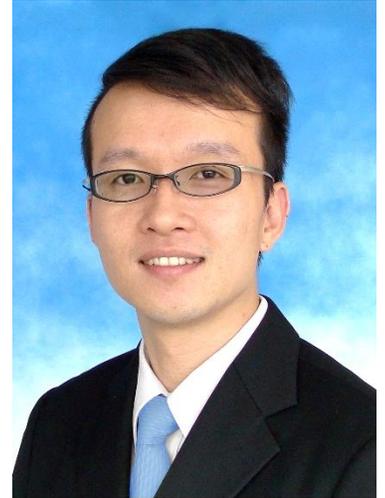


## Message from the President

Year 2018 has come to an end while many of the ISAHK activities are still in full swing. We have just completed the 3rd International Conference with a full house and the HKTCC cum Arbor Funday with great success. The concept of engaging the public in tree preservation and tree appreciation brought out in our conference ties in with the missions of ISAHK.

*Through research, technology, and education, the International Society of Arboriculture promotes the professional practice of arboriculture and fosters a greater worldwide awareness of the benefits of trees.*

---THE ISA MISSION STATEMENT



We believe public education and engagement is one of the key elements for the promotion of best practices of tree preservation. We successfully organized several large-scale public engagement events last year including the Science Festival 2018 for the general public to experience tree climbing and to appreciate the value of trees. The public workshops in town halls for estate management officers and Incorporated Owners helped participants to understand the government's requirements and the role of the ISA Certified Arborist in tree maintenance, as did the recent TCCHK 2018 cum Arbor Funday. The ISAHK also actively engages in local and international arboriculture development. Locally, we have proactively communicated with the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (QF) in the past year to foster a better framework for the ISA arborists and the arboriculture and horticulture industry. Internationally, we joined the first World Forum on Urban Forests (WFUF) on 28 Nov - 1 Dec 2018. We will bring and share the latest concepts of urban forestry to our industry during 2019.

### Editor's Note

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of ISA (Hong Kong Chapter) Newsletter. In this issue, we further diversify and enrich the contents to include interviews with veteran arboriculture practitioners, Climber's corner to share knowledge amongst tree-climbing specialists and awardee's corner to honour outstanding arborists.

We also have a new section - student's corner - to showcase arboriculture students' research work. Academic research is fundamental in advancing knowledge in the fields of science. We value students and their schools' generous sharing and look forward to many more fruitful studies.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and your feedback is very much welcome.

Leon LAU  
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VICE CHAIRPERSON OF EDITORIAL  
COMMITTEE

From the latest policy address, we are glad to learn that the Government Chief Executive has proposed a study on the introduction of a registration system for tree management personnel in response to the aspirations of the public for a local arborist registration system. We are optimistic about the development of the registration system and will monitor and support its development. The direction of the study depends on many factors while we believe that public aspirations remains the key.

This issue of the ISAHK newsletter covers different topics related to our industry; from interviews, climbing techniques, to technical articles. These are jointly produced by the editorial committee and our dedicated writers.

Enjoy, and I wish you all the best in the New Year.

**Mike LEUNG**  
**President – ISA Hong Kong Chapter**