

**The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Electronics Division**

Chairman's Annual Report 2019/2020

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Overview

It is my honour to serve as the Chairman of the HKIE Electronics Division. I would like to present this Annual Report to our members this evening at the Annual General Meeting.

This is an extraordinary year for the Electronics Division – in fact, an extraordinary year for the world. At the start of the session, we organized on average around 2 seminars/technical visits per month, and the feedbacks from members on these seminars/visits were encouraging, with a few of them attaining full house attendance. Unfortunately, by the start of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic set in and a lot of our planned seminars and visits could not be held. The key challenges we faced in the later part of this year was on contingency planning of our events. The AGM of the Electronics Division is one of the examples. How to assure the smooth conducting of the AGM and ensuring sufficient quorum, while maintaining appropriate social distance is a delicate balance and required meticulous planning from our committee members.

While the situation is challenging, I am pleased to advise you that the Division continued to maintain a healthy financial status, and we have also been successful in promoting the electronics profession and attracting the next generation in joining the industry.

Hong Kong Electronics Symposium 2020 (HKES2020)

The seventh annual symposium HKES2020 was originally planned to be held on 7 April, 2020 at the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park. However, due to the COVID-19 situation, the Symposium was re-scheduled to 13 July 2020, with the theme “**Embracing Smart City with IoT**”. In addition, for the first time, this Symposium will be conducted on-line with free enrolment, with heavy-weight speakers similar to the past Symposiums. Changing the mode of the Symposium is a challenge to us, but with the commitment from committee members, I am sure that the Symposium will be as successful as we have always been in the past.

Other Learned Society Activities and External Boards

Other than the Hong Kong Electronics Symposium, other activities that we usually co-organize with our peer learned societies have been re-scheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the Division was still active in various External Boards, like the VTC Electronics and Telecommunications Training Board, OFCA Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs Advisory Committee (TRAAC), etc. We will continue to play our role in the industry and contribute our professional advices to the society as appropriate.

Annual Dinner

The pandemic has led us to re-schedule our Annual Dinner to Q4 2020. We hope that by this time of the year the pandemic will have settled down and we can continue to build our networks within the Electronics and ICT community through the Annual Dinner.

Forward Planning

I am glad to report that we have now laid down a framework for succession planning, and our scheme to attract more volunteers to join the committee. The aim is to establish a long-term strategy for the Electronics Division in a more structured approach to support the engineering community. We have already increased the number of young engineers in the committee to nurture our next generation in contributing to the engineering society.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the committee members and volunteers again for their hard work. This year indeed was a challenging year, quite unprecedented and it will be a year which will stay in our memories for quite some time. I plead to everyone for your continuous participation and support to the Division, and I am looking forward to another very successful session in the coming year.