

**30th Annual General Meeting (AGM), 2018**  
**The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects**  
Friday, 27 April 2018

**President's Report**

On behalf of the Council, I welcome you to the Institute's 30th AGM.

During the last year, the Institute was diligent and productive which had undertaken several special tasks in addition to its routine functions.

In response to misconceptions of ISAHK and LegCo Members on landscape architects (LAs) in relation to the creation of Chief LA posts in government departments, the Institute had promptly issued a large number of letters to LegCo Members and political parties to explain and clarify the role of LAs and nature of landscape architecture. Officers and Council Members of the Institute had successfully conducted several meetings with some LegCo Members and political parties for direct dialogue and sharing of views. The Institute will continue to liaise with LegCo Members and political parties and create opportunities for publicizing and promoting the landscape architectural profession.

In the past year, the Institute met with government officials occasionally or provided ad hoc advice on various policies and issues when and where appropriate as follows:

- Met with Task Force/Walkability of TD to advise on pedestrianization and walkability;
- Conducted half yearly communication meetings with ASD and DevB to advise on issues related to open space projects by landscape consultants;
- Advised on the 2018-19 Policy Address;
- Advised on the Budget 2018-19;
- Advised DevB, THB, Harbour Commission and Tourism Commission on Transforming the Tsim Sha Tsui Bus Terminus into a piazza;
- Advised DevB on LA's representation in the Building Sub-committee of Land and Development Advisory Committee;
- Advised DevB on the setup of a licensing system for arborists in Hong Kong for the public interest.

Having striven hard within tight schedules, the Institute was able to co-organize several events jointly with other professional institutes including Guangdong - Hong Kong Construction Industry Co-operation Symposium on Going Global, Joint Institute Meeting with the Chief Executive on Policy Address 2018-19, Joint Institute Working Group on Land Supply, Joint Institute Members' Forum on 2018 LegCo Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape Functional Constituency (ASPL FC) By-election and Joint Institute Luncheon Talk by Financial Secretary on the Budget 2018-19. The Institute will closely communicate and collaborate with Sr. Tony Tse, who was successfully elected as the representative of ASPL FC in LegCo, to convey and present the landscape concerns to the Government and public.

The Institute retained the same consultant from last year to carry out the Stage 2 Study on HKILA's Membership Pathways and conducted a Consultation Session with members on the Study on 28.2.2018. The finalized Study Report incorporating comments from members attended the Consultation Session will be presented by Ms. Iris Hoi, Vice-president and Chairperson of Education Committee, who will also lead the discussion on this issue in the latter part of this AGM. Year 2018 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HKILA. To celebrate this significant milestone, the Institute had organized or will organize a series of special functions and events as follows:

- Together with HKUST, a PASS funding was successfully applied for undertaking a Project on Therapeutic Landscape Architecture for an Ageing Population which will include a One-day Workshop in Hong Kong, Five-day Study Tour to Kyoto of Japan and publication of an Online Handbook from July 2018 to June 2019.
- A HKILA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Design Competition was organized early this year and the prize presentation ceremony for winners of the Competition will be held later tonight.
- Another PASS funding is being applied for undertaking the Standardization of Soft Landscape Specification which will be a joint effort among HKILA, Guangdong Provincial Landscape Architecture Association, DevB and several government departments.
- The biennial HKILA Design Awards will be organized in September this year and the prize presentation ceremony of the Awards will be conducted in the Institute's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner to be held on 30 November 2018 in HKCEC.
- A special edition of the Institute's official journal Yuan Lin will be published in summer this year and submissions of articles from members are most welcome.

Besides internal involvements in the Institute's functions, I had also involved in various external panels, committees, joint institute events, forums and conferences in the past year. Please refer to **Appendix A** for details of the major official activities I had engaged.

Apart from my involvement, many of our Council, Committee and Institute members had also involved and participated in quite a number of professional and statutory committees, councils, boards, authorities, commissions, working groups and accreditation/jury panels. Our efforts and participations in the external affairs had up kept our publicity, authority and recognition in both the public and professional sectors.

In the coming year, the new Council elected in this AGM would continue to work on the ongoing tasks above and complete the outstanding assignments. Due to undertaking a number of special events for celebrating the Institute's 30th Anniversary in 2018, the anticipated workload on the Council and committees would tremendously increase in the year ahead. Members are cordially invited to join the committees to render the necessary assistance to the Institute for successful completion of those special functions.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all the current Council, committee and YLAG members for their marvelous support. Without their voluntary services, it would not be possible for the Institute to sustainably develop, nor for me to handle the heavy workload of the Institute's daily operation all by myself. Not forgotten, I sincerely thank our Secretariat, Mses. Elsie Law and Jennifer Li, for all their efficient and fabulous works.

May I wish the Institute and its members every success in the years to come. Thank you!

Tak WONG  
President