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President's Report 33rd Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to present the President's Report for the year 2025-2026.

Operation

With the increasing nos. of new Fellows and Young Members in recent years, the Council decided to adjust its operation to add one formal visit to the China Mainland annually. To align with the annual work pattern of our Fellows, we modify our calendar to run the Annual General Meeting in September and increase the number of Council Meetings annually from four to five to facilitate the operation.

3rd GSP Project (GSP/001/025)-Youth Empowerment in Engineering: Local and Multinational Engagement

The GSP Project has now reached its midway point and is expected to be completed in August 2027. Looking ahead, preparations have begun to seek funding for a further two-year period in order to sustain the project's momentum and broaden its impact.

Key developments of the 3rd GSP Project to date are summarised below:

1. Pitch Competition for University Students

The Pitch Competition has continued to provide a valuable platform for undergraduate students in engineering and computer science to propose innovative solutions to pressing global challenges. The competition and award presentation ceremony for 2025–26 were held on 11 April 2026 and 27 July 2026 respectively. Participating teams presented their ideas on Human-AI Collaboration, demonstrating creativity and the ability to address real-world issues. This initiative continues to underscore the importance of nurturing future leaders in these fields. This year, one Winning Team and one Outstanding Team were selected. They will go on to compete with student teams from various countries in 2027.



Group Photo

2. HKEST Award

The HKEST Award was launched on 1 May 2026, with the nomination deadline set for 30 September 2026. A briefing session was held on 25 June 2026 to provide a comprehensive overview of the nomination process and to facilitate interactive dialogue with members of the Selection Committee. Previous HKEST Award laureates were also invited to share their insights and experiences, which added value to the session and helped prospective nominators better understand the purpose and significance of the Award.



HKEST Award Briefing Session

3. TechTalk Series

A total of eight nos. of TechTalks were held during the period. These sessions fostered knowledge exchange and networking on a range of cutting-edge topics. The series brought together experts, researchers, and industry professionals to share insights, explore developments in technology and science, and build valuable connections across disciplines for future collaboration.



Membership Committee

During the 2025–2026 session, the Membership Committee, chaired by Ir Prof. Kwai Man LUK, continued to oversee the Academy's membership matters. At the Annual General Meeting held on 8 September 2025, 12 new Fellows were elected.

Young Member Section (YMS)

In the 2025–2026 session, the Young Members Section (YMS) was led by Dr Russell CHAN as Chairman, with Prof. Paulina WONG and Dr Yolander TSANG serving as Vice-Chairladies. During the year, 13 new members joined the Section, marking solid progress in expanding its membership base.

Media Reception

The HKAE Media Reception was successfully held on 1 April 2026 at Hong Kong Science Park. The event provided a valuable opportunity for the Academy to strengthen engagement with the media and to share its latest developments, key initiatives, and future directions.

A total of nine media outlets attended the reception, generating nine media reports that helped enhance the Academy's public profile and media exposure.

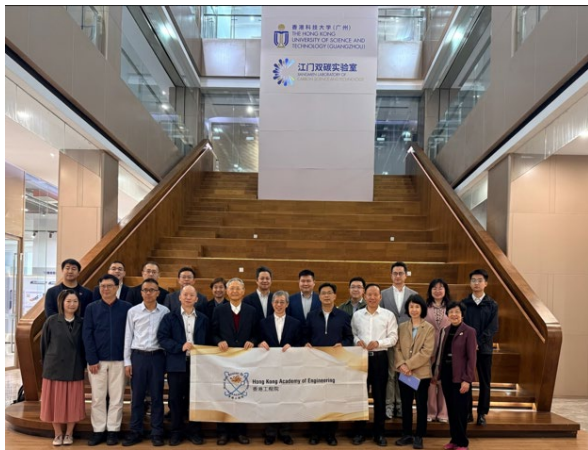


Council Members with representatives of the media

Greater Bay Area Visit 2025

A two-day Greater Bay Area visit was held on 8 to 9 December 2025. The HKAE delegation comprised 15 participants, including 3 Council Members, 2 Fellows, 3 Young Members Section (YMS) members, 6 guests, and 1 Secretariat staff member.

At the start of the visit, the delegation was received by the Jiangmen Municipal People's Government at a welcome lunch. During the visit, the delegation toured several major laboratories and research facilities in the Greater Bay Area, including the HKUST-Jiangmen Laboratory of Carbon Science and Technology, the Southern Marine Science and Engineering Guangdong Laboratory, the China Academy of Sciences (CAS) Space Laboratory, the Dongguan Institute of Materials Science and Technology, CAS, and the China Spallation Neutron Source, a key national laboratory under the CAS.



Jiangmen Laboratory of Carbon Science and Technology



Dongguan Institute of Materials Science and Technology, CAS

Shanghai Delegation Visit 2026

A four-day HKAE delegation visit to Shanghai was conducted from 22 to 25 April 2026. The delegation comprised 13 members, including seven Fellows, two YMS members, three guests, and one Secretariat staff member.

With the support and arrangements of the Shanghai Association for Science and Technology (SAST), the delegation visited several major enterprises and engineering projects in Shanghai. These included Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., AECC Commercial Aircraft Engine Co., Ltd., and several Shanghai Construction Group projects, namely The SHANG Project, the Shanghai Grand Opera House Project at Expo Culture Park, and the Phase IV Expansion Project of Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for delegation members to gain first-hand insight into Shanghai's latest developments in advanced manufacturing, aviation, shipbuilding, infrastructure, and major construction projects. It also helped strengthen exchanges and connections between HKAE and relevant organisations in Shanghai.



Shanghai Association for Science and Technology

16th Guanghua Engineering Science and Technology Award

A total of six candidates were nominated for the award by the Academy. Of these, three candidates advanced past the preliminary selection stage. Prof. NG Siew Chien of CUHK and Prof. WANG Xun-Li of CityUHK went on to reach the final round and were ultimately named award recipients. This result reflected the strong quality of the Academy's nominations and the outstanding achievements of the academic community.

Looking Ahead

The Academy will continue to advance its mission of promoting excellence in engineering science and technology, fostering innovation, and strengthening collaboration with stakeholders in academia, industry, and the wider community. Building on the progress made this year, the Academy will continue to enhance its flagship programmes, broaden its engagement with strategic partners, and support initiatives that contribute to talent development and knowledge exchange.

We will also strengthen the Academy's role as a platform for professional dialogue and interdisciplinary collaboration, both locally and beyond Hong Kong. Through Multinational Finals, Young Professionals Summit, TechTalks, and visits, the Academy will remain committed to nurturing future talent, recognising outstanding achievements, and promoting the application of engineering and technological innovation for the benefit of society.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all Council Members and Fellows for their continued support, guidance, and dedication to the Academy. Their valuable contributions have been instrumental to the Academy's progress and achievements throughout the year.

Ir Dr Alex CHAN
President (2025-2026)
Hong Kong Academy of Engineering

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