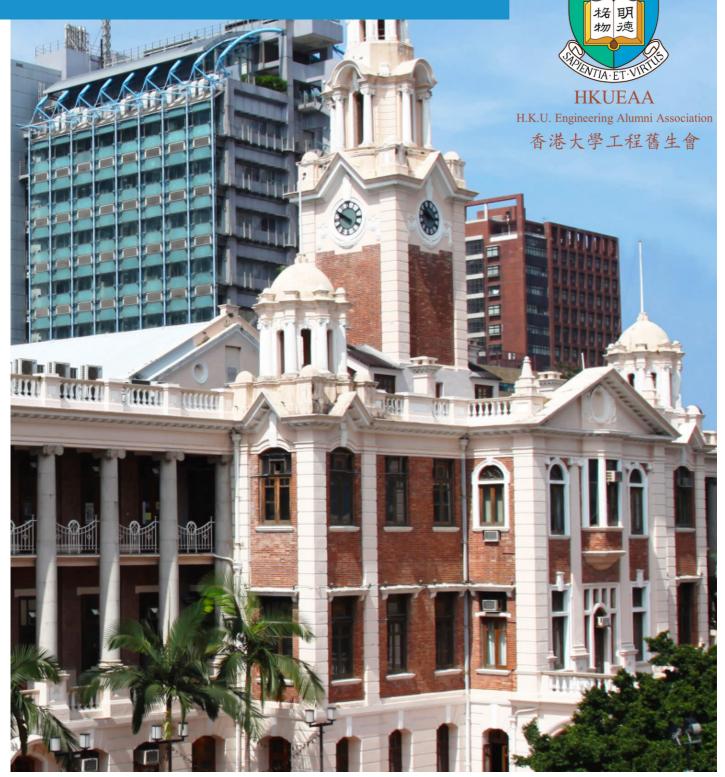
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### **President's Message**



Ir LAM Sai Hung, GBS, JP President H.K.U. Engineering Alumni Association Session 2021-2022

Dear Engineering Alumni and Friends,

It has been my great honour and pleasure to serve as President of the H.K.U. Engineering Alumni Association (HKUEAA) for 2 consecutive years.

Since January 2020, the once-in-a-century pandemic has swept the world including Hong Kong. Despite the tough situation we are facing, our persistence for cohering the bond amongst our fellow alumni, our alma mater and our engineering students as well as nurturing the development of our next-generation engineers has never diminished. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the wholehearted and talented team of Executive Committee members and Special Advisors for their unreserved support and invaluable contributions to continuously organize various activities in the midst of the pandemic. These include the technical visits, Graduate Mentor Scheme, Career Expo, hiking event, etc.

COVID-19 has tremendously disrupted our way of living, but it has not constrained our desire to strive for continuous and lifelong learning. We organized a series of technical visits to the infrastructure projects including Central Kowloon Route, Tseung Kwan O Desalination Plant and Sha Tau Kok Sewage Treatment Works in 2021 so as to pursue our alumni and students' interest and continuous professional development in engineering.

Our support to students is always consistent to facilitate their all-around development in creativity, learning and communication and career. As a succession of the past, we continued to jointly organize the Graduate Mentor Scheme (GMS) with the Engineering Society, HKU Students' Union (ENS, HKUSU). Since 2000, HKUEAA has gathered a wealth of socially experienced renowned and mentors who wholeheartedly share their knowledge and life experience with our students for "Passing on the Torch" through generations. We received positive feedback over the years from these privileged mentees that they had been enlightened and inspired by the mentors under their guidance and had become better equipped to face the challenges ahead because of the GMS. Not only students knew more about the society and industry through their mentors, but they also learned how to plan their own careers between work and life. Mentors also gained a lot of afresh insights by interacting with their mentees.

To assist our HKU students in their career development, we organized a Career Talk on job-seeking skills and a Mock Interview Workshop on 20 November 2021 for 43 final-year students interviewed by experienced alumni from 11 organizations. Seniors from the industry shared with students not only writing skills and interview techniques but also career planning and developing positive relationships with seniors and colleagues. For the mock interview, students' performance was evaluated by the interviewers with constructive feedback so as to excel in their necessary tactics.

As plagued by the pandemic, our planned events including the remarkable Annual Dinner, Overseas Study Tour, GMS Inauguration Ceremony, International Student Subcommittee Inauguration cum Networking Gathering and some local technical site visits had to be regrettably postponed or cancelled this year. With the current astonishing progress on vaccination, we stay in faith with confidence and have well planned in advance for organizing reunion events in the coming session, with an aim at bringing together our alumni and students of all years and disciplines with the university academia and engineering industry to promote friendship and bonding amongst us. Throughout the past four decades, HKUEAA has built strong ties with our alumni, HKU and its Faculty of Engineering. To strengthen the alumni network, a total of 44 Advisors from both private and public sectors as well as over 79 Class Representatives from different years have been appointed to propagate alumni news and engage members from respective organizations in the industry and peer groups. With their continuous support, we can do more for the well-being of the students and alumni.

Looking ahead, I trust our HKU engineering community will continue to grow and contribute to the community and University in a significant way. I wish HKUEAA every success in its future endeavors.

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#### Activities of the Year Career Expo - Job-search Skills Seminar

The Career Expo – Job-search Skills Seminar was successfully held on 20 November 2021 via both on-site and online formats. In this seminar, Senior executive and human resources experts from an international consultancy corporation (ACEOM) were invited to share the essential skills in job searching, including CV writing skills, interview skills and career planning. They also pointed out some common mistakes that participants should be aware of in their CV and interviews. 3 young graduates were invited to share their successful experiences and strategies in their jobsearching process.





#### Activities of the Year Career Expo - Mock Interview Workshop

A face-to-face Mock Interview Workshop was also conducted on 20 November 2021, aiming at strengthening the interview skills of the students and enhancing their competitiveness in the job market.

With staunch support from our fellow alumni forming a host of interview panels from various engineering fields to the business fields from 11 organizations, 43 students joined the workshop to earn a practical experience in job interviews with constructive feedback.



#### Activities of the Year A series of technical visits

To enrich technical exposure to members, we organized a series of technical visits to the infrastructure projects including Anderson Road Quarry Site on 31 July 2021, Central Kowloon Route on 14 August 2021, Tseung Kwan O Desalination Plant on 6 November 2021 and Sha Tau Kok Sewage Treatment Works on 11 December 2021 so as to pursue our alumni and students' interest and continuous professional development in engineering.



#### Activities of the Year Hiking to Mau Ping & Pak Kong Ancient Trails

HKUEAA has been arranging the annual hiking event for the 8th year. This time, the visit to Mau Ping & Pak Kong Ancient Trail was organized on 27 December 2021. Mau Ping Ancient Trail is well-known for the impressive St Thomas bean affectionately nicknamed the "Vine King" and its bamboo tunnels. Despite the sudden drop in temperature on that day, our alumni enjoyed the 3-hour walk on the trails which hold a rich cultural history and the delicious seafood lunch after the hiking.



#### Activities of the Year Graduate Mentor Scheme (GMS)

The GMS is jointly organized by HKUEAA, Engineering Society (ENS), HKUSU and the Faculty of Engineering, HKU. Since 2000, it has been one of the most important annual events for our engineering students and alumni. It strengthens the bonding among HKUEAA alumni, engineers and students. With HKUEAA's extensive network of engineering alumni and friends, we gather a wealth of renowned and experienced mentors from all walks of life. Mentors act as role models and share their professional knowledge and life experiences with mentees. With mentors' guidance and support, mentees could learn from the valuable experiences of mentors as well as establish and expand social networks prior to starting career.

Over the past twenty years, the GMS has matched over a thousand pairs of mentor-mentee. This programme has successfully served as a platform for inheriting knowledge and connecting different generations. This year, 59 mentees were paired with 29 mentors in March and the programme commenced in April. Mentors and mentees were coming from various disciplines such as civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, medical engineering, industrial engineering, computer science, etc.





#### HKUEAA Education Foundation Ltd.

HKUEAA had set up a charity organisation, the H.K.U. Engineering Alumni Association Education Foundation Limited (HKUEAA EF) and since January 2016, its charity status was confirmed and could enjoy tax exemption under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance by the Inland Revenue Department of the HKSAR Government.

The objectives of HKUEAA Education Foundation Ltd are including, inter alia, the following:

1. To organise and promote non-profit making activities for charity purposes;

2. Generally to foster, encourage, support, and assist in the promotion of education of engineering in all its forms;

3. To grant donations, scholarships, and financial or material assistance to the poor or non-profit making organisations such as schools, colleges, and universities, for the furtherance of charitable activities beneficial to the community;

4. To contribute to non-profit making research institutions and organizations (such research institutions and organizations shall disseminate the research results to the public);

5. To grant scholarships to award engineering students who display leadership and show commitment to community affairs.

# Appreciation to our voluntary helpers

#### Mr. Jose Chan Year 3 Student in BEng(Civil) at HKU

I am glad to be part of the HKUEAA family as an organizing committee of the Student Affairs group. This year, it was my pleasure to part in the Mock take Interview workshop. Despite the challenging situation due to the pandemic, the event was successfully held with tremendous support from other committee members. supporting organizations and participants.



The insight and experiences I have received from organising various events were valuable. Being the helper in the event was also my privilege to have the opportunity to work with seasoned engineers in the field, and build strong professional friendships. No doubt, joining HKUEAA is one of the most eye-opening experiences for me.

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#### Miss Keiko Kam Engineer in WSP (Asia) Limited

Having the opportunity to get involved **HKUEAA** in is definitely rewarding а experience for me. Starting as a helper in Graduate Mentor Scheme when I was a student member, I am grateful to obtain hands-on skills in liaising with various parties and managing events including technical visits, seminars and delegations, which in many



ways polish up my soft skills in becoming an all-rounded person.

Interactions with members are like little sparks lighting up my passion to continue to serve the engineering community, and this always allows me to pass the ripples of love back to learn and serve. Special thanks to all for the guidance and support all along, and I look forward to organising more events for the alma mater through HKUEAA.



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