

**IMechE Hong Kong Branch Young Member Section**  
**Annual General Meeting 2023**  
**Chairman Report for Session 2022-2023**

**Dear Fellow Young Members,**

I am pleased to report that despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Young Member Section (YMS) has continued to serve its members to the best of our abilities and launched the 175th Anniversary campaign throughout the year. As we transition to the "new normal," we are excited to continue promoting excellence in engineering and supporting our members' professional development.

**Professionalism**

During the pandemic, we quickly adapted to the new reality of virtual technical seminars and workshops. We utilized various online tools to enhance our members' technical aspects. To echo the theme of the 175th Anniversary campaign - Climate Change, Infection Control, Future Skills, and Future Transportation, we organized a wide range of seminars and visits to equip our young members with fundamental skills and innovative minds on hot social topics and sustainable development in the world. We held seminars on Introduction to BIM and its application in Hong Kong, Infection Control, and Green Transport Development in Hong Kong. Members joined our visits to Yuen Long Bypass Floodway, Hong Kong Cannery, Innovation Hub in Schneider Electric, AEC company, O Park and CAD educational path, etc. Each event received overwhelming responses; we thank you all for helping us make all these events successful.

As we transition to the "new normal," YMS recognized that many of our members might face new challenges related to changing industry dynamics and economic uncertainty. We remain committed to supporting our members through these challenges by offering professional development, networking opportunities, and career development services tailored to the changing needs of the engineering profession. We also worked closely with different engineering and job consultation companies to ensure that we could continue offering valuable opportunities to our members to develop their professionalism and career planning. YMS organized a Chartership experience sharing workshop, CV & Interview preparation workshop, Career talk series, and our annual signature presentation competition - Speak Out for Engineering (SOFE). These workshops and competitions let our young engineers and student members demonstrate their competence and commitment level to keep up with, create and implement the latest developments in science and technology as a preparation for facing dynamics and future uncertainty.

**Connection**

YMS has always promoted engineering in our community, especially engaging the youth via STEAM education and learning. We partnered with the young member groups of other institutions in organizing events such as the annual "Young Inventor Competition" to encourage secondary school students' creativity and cultivate their interest in engineering, science, and technology. Also, this year

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together with Hong Kong S.K.H. Tung Chung Integrated Service Centre, we organized a “Career Roadshow” for young teenagers and a “STEM Workshop” for young kids from low-income families. Through mini-games and making robot models, children enjoyed much in the experiential learning activities. YMS would continue working closely with different community service groups or NGOs, making our effort to help any child unleash their potential and live their dreams.

Maintaining social links is an essential element of our well-being. YMS treasures the strong connection and close ties with our young members, volunteers, Hong Kong Branch, and different engineering societies. Organizing and participating in different social events, such as Christmas Party, Hiking Day, or Bowling Day, YMS aims to enrich members’ lives by building and expanding positive social relationships. All these meet-ups were valuable opportunities for opinion sharing and knowledge exchange. YMS would always take proactive steps to connect our young, creative, and talented engineers and work together to influence and make a better future.

Finally, I express my profound appreciation to each committee member, volunteer, and student chapter in the YMS family. Looking forward, we are optimistic about the future of the YMS. The lessons we have learned during the pandemic will help us be even more effective in serving our members in the coming years. We remain committed to staying connected, supporting each other, and advancing the engineering field. I am grateful for the continuous trust and support from Hong Kong Branch and North East Asia Region.

Thank you for your continued support of the Engineering Society.

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