

Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences

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President's Report 30th Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to present the President's Report, highlighted the achievements and progress of our Academy since I assumed the role of President in January of this year.

1st GSP Project

I am delighted to report the successful completion of the 1st GSP Project (September 2021 - August 2023), funded by the ITC, within the scheduled timeframe. Despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic, we have accomplished the following milestones under the 1st GSP project:

- 2021-2022 Global Grand Challenges University Competition: We organized this competition, providing undergraduate students in engineering and computer science with the opportunity to compete for participation in the fifth Global Grand Challenges Summit. Although the on-site summit was cancelled due to the pandemic, the competition showcased the innovative capabilities and talents of Hong Kong engineering students, providing them with an exceptional experience.
- 2023 International Bay Area Summit: This two-day summit held on February 20-21, 2023, brought together distinguished speakers from around the world to discuss innovation, technology, entrepreneurship, and the sustainable development of the Greater Bay Area. The event was highly successful, promoting communication, understanding, and policy exchange within and beyond the Bay Area.
- Exchange Visit with Shenzhen: In July, we conducted a fruitful exchange visit to Shenzhen. We had the privilege of meeting Shenzhen Mayor Qin Weizhong, visiting renowned companies such as Huawei and BYD, and engaging with mainland academicians from the Guangdong Academician Federation. This visit highlighted the vibrant innovation in Shenzhen and the immense potential for cooperation between Shenzhen and Hong Kong. We plan to organize similar activities in the future to enhance our Academy's visibility and enable Fellows to gain insights into mainland developments.
- Hong Kong Engineering Science and Technology (HKEST) Award: As part of our 1st GSP project, we successfully organized the inaugural HKEST Award on June 3, 2023. The event featured distinguished guest speakers from mainland China and abroad. We awarded three individuals and one team for this 1st HKEST Award, recognizing their contributions to engineering and technology.

2nd GSP Project

Moving forward, I am pleased to inform you that we have secured another two-year GSP project, the 2nd GSP Project (September 2023 - August 2025). This project, with a total cost of HK\$4.838 million, includes generous in-kind sponsorships from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and The University of Hong Kong. Under this project, we will host three annual activities: Pitch Competition on Grand Challenge Topics, the HKEST Award, and a new initiative, the monthly TechTalk series, which commenced in October. I would like to invite and encourage your active participation and support in all these initiatives as they are crucial to our mission of promoting engineering excellence and innovation in Hong Kong.

Office in Science Park

I am delighted to report that we have successfully renewed our lease agreement with the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation for two years, starting from 17 June 2023. While the rental remains at a token HK\$1 for the whole term, a monthly service charge has been introduced. However, I am pleased to inform you that this monthly charge has been approved for payment under the 2nd GSP project funded by the ITC.

15th Guanhua Engineering Science and Technology Award

Once again, the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences has been honoured and entrusted with the nomination process for candidates from Hong Kong for the 15th Guanhua Award. We have recently completed the assessment of submissions received from all six invited universities.

Looking Ahead

In conclusion, the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences is committed to promoting engineering excellence and innovation in Hong Kong. We will continue to organize meaningful events and foster collaborations, and provide platforms for knowledge exchange and growth. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Exco team, Council members, Fellows and the Secretariat who have contributed to the achievements and progress of the HKAES. Together, we will uphold the high standards and reputation of our Academy.

As we approach the end of 2023 and embark on a new year, I would like to take opportunity to extend my best wishes to each and every one of you. May the coming year be filled with good health, fulfilment and joy.

Prof. J.G Teng
President (2023)
Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences

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