

IIE President Raymond Leung's Report

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Welcome all to the first AGM of IIE.

From the first IIE Council meeting on 5th Oct. 2018, the formation procedure was established with our first council in office. Thank you all for your contribution. Bank accounts and company document are completed with share by guarantee. The first two years of annual fees were waived and I had extended the waiver of fees for another year until 2021. I had provided sufficient fund for IIE to operate for now. The criteria for admission as experts, disciplinary procedure, recommended letter of appointments and engagement letter were drafted for member's use.

Many prominent individuals from US, Taiwan, Mainland China, UK etc. had accepted our invitation to act as our Hon. Advisors. This adds great value to our organization.

Thanks to the effort of many council members that we had completed our web site with contributions from everyone. Content of the web site is being updated by our VP Jango Chan. We welcome your contribution to the web site e.g. publication section and another other events or contributions.

VP Denys Lok is arranging training of expert witness and expert reports for both common law and civil law. This will be the first of its kind in the world. We had also met expert associations and companies in China to discuss training for experts. We had signed an agreement with Shenzhen Qianhai mediation centre to assist them in the assessment of mediators for the Great Delta Area.

Many talks had been given to various organizations e.g. HKICM, 知交會, HKIS etc. A number of appointments had been requested with IIE for appointment of experts in law suits and arbitration. Type of disputes ranged from construction, IP, security for cost, land modification, estate,

building services matters. Meetings with different organizations in the promotion of IIE were carried out e.g. DOJ, HKICM, HKIPA, SAMLAW etc. We made a financial sponsorship to the Family Welfare Association and we sponsor DOJ in its Mediation Conference.

We initially had 6 panel groups and recently we had just established the 7th panel namely the Estate panel. I hope the diversity of the panel will grow from time to time. Our membership has increased at a steady rate as we all wish to maintain the quality of our membership. Recruitment of appropriated members will continue.

In regards to gatherings, it is most regretful because of Covid-19 and social distancing. We were not able to meet up for our meetings but we are still able to maintain constant communication individually. We had to cancel our Crisis Management talk and our expert witness talk. I hope after the pandemic we will have these talks again. Our council gathering with Hon. Advisors and members was able to hold for 4 times.

We still need to recruit good quality experts and establish more panels in future. We, through the effort of all of us, need to promote IIE more under different occasions. We shall have our first IIE conference after the pandemic. We can apply to the government for addition funding to support our organization and do more promotion activities. There are still plenty of work needs to make IIE grow into maturity.

Thank to all the council members, Hon. Advisors, friends for their hard work and support. I will not thank them individually here but your hard work is being appreciated. Thank you.

This is the first AGM and we will elect or reelect our new council. I hope the new council will carry the great work of the past and will continue to prospects to a greater tomorrow. Finally, I need to thank my secretary Elaine for our hard work on following up with the details of the organization. I end my President's report. Thank you.