

Activity Report: Enlightening Beyond Our Horizon Series – From Engineer to Secretary of Bureau

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The captioned sharing session was delivered by Ir Prof Sit Wing-hang Alfred, GBS, JP, an inspirational engineer who developed his career in multiple sectors. He was formerly Secretary for Innovation and Technology and is currently the Chief Executive and Secretary of the HKIE. With the young engineers present at the session, Ir Prof Sit shared his passion for engineering, as well as those personal beliefs and motto that have guided him throughout his successful career journey.

Reflecting on the early days, Ir Prof Sit referred to himself as a fearless and stubborn youngster, who was ready to challenge everything in the world. At that time, he found his faith in God, which led him to devote himself to making a difference for the betterment of each of God's creations. This belief is instrumental in his decision to dedicate himself to Hong Kong's well-being as a government engineer.

Ir Prof Sit also encouraged our young engineers to seize every available chance, to strive after and look out actively for opportunities, since nobody will know one's goals and abilities better than oneself. He also shared a motto of his own, namely, "There is only one thing in the world worse than taking risks, and that is not taking risks." This is a truly inspiring motto, serving as a piece of heartfelt advice on how young engineers should act during their career development.

Ir Prof Sit reflected on the changes that took place in his mentality when he reached certain positions in his career. One of the turning points came when, being a leader, he was required to look at the picture holistically in making decisions for the whole team. He encouraged the youngsters to have faith in their capabilities, knowledge and engineering skills, and to be confident in their duties. In his belief that innovation and new industrialisation will be the future of the engineering industry, he motivated young engineers to better equip themselves with relevant skillsets and adapt to the new technologies under the Megatrend.



At Ir Prof Sit's (front row; 3rd left) sharing session