

**President's Report (2003-2004)**

We indeed have had a very successful year, considering the recent down turn in the economy and especially in the engineering sector. We have achieved two record highs - number of Board members and total number of Section members, which has increased to 520 strong as at September 2004.

We are proud to be a recipient of 2003/04 Award of Merit at the ASCE President's International Dinner, Nashville in November 2003 and our Section was awarded "Most Active Section" at the ASCE National Convention in Nashville.

We have continued to promote Civil Engineering knowledge by organizing/co-sponsoring seminars, Continuing Professional Development courses and technical site visits, and collaborating/communicating with local and international engineering societies/organizations, which include Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, Hong Kong Geotechnical Society (HKGES i.e. the Hong Kong section of International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering), Institution of Civil Engineers-Hong Kong Association, Institution of Engineers Australia-Hong Kong Chapter, Macau Institution of Engineers, Civil Engineering & Architectural Society of Guangdong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), The University of Hong Kong (HKU), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), University of Macau, National Taiwan University Alumni Association, ASCE Los Angeles Section, Orange County Engineering Council, Future Scientists and Engineers of America and California State University, Fullerton. To broaden the knowledge base of our members, in addition to technical subjects, non-technical topics have also been introduced (e.g. CPD course on Doing Business and Working in China and seminar on The London Underground Public Private Partnership).

We have actively collaborated with local and international engineering institutions on the furtherance of Civil Engineering technology. More noticeable roles include our representation at the HKIE Geotechnical Division Committee (GDC) by Ir Dr Mark Chan, who also chairs the Interest Group on Geotechnical Computer Programs of the GDC. Our Section is also represented at the HKGES Council meetings by Dr Limin Zhang.

We have continued to promote Civil Engineering among university students. We support the International Student Groups in Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China (i.e. the ISG in Tsinghua University, Beijing), and are assisting in the establishment of the ISG's in HKU, University of Macau and Southwest Jiaotong University at Chengdu. We organize the "Best Final Year Project" and "Best Master Thesis" awards for HKU, HKUST and PolyU. We have been an active supporter of the Practitioner Mentorship Programme of ASCE ISG, HKUST Civil Engineering Department.

The Section has conducted eleven Board Meetings and published a newsletter this year. The Board members are:

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Special thanks to all the Board members above for their well-spent efforts necessary for the success of Session 2003-2004. Please see attached summary tables of activities for the Session.

Ir Dr Mark Hing-chuen CHAN  
President (2003-2004)  
20 October 2004