

Message from the HKIE Toastmasters Club President



It is with honor and humility that I take up the role as Club President for session 2025-2026 at the HKIE Toastmasters Club.

“Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.” These words from the American thinker - Ralph Waldo Emerson - highlights the value of good oratory skills. After all, communication is fundamentally about persuasion—whether it is convincing clients or colleagues in a corporate setting, or inspiring change in those close to us in our personal lives. It is also well understood that listening is equally important as speaking for effective communication. This is why the Toastmasters Club format, which incorporates prepared and impromptu speeches alongside evaluation sessions that demand active listening, is such a constructive platform for developing persuasive, confident, and capable communicators.

Over the years, the role of an engineer has evolved into a multi-faceted profession that requires strong interpersonal acumen alongside the traditional technical toolkit. The HKIE Toastmasters Club has been contributing towards this end and supporting the engineering community in Hong Kong since 2002. The Toastmasters ‘Pathways’ format is flexible and provides the member six pathway choices ranging from the impactful ‘Dynamic Leadership’ to the powerful ‘Persuasive Influence’, or from the practical ‘Presentation Mastery’ to the whimsical ‘Engaging Humor’.

Organizations thrive by listening to feedback and adapting to the changing needs of their members. Beginning with the 2025-2026 session, the HKIE Toastmasters Club is proud to introduce a new one-on-one mentorship program for new and junior members, further enhancing the value we offer and accelerating members’ progress towards their public speaking goals. Additionally, by fostering a friendly and welcoming environment, we aim to ensure every member has a positive and enriching experience at our monthly sessions.

We are open to new member from the Engineering community of Hong Kong to our sessions held on the first Thursday of every month. If Toastmasters sounds interesting and you would like to have an experience of attending a session, we welcome you to join a session as our guest. We welcome new members from Hong Kong’s engineering community to join us during club sessions that are held on the first Thursday of every month. If Toastmasters interests you and you would like to experience one of our sessions, we warmly invite you to attend as our guest.

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The HKIE Toastmasters Club President, 2025-2026