

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Ir Dr. KK Tong  
President (Session 2018-20)  
The Society of Operations Engineers  
(Hong Kong Region)

Welcome to the SOE (Hong Kong Region) and being one of the members of the Society. Firstly, may I taking this opportunity to wish you and your family good health, be contented and every success in the Year of the Rat despite this is a year which is full of challenges.

With the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) in mainland China, Hong Kong and other countries, it certainly had affected the normal operations of the community and as well as the SOE HK office. In view of staff and members' health as priorities, and to take precautionary measures we have no alternative but to cancel the Spring Dinner in February, following the Government's advice to take home office for staff and suspension of the face to face Professional Review Interview (PRI) etc. temporary.

On the other hand, the SOE HK Symposium 2020 with the theme "Bringing Forth The Bright Potential of Operations Engineering & Technologies" 「營運展動力 科研創商機」 will also be rescheduled to mid-September this year. I feel much appreciated and thankfulness to the hard works which have endeavored by the organizing committee members in planning, coordinating, and preparing the symposium under the current social unstable environment and epidemic disease condition. May I solicit members to deliver your greatest support to the symposium later in this year as to earn a forever success together as before!

The Annual Celebration Dinner, ACOC 17<sup>th</sup> will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> August at the Shangri-La Hotel Kowloon and we wish it would be going on smoothly and not affected by the uncertainties anymore. SOE HK will be stepping into her 18<sup>th</sup> years and the celebration dinner will not only give funs and memories but also let members to meet each other, old friends, industrial partners, and Government officers etc., a platform to share and exchange experience and knowledge as well.

Please contact Miss Connie JEE at 2617 0311 or visit our new office to get the necessary details. Don't miss it out!

As an engineering society, SOEHK aims in promoting safe, efficient, environmentally sustainable operations engineering to the benefit of the society. I would like to thank members for their unfailing support to SOEHK.

Once again, my sincere wish you all the best in this very challenging year with a fruitful and brilliant return. Thank you.

KK Tong  
March 2020

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Ir. Dr. John LEUNG  
Chairman (Session 2018-20)  
The Society of Operations Engineers  
(Hong Kong Region)

Dear members,

In the first quarter of 2020, I wish a very healthy, happy and prosperous year to all of you. This being the first issue of the newsletter in 2020. During the year 2019/2020 under review, SOE HK have spared no efforts to offer members the best and the most essential services. In the context of our services, the core of our work is to help members explore, create and develop opportunities on professional footprint by a) continue offering CPD activities to facilitate the life-long learning habit, and giving such platforms for knowledge sharing by organizing technical seminars, and visits; b) providing technical vital symposium for the discussion, development, and dissemination of authoritative knowledge related to traditional technologies while focusing more of our attentions towards serving the professionals working on emerging technologies; c) expanding and enabling flexible, diverse, communities to share, collaborate, network, and engage with one another; d) keeping the momentum growth of SOE Hong Kong Region membership for development of the Society with engineering expertise of diversity, being competent and accountable to serve the society and the industry; etc.

For those activities, we explored the insight of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area to better meet the needs of members. Moreover, we facilitated the renewal of reciprocal recognition agreements between SOE and HKIE with added discipline. We also strive to pass on our legacy to the next generation of SOE HK committee members by continuing to serve the society with our best endeavour and the pursuit of excellence.

We could foresee a continuous growth and development of SOE HK and sustain enhancement of collaboration with others. However, under the current situation of novel coronavirus epidemic in the world, the collaboration with others in a certain circumstance have been ceased and/or limited.

In response to the potential peer-to-peer infection of novel coronavirus pneumonia in the office, hand sanitizers had been deployed at the reception area for the use of visitors entering the premises. Moreover, due to the severe circumstance in February, the SOE HK temporarily ceased any seminars, group meetings and services in the office since 11 February 2020 until further notice.

SOE HK also cancelled the Spring Dinner and postponed the annual symposium used to be organized in February and June of 2020, respectively.

How might coronavirus impact our future event activities depends on the number of epidemic cases. I trust that with decisive, early action, we can slow down the virus and prevent infections. Among those who are infected, most will recover.

Please note that it does not mean all the activities within SOE HK have been suspended. We keep on planning events, anniversary celebration dinner, annual symposium and collaboration with others by regular conference meetings and sub-group meetings. You may refer to our latest announcement and scheduled activities at SOE HK webpage: [www.soe.org.hk](http://www.soe.org.hk).

I take this opportunity to wish you all have a healthy and anti-infection body and look forward to meeting you at SOE HK's activities in the earliest future.

**Technical Talk – CLP Energy Saving Initiatives**

A technical talk on “CLP Energy Saving Initiatives” organized by Sustainability and Smart Technology Development Specialist Group was held successfully on 27 September 2019. Mr. Charles Chau, Senior Account Manager of CLP Power HK Limited, was invited. He shared the initiative of Feed-In Tariff, Eco Building Fund, Peak Demand Management, and some effective energy saving measures, as well as energy saving tools offered by CLP in supporting customers to achieve energy saving.

This seminar was well attended by around 50 participants and the content of the talk stimulated much positive discussion. On behalf of the SOE HK and the participants, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Charles for delivering such fascinating talk.

Presentation of souvenir to guest speaker (middle)





**Technical Talk on “Fleet Management” 13-12-2019**

As the professional institution in road transport engineering, the IRTE sector of SOE HK devotes to enhance the professional knowledge of members and become the sustainable learning hub in the automotive engineering. The biannual Technical Talk serves as the exchange platform for the experts and trade practitioners to summarize the experiences and share the innovative technologies in fleet management.

Fleet is the most important asset of the logistics and passenger service operators. Effective and efficient management is vital for an optimum operation including customer satisfaction, operating costs, road safety and environment protection. It is a challenging assignment as most of the activities are operating outdoors.

We were very honored to have the great support from Ir Bill TAM *RPE, FSOE, FIRTE, MHKIE*, who has profound knowledge in automotive engineering especially in fleet management, to hold the sharing session of the talk. Ir TAM serves in senior position with a well-known local utility company to oversee the operation of fleet.

Reception of the talk was started at 18:30 for the professional exchange among members and was followed by the presentation in half an hour. Participants filled up every seat in the function room in time; the talk was successfully finished at 21:30 for the sake of rich sharing content and enthusiastic responses in follow up discussion.

Ir TAM introduced the key factors in successful management of fleets, such as the utilization, operating costs, driver and etc. Application of new technologies, case study on accidents and incentive policy were presented in details for meeting the goals and getting high standard in the targeted “Key Performance Indicators” of the company. All participants highly impressed to the sharing, they achieved not only the latest fleet management skills but valuably a fruitful experience and informative exchange in the evening.



*Ir TAM took photo with some of the participants after presentation*



*Ir TAM was presenting in the talk*



*Participants concentrated to the sharing*



*Application of ADAS technology on-board*

**Appreciation of Countryside Conservation with Green Trekking**

Yuen Tsuen Ancient Trail was elected in this activity to explore the sustainable engineering work applied on this trail in compromise of conservation and safety. The trail, running from Yuen Long to Tsuen Wan, was the major footpath used by villagers for transporting crops couple of decades ago. This trail has been revamped to facilitate the mobility of human being with good conditions of road surface / step and clear signposts for various destinations; original landscape and features of the paths are kept to allow people realizing the transportation in ancient life.

The trekking took place on 9th February 2020 with excellent weather for outing. The team set off at Tsuen Wan, ascended flights of steps and ascents to reach the highest point of the trail, Shek Lung Kung, where covered with jade lawns on the hilly region, seemed a utopia leaving from hustle and bustle. The southern scene along the way was a distance view over Kwai Chung, Tsuen Wan, Tsing Yi, Tsing Ma Bridge and Ting Ku Bridge, and a splendid view over the Rambler Channel; imposing hill of Tai Mo Shan was on the north. Along the forest path when down hilling, the gurgle could gradually be heard when closing to the brook. Vitality of the nature was found in the serenity with chirp. Everything was the effect of careful design and conservation of trail restoration.

The trekking team finished the exploration in 4 hours and arrived in Sham Tseng via Tsing Fai Tong New Village, the intermediate exit of the trail. Enjoyed the renowned roasted goose was of course the memorable dessert of the activity.



Set off in Tsuen Wan



Highest point of the trail, Shek Lung Kung



**菲律賓會員推廣活動 2-12-2019 – 9-12-2019**



今次去菲律賓主要  
拜訪當地學府推廣  
營運工程師學會  
（香港分會）及講  
解有關規範。

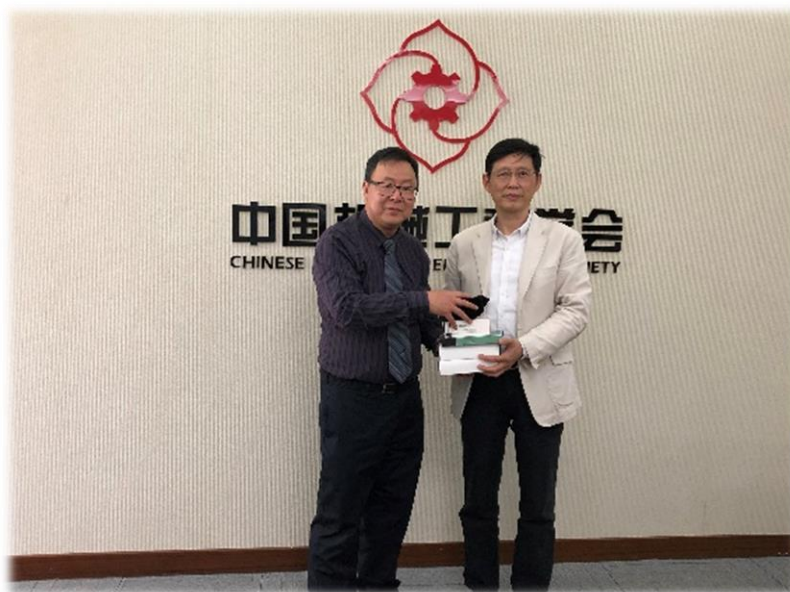


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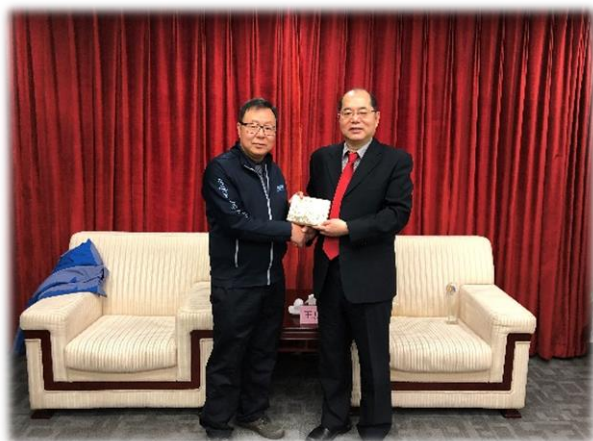
晚上參加他舉辦週年聚餐誌慶。

北京行 12-10-2019 – 16-10-2019



去年十月十二日參與中國工程師學會一年一度舉行之年會，我們會後交換紀念品。

會中兩會交流管理會務心得及介紹未來一年會務動向。







### 英國行 2-11-2019 - 9-11-2019

今次英國之行主要與總會前會長  
Chris GRIME 及會長 Michael  
SWEETMORE 回報香港分會會  
務和會員推廣活動，及 Chris  
GRIME 與我們交流心得。



我們一同參觀當地汽車展，當中有很多不同時代車型，其最吸引的是一些古董車，同行還有香港分會會長 KK TONG，有他在場深入淺出，趣味講解能使參觀者增識不少。





晚上我們與英國總會前會長 Chris GRIME 共聚晚餐，Chris GRIME 分享他生活小趣事及指導我們處理會務事宜。



今次旅程還有參觀一些著名景點 - Tower Bridge，加添份快樂回憶。