

**Note of Welcome of
HKIE President Ir Aaron BOK at
The HKIE Prize Presentation Ceremony cum New Members'
Reception
18 February 2023**

Fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, good afternoon. Thank you for coming to the HKIE Prize Presentation Ceremony cum New Members' Reception. Today is a very special occasion. Other than the presentation of the HKIE Scholarship, HKIE Prize for Outstanding Engineering Students, the Trainee of the Year Award, prizes for the City Dress-Up Photo Competition and finally certificates to our newly admitted Fellow Members and Members, 50-year Membership Certificates will also be presented to our honour members who have achieved 50-year membership with us. It is thus my pleasure to be here today to witness our members reaching different milestones and achievements in their professional career at different stage of life. I am particularly glad to witness a new generation of engineers or potential engineers reaching this milestone and adding momentum to the engineering profession.

No doubt you all shall be aware that my presidential theme this year is:

***“HKIE – Time to Change
Commitment to Change – Boosting Professionalism
WE ARE PROUD TO BE ENGINEERS
香港工程師學會 – 專業維新
以工程師為傲”***

This reflects my conviction that pride in our profession is the foundation of all our reform measures that make the Engineering profession in HK getting well prepared to meet oncoming opportunities and challenges facing us. In my view, this begins with enhancing the visibility of the Institution and improving the image of the profession, thus attracting our future successors to join us.

To increase our visibility by showcasing the diversity and significance of the work engineers do, the Institution will host the “Hong Kong Engineers Week 2023” from 3 to 11 March 2023. Under the “Our Future • We Engineer (未來 • 一同創造)”, it will feature a series of events including competitions, carnival, exhibition, international conference and fundraising cycling & run. It aims to make a long-lasting positive impression of engineers on younger members of our society. I would like to appeal all your support in particular those new members who are mostly much younger than me in participating in these events personally and promoting them to your friends and colleagues since we all have a duty to nurture our future successors. Also, to warmly welcome our newly admitted Members and Fellow members, their names are all published in Ming Pao (明報) today with the eye-catching photos of some of our new Fellows. You are most welcome to obtain a copy of the newspaper at our reception desk.

On this very special occasion, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the new Members & Fellows and the award winners, and also your families, colleagues and friends who have supported you along your way to achieve this professional status.

很高興在這個特別日子見到新的會員及各獲獎年青人攜同家人和朋友出席，藉此機會，我為一直在背後給予你地無限量支持和鼓勵的家人、同事和朋友表示衷心的感謝，我相信他們今日必定為你地成就而感到驕傲，一定以你地成為工程師而感到驕傲！

Before the start of the ceremony, I would like to formally launch and share with you the music video of our new theme song “Proud to be Engineers”, in Chinese “傲程”, produced by our talented young members, mostly are my Protégés. I want to express biggest thanks and appreciation to their unfailing dedicated efforts. The song clearly reflects my Presidential theme this year, and more importantly highlights the relentless dedication of engineers through the multidisciplinary engineering projects showcased in the music video.

It is my fondest hope that the song, like the “Spirit Bomb” (元氣彈) in the anime Dragon Ball, would have the effect of bringing together everyone’s strengths, fostering engineering camaraderie, and enhancing engineers’ professional image.

Let’s all continue to deliver our professional services to the community with heart and diligence. Let’s all continue to tell good engineering stories; and let’s all nurture our talented successors. Let’s make all engineers feel proud to be Engineers! Thank you.

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