activities

### 2. Proposals for Discussion

#### A. Membership Subscription Fee for 2022

Membership Fee	2014-2021*	2022	+%
Fellow	3,600	<b>4,000</b>	11%
Member	2,400	<b>2,650</b>	10%
Associate	2,400	<b>2,650</b>	10%
Non-resident Member	1,200	<b>1,350</b>	13%
Affiliate	1,200	<b>1,350</b>	13%
Retired Fellow / Member	1,000	<b>1,100</b>	10%
Graduate	600	<b>660</b>	10%
Student	100	<b>100</b>	---
Corporate member with 1-9 HKIA members	3,600	<b>4,200</b>	17%
Corporate member with 10-19 HKIA members	4,800	<b>5,600</b>	17%
Corporate member with 20-29 HKIA members	7,200	<b>8,300</b>	15%
Corporate member with 30-39 HKIA members	9,600	<b>11,100</b>	16%
Corporate member with ≥ 40 HKIA members	12,000	<b>13,800</b>	15%

\* : In 2020, there was a fee reduction instead of an increase

In the future, membership subscription is to be periodically reviewed at an interval of 2 years to cope more closely with the realistic needs.

#### B. Late Payment Fee

A levy of 20% of membership fee shall apply to all Members who settle their payment of membership fees late (according to payment proof date, postmark date for mail). For example: Members paying their membership renewal fee for 2022 after 31 December 2021 will have to pay this Late Payment Fee in addition to the normal membership fee.

#### C. Extension of 100% Remission of Membership Fee to include Associates

With effect from 1 January 2022, the current remission of HKIA membership subscription fee for senior and long serving HKIA Fellows, Members and Non-Resident Members will be extended to Associates, with details as follows:

Type of Membership	Over 65 years old & with 25-49 years Full HKIA membership	Over 65 years old & with 50 years or above Full HKIA membership
Fellow	50% Remission	100% Remission
Member		
Non-resident Member		
Associate		

### 3. Operation Cost

#### A. The rising rates of **CPI and inflation** of Hong Kong (for reference):

Year	CPI	Inflation
2014	97.7	4.44%
2015	100.6	3.00%
2016	103.0	2.41%
2017	104.5	1.48%
2018	107.0	2.41%
2019	110.1	2.86%
2020	110.5	0.33%

<https://www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/scode270.html#section3>

<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/HKG/hong-kong/inflation-rate-cpi>

#### B. Operation Cost

The operation cost of HKIA has recorded an upward trend from 2014 till to-date. Income from membership fees cannot cover the operation cost since 2015.

With the ever-increasing cost, HKIA has taken measures to:

- Keep the basic / minimum headcounts of the Secretariat;
- Negotiate with the landlord to cap the rent for a lease of 5 years;
- Introduce / encourage communications by electronic means;
- Reduce printing; and
- Scale down the Beijing Office.

#### C. Exploration of Other / Additional Income

HKIA has tried to source other fundings to compensate the increase in cost:

- One-off Employment Support Scheme (ESS)
- Subsidy from the Government (e.g., CreateHK, CEDB) for exhibition projects
- Website (Members Area) improvement (with subsidy from Technology Voucher Programme)
- Increase of Application fees for Accreditation of local architectural programmes, and CPD Supplier Series, Professional Assessment fees
- Soliciting sponsorships from individual Members

### 4. Members Benefits

Despite the increase in its operation cost, HKIA never stops to maintain and improve the **unique value propositions** and **benefits** to its Members.

- Enhance Members' professionalism by introducing CPD lectures, webinars: In 2020, online versions, mostly free, were introduced with increased accessibility (2014: 34 CPD / 963 attendants; 2020: 64 CPD / 8,135 attendants)
- Keep Members abreast of the new updates in the industry covering local, the mainland and overseas through different communications channels (Website, e-Weekly, Facebook, Email, Journal, Annual Report etc.)
- Offer support to Members during COVID-19: Liaise with Government/ public bodies to resolve problems on plan submission, COVID testing, vaccination; support Government to execute the scheme to subsidize architectural practices to hire fresh graduates and assistant professionals
- Expand Members' benefit coverage: discounts on offers from 20+ selected merchants

## 5. Members' Consideration

It is proposed to put the resolutions of “**Revision of HKIA Membership Subscription**”, “**Late Payment Fee**” and “**Extension of 100% Remission of Membership Fee to include Associates**” to the vote of the **AGM on 9 December 2021**.

Pursuant to Rule 19, “*the amount of entrance fees and subscriptions for different categories of membership shall be determined from time to time by Resolution of a General Meeting*”.