

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyors

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Attn: Mr. Markku Villikka
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Dear Mr. Villikka,

Application for FIG Second Membership from Hong Kong

The first meeting with yourself and the President Bob Foster in Soul was great. I believe our situation for the FIG membership application is about the same as The Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors in U.K. For our application to be admitted to FIG as the second membership from Hong Kong, I have the following explanations for your consideration.

1. In the mid 70's Hong Kong starting to construct the underground railway system MTR, InstCES was introduced to Hong Kong and set up the Branch in HK (I was one of the founder member). At that time there was no local Institution representing HK Engineering Surveyors and RICS HK branch did not accept any Engineering Surveying Professionals.
2. HKIS was founded in 1986 to represent the Professional Surveyors in HK but did not include Professional Engineering Surveyors nor the Technical Surveyors.
3. In the last 30 years to now, I would say over 90% of the heavy civil engineering survey works have been done under the supervision of our groups and they became our members after the set up of the HKIES in 1995.
4. The academic training for the engineering surveyors from basic to professional levels has been looked after by HKIES. Before the set up of the HKIES most of the engineering surveyors had no academic qualification at all. They worked very hard and learned by themselves and contributed themselves to the development of Hong Kong. After 1995, the Higher Certificate and the Master of Science part time evening courses have been successfully promoted by HKIES and since then majority of the members received the minimum academic training to be the professional surveyor.
5. Except the new graduates from HKPOLYU, there is no route for any of the local working surveyor to join HKIS. That reflects from not only our members, most of the Academics working for HK POLYU in the Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics Department under Professor Chen are our members only.

Even the holder of PhD qualification from the well-known university outside the HKIS recognised list will not be accepted to join.

6. In the HKIS there is only about 5% of the members are in the Geomatics discipline. That is very hard for the minority of members to develop themselves freely for the discipline and that could (or already) lead to the separation from the needs and expectation of the society. HKIES has over 500 engineering surveying members working for most of the big projects in Hong Kong.

I hope the other members of the FIG would consider our situation and support our application and we are willing to answer any queries.

I am grateful for the effort that FIG has put in for the surveyors and hope we can contribute ourselves in the future.

Yours truly,



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