

THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Session 2024/2025 held on Thursday, 14 November 2024
5:30pm at the HKIE Headquarters**

Present	:	Ir Eric MA Siu Cheung	President
		Ir Dr Barry LEE Chi Hong	Immediate Past President
		Ir Alice CHOW Kin Tak	Senior Vice President
		Ir Charles CHAN Hing Lung	
		Ir Donny CHAN Wai Keung	
		Ir CHENG Chi Lung	
		Ir Brian CHENG Wai Lung	
		Ir CHIANG Tung Keung	
		Ir Edmond FONG Wai Man	
		Ir Prof Ken HO	
		Ir Tony HO Ying Kit	
		Ir Danny HUNG Cheung Shew	
		Ir Wilson KWOK Wai Shun	
		Ir Horace LEE Chi Ho	
		Ir LEUNG Chi Lap	
		Ir Prof Eddie LOCK Hung Kee	
		Ir William LUK Wai Lam	
		Ir Charles SO Hung Tak	
		Ir Albert TAM A Ray	
		Ir Dr Fiona TSUI Suk Chong	
		Ir Prof Alexander WAI Ping Kong	
		Ir Dr WONG Yiu Man	
		Ir Tony ZA Wai Gin	
		Ir Dr Herbert ZHENG Wei	
		Ir Aaron BOK Kwok Ming	Honorary Member
		Ir Prof YUEN Pak Leung	Observer, Chairman of ERB
		Ir Dr the Hon LO Wai Kwok	Observer, Legislative Councillor (Engineering)
		Ir Prof Alfred SIT	Chief Executive and Secretary
In attendance	:	Ir Peter SI	Director
		Mr Wilbur PANG	Associate Director - Professional Standards & Services
		Ms Fonny LAM	Senior Executive Manager - Learned Society
		Ms Inggie HO	Minuting secretary
By invitation	:	Ms Anthea CHAN	President's Protégé
		Mr Carson CHAN	President's Protégé
		Ir CHOW Lap Man	Chairman, F & I Committee (For agenda items 3.5.3)

Apologies : Ir Prof Frank CHAN Fan
Ir Norman CHAN Sin Wing
Ir Prof Kannie CHAN Wai Yan
Ir Dorothy CHAN Ying Ying
Ir Prof Christopher CHAO Yu Hang
Ir CHENG Yeung Ming
Ir Dr Johnny CHEUK Chi Yin
Ir Kenneth CHEUNG Kwan Wing
Ir Benedict CHEUNG Lai Shun
Miss Keiko KAM Wing Sum
Ir Alexis LEE Chi Chuen
Ir Johnson LEE Kwun Chung
Ir Rupert LEUNG Kwok Yiu
Ir Prof Irene LO Man Chi
Ir Dr MAK Shu Lun
Mr Otto MAK Wai Hung
Ir Alcohol MOK Kwok Ho
Ir Dr NG Chak Man
Ir Simon NG Pak Hung
Ir Kelvin TANG Sher Kin
Ir Gloria TANG Yuk Yee
Ir Dr TSANG Kim Fung
Ir TSE Lok Him

Action

3.1 Membership Fees for 2025/26

The Meeting approved the recommendation of the Administration Board to increase the membership fees as set out in the Paper with the average rate of around 2.5% for 2025/2026.

3.2 Early Bird Discount for 2025/26

The Meeting approved the proposal to continue to offer a 2% early bird discount for membership subscription for financial year 2025/2026, which would only apply to members settling their subscriptions by cheques, cash or faster payment system before 1 April 2025.

3.3 1st Forecast for 2024/25 and Draft Budget for 2025/26

Ir CHOW Lap Man was invited to present the financial forecast for financial year 2024/2025 and the draft budget for financial year 2024/2025 as set out in Appendix II to the Paper. The Meeting noted the estimated deficit for the financial year 2024/2025 and the anticipated deficit in the draft budget for financial year 2025/2026 together with respective judgement on the final outcomes made by the Committee.

Ir CHOW drew the attention of the Meeting that it was unhealthy for an organisation to consistently operate at a deficit, as this would hamper its development. He urged members, particularly those who were budget owners to cut unnecessary expenditures and explore ways to increase revenue in the coming months to minimise the current financial year's deficit.

Ir Alice CHOW mentioned that the Administration Board had proposed forming a Task Force to review the membership fee formula in light of the recent changes in the services of the HKIE.

Ir Dr Barry LEE added that, the budget should include costs for maintaining and upgrading the Institution's facilities, which had not been addressed for many years.

The President encouraged members to join the Task Force to contribute ideas on approaches for reviewing the membership fee formula and strategies to enhance membership drive.

After consideration, the Meeting noted the financial forecast for financial year 2024/2025 and approved the proposed budget for financial year 2025/2026 as presented.

3.4 Mutual Recognition Supplementary Framework Agreement with GDIE and Supplementary Agreements with Guangdong Engineering Institutions

The Meeting approved the proposed Mutual Recognition Supplementary Framework Agreement (MRFA) with GDIE as set out in Appendix I, and the Supplementary Agreements (SAs) with Guangdong Engineering Institutions as set out in Appendices II and III to the Paper as presented.

3.5 Reciprocal Recognition Agreement with BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT

The Meeting approved the proposed Reciprocal Recognition Agreement with BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT as set out in Appendix IV to the Paper as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 6:45pm.