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About the Speaker

Ir HON Chi Keung graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Hong Kong in 1980. He obtained a master degree in Public Administration from the same University in 1997. Ir HON also obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of London in 1990. He is a fellow of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and the Institution of Civil Engineers. He is also a non-practising barrister-in-law.

Ir HON has worked in the civil service for over 35 years, mainly in different engineering works departments. He joined the Government as an Assistant Engineer in August 1983. After being professionally qualified, he had accomplished a number of major engineering projects in Drainage Services Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department. By early 2011, Ir Hon was appointed as Director of Civil Engineering and Development and then as Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) from April 2015 until his retirement from the service in October 2018.

Since September 2020, Ir Hon has assumed the role of the Chief Executive and Secretary for the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.

Abstract

Is construction the playing field for civil or building engineering disciplines only? It may be the case in the past but not now nor in the future any more.

The construction industry has played a key role in positioning Hong Kong as one of the most recognisable, dynamic and competitive cities in the world. Whilst one can name the many glories in the past, in recent years the industry has experienced increasing pressure and public scrutiny as a result of high cost, declining productivity and a series of incidents recorded on several mega-sized projects. In order to rejuvenate the construction industry, Government has launched the Construction 2.0 strategy in 2018 which comprises three key pillars: Innovation, Professionalisation and Revitalisation.

Since then, the industry has been exploring and transforming. Various IT technologies, BIM, MiC, off-site manufacturing and robotic have already been thoroughly examined and implemented. Ir Hon will share with you the journey of the construction industry transformation so far and into the future.



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