

## Message from the HKIE Toastmasters Club President



It is both a privilege and a responsibility to step into the role of Club President for the HKIE Toastmasters Club for the 2026–2027 session. Having served the engineering community through the Young Members Committee, I have long believed in the power of connection, continuous learning, and venturing beyond familiar horizons. Today, I bring that same conviction to our Toastmasters family.

In a world where artificial intelligence can generate words and structure with effortlessly, what remains uniquely human? The answer, I believe, lies not in the script, but in the speaker. The courage to stand before an audience, the empathy to listen, the authenticity to connect—these are qualities no algorithm can replicate. For engineers, whose work increasingly spans disciplines, cultures, and stakeholders, the ability to communicate with clarity and conviction is not merely a soft skill—it is a core competency.

For over two decades, the HKIE Toastmasters Club has been a trusted platform for developing this competency. Our regular meetings—featuring prepared speeches, impromptu sessions, and constructive evaluations—offer a safe and supportive environment for growth. The Pathways programme provides structured learning, and our one-on-one mentorship ensures every member receives the tailored guidance they need.

As we look ahead to 2026–2027, my vision is simple: to make our club a place where every engineer dares to speak, learns to listen, and grows to lead. Whether you are presenting a technical proposal, pitching an idea to the public, or simply finding your voice, this is your platform. Let us move beyond our comfort zones, challenge ourselves together, and discover the kind of communicator we each have the potential to become.

I warmly invite all members to join our monthly sessions, held on the first Thursday of every month. Come as a guest, stay as a member, and leave as a more confident version of yourself.

Let us speak, listen, and grow—beyond our horizons.

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The HKIE Toastmasters Club President, 2026-2027