

## **The Hong Kong Institution Of Engineers**

### **Bills Committee on Construction Workers Registration Bill Meeting on Tuesday, 24 June 2003**

#### **General Comments on the Construction Workers Registration Bill**

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) concurs with the view and strongly supports that there is a genuine need for the Government to implement a mandatory registration system for construction workers by legislation.

The recent SARS issue has exposed the weakness of employing inexperienced (uncontrolled) workers on building drainage works that it results in hygiene and safety problems affecting the general public. This situation must be rectified as soon as practicable.

In addition to the implementation of the mandatory registration system, there is also an immediate need to put forth a full review of the details of the current register of construction workers. For example, the role of Registered Plumber is misleading that it should in fact be meant for water piping works but not for building drainage works.