

COUNCIL MEETING

**The Second Meeting of the 2005/2006 Session was held at the HKIE HQs on Thursday,
15 September 2005 at 1700 hour**

Present	:	Ir Dr Greg WONG Chak Yan	President
		Ir WONG Kwok Lai	Vice President
		Ir Kenneth AU-YEUNG Kwok Shing	
		Ir CHAN Chi Chiu	
		Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung	
		Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching	
		Ir Peter CHAN Pak Fong	
		Ir CHAN Siu Tack	
		Miss Joyce CHAN Yin Tong	
		Ir Victor CHEUNG Chi Kong	
		Ir Martin CHEUNG Kin Keung	
		Mr Daniel CHEUNG Pak Fun	
		Ir CHING Kam Cheong	
		Ir Tony CHIU Siu Wah	
		Ir Albert CHU Kwai Luen	
		Ir Charles CHU Man Chun	
		Ir HO Kwong Wai	
		Ir Gary KO Chi Wai	
		Ir KOO Yuk Chan	
		Ir Prof Albert KWAN Kwok Hung	
		Ir Dr Gabriel LAM Chun Kong	
		Ir LAM Kin Chung	
		Ir LAU Chi Kin	
		Ir Dr LAW Kwok Sang	
		Ir LEE Kin Wah	
		Ir LEE Ping Kuen	
		Ir Dr LI Chi Kwong	
		Ir George LING Kam Hoi	
		Ir Louis LOCK Fat Shing	
		Ir Paul PANG Tat Choi	
		Ir Albert POON Ka Fat	
		Ir Francis TONG Man Kan	
		Ir UY Tat Ping	
		Ir Dr Ricky YEUNG Wai Hang	
		Ir Arthur YUNG Hun Tat	
		Ir Dr Raymond HO Chung Tai	Observer, Legislative Councillor
		Ir Dr Alex CHAN Siu Kun	Honorary Member
		Mrs Monica YUEN	Secretary
By invitation	:	Ir Edgar KWAN Chi Ping	Chairman, Finance & Investment Committee (For agenda item 2.10)

In attendance	: Mr Albert CHOW Mr Jackson FONG	Director of Qualifications Minuting secretary
Apologies	: Ir James KWAN Yuk Choi Ir Dr LO Wai Kwok Ir Peter Y WONG Ir Aaron BOK Kwok Ming Ir Francis BONG Shu Ying Ir Paul CHAN Yim Cheong Ir Thomas CHAN Kwok Cheung Ir FUNG Wing Kun Ir Dr James LAU Chi Wang Ir Simon NGO Siu Hing Ir MAK Lap Ming	Immediate Past President Vice President Vice President

A C T I O N M I N U T E S

Action

2.1 Patron of the Institution

The meeting noted that The Honourable Donald TSANG Yam Kuen, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), has accepted our invitation to be the Patron of the Institution.

2.2 Financial forecast for financial year 2005/2006 and draft budget for financial year 2006/2007

Ir Edgar KWAN Chi Ping presented the financial forecast for financial year 2005/2006 and draft budget for financial year 2006/2007 as set out in the Paper on financial forecast 2005/2006 and budget 2006/2007.

Ir Edgar KWAN invited members to communicate with the Finance and Investment Committee via the Secretariat if there were any variations between the budget for the financial year 2005/2006 and the estimated forecast as well as any difference in the understanding on the proposed budget for the financial year 2006/2007.

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The meeting noted that the financial implications of the initiatives of the Working Groups have been incorporated in the forecast for financial year 2005/2006 as well as the proposed budget for financial year 2006/2007 resulting in an estimated surplus of HK\$219,619 and a deficit budget of HK\$323,804 for the two financial years respectively. These initiatives would be subject to the approval of the Council in the subsequent items of the agenda.

Subject to the above comment, the meeting noted the forecast for financial year 2005/2006 and approved the proposed budget for financial year 2006/2007.

2.3 Proposed initiatives for Session 2005/2006

The President briefed the meeting on the initiatives of the three Working Groups, which have been set up by the President as think tanks to put together proposals and recommendations for action. The estimated budget of individual projects as set out in the Paper was also highlighted.

In consideration of the proposed initiatives, the meeting had the following comments:

- On the question of whether the road shows as proposed would be an on-going project, it was explained that the funding required was to kick off the project, which could be reviewed in two years' time to determine whether the project was to turn into a recurrent activity.
- There was concern on how to assess the effectiveness, in terms of the financial commitment, of the proposal in building an archive of engineers' contribution to the community (the "Project"). It was clarified that the proposed budget would be used for the recruitment of a staff for about two years to collate information and to build up the archive system. It would be difficult to quantify at this stage the effectiveness of the project. However, it would be conducive to conduct a survey on engineers' status after the introduction of the project. In the meantime, a survey on the employment of engineers is being considered.
- It was suggested that Public Relations Committee (PRC) is to be invited to plan, screen and at a later stage to conduct a survey to assess the effectiveness of the Project.
- The Project has educational value and could draw the attention of the members of the society to the contribution of the engineers.
- On the adequacy of the provision for the production of the DVDs, it was clarified that assistance from organisations including the Government might be sought on the production.

There was also a discussion on the observations that the number of students registering for engineering degree courses had dropped. It was observed that the lack of infrastructure projects for the industry and the related employment issue could be part of the many reasons accounting for the current situation.

Subject to the above, the meeting approved the initiatives together with the estimated budget of individual projects as presented and suggested that a review could be conducted in the Session 2007/2008.

2.4 To endorse the updated membership list of standing committees for Session 2005/2006

The meeting approved unanimously the proposed list of membership of the standing committees for Session 2005/2006 as set out in the Paper and the additional nominations tabled at the meeting.

2.5 Venue and voting centre(s) for the 31st Annual General Meeting

The meeting approved the recommendations of the Executive to have two voting centres for the 31st Annual General Meeting (AGM) with one voting centre at one time. It was further decided that the HKIE HQs and the Jockey Club Auditorium at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University would be the two voting centres, the latter of which being the venue of the AGM.

2.6 Membership fees for financial year 2006/2007

The meeting approved the proposal from the Finance & Investment Committee that the subscription, entrance and application fees for 2006/2007 be maintained at 2005/2006 levels.

2.7 Early bird discount for financial year 2006/2007

The meeting approved the proposal from the Finance & Investment Committee to continue to offer a 2% early bird discount for membership subscription for financial year 2006/2007, which would only apply to members settling their subscriptions by cheque or cash before 1 April 2006.

2.8 Composition and Terms of Reference (TOR) of Training Committee and Training Review Sub-committees

The meeting approved the proposed amendments to the Composition and TOR of the Training Committee and Training Review Sub-committees as set out in the Paper on the Composition and TOR of the Training Committee and Training Review Sub-committee.

2.9 Renewal of Reciprocal Recognition Agreement (RRA) between the HKIE and The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)

The meeting approved the renewal of the Reciprocal Recognition Agreement between the HKIE and the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) as set out in the Paper on the heads of agreement between the HKIE and the IMarEST.

2.10 Nominations for Co-opted members onto Ad Hoc Committee on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

The meeting approved the appointment of Ir Timothy SUEN Kai Cheung, Ir Prof Joseph LAI Ki Leuk and Ir Albert HO Ngai Leung as co-opted members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

2.11 Proposed Amalgamation of Nuclear (NE) Division with Gas & Energy (EG) Division

The meeting approved the recommendation for having 3 more co-opted members in the membership of the Division Committee for the first year of operation after amalgamation.

2.12 Nominations onto the Young Engineers International (YEI)

The meeting approved the appointment of Ir Carl LI Shi Kai, Miss Joyce CHAN Yin Tong, Mr Johnson LEE Kwun Chung and Mr Jon LEE Chung Hon from the Young Members Committee (YMC) onto the Young Engineers International (YEI).

2.13 Free Happy Hour

The President informed the meeting that the next “Free Happy Hour” is to be held on 14 October 2005 and members are invited to attend.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.