

Institution of Civil Engineers Hong Kong Association Graduates and Students Division Communications Competition 2026–27

Information Package

Background of competition

The communications competition is a team competition promoting the continuous improvement of communication skills among Institution of Civil Engineers' (ICE) members. Competitors will be showcasing their presentation skills as they deliver a proposal on a hypothetical civil engineering project at a mock public consultation meeting. They will also need to win the support of judges and the audience as they address questions on the potential impacts on various potential stakeholders.

The competition will be an interactive mock public consultation meeting where competitors present their proposal on the hypothetical project and address questions from judges and the audience who represent various stakeholders. Teams may make reasonable assumptions for the project scenario. Detailed designs are **NOT** required.

Conditions of entry

- Each team shall be formed by **four** to **six** members, with **at least half of the team** being current ICE Student or Graduate Members.
- All team members must be graduates or students from engineering related programmes.
- No team members shall possess more than **seven** years of industry experience.
- Teams may enter the competition again subject to meeting other terms of conditions.

Shortlisting

If the number of valid applications is equal to/less than five, no shortlisting is required. In case there are more than **five** teams registered in the competition, a shortlisting mechanism will be introduced. Details will be announced together with the release of the project scenario, where each team will be required to submit a one-page expression of interest (EOI) in two weeks' time.

Expression of interest (EOI)

Teams will be asked to produce this document on a single A4 page, where they shall express their interest and understanding of the project scenario and outline a broad approach to the implementation of the project in order to demonstrate that they are competent to conduct the consultation. The presentation and layout of EOI will be assessed to evaluate the effectiveness of communication of each team. Teams qualified to enter the final round will be notified by email.

Presentation and Q&A session

Each team will have approximately **25 minutes** in the competition, including **12 minutes** to present their proposed solution, **10 minutes** to answer questions from judges, and **3 minutes** to respond to the questions raised from each of the remaining teams with different assigned stakeholder roles. The presentation shall touch on the design rationale of the proposed scheme. Participants will be judged on the quality of their dialogue with the audience.

Consultation strategy report

This report will be limited to one A4 page. The document should explain the overall strategy for consulting the general public, covering project stages from inception up till construction. The teams may cover their general strategy for public consultation. The target audience will be the client of the project.

Public information leaflet

Teams shall produce a leaflet comprising two A4 pages, which will be provided to the audience during their presentation. It should shed light on the project background, aiming to seek support from readers. The leaflet shall adopt a tone that appeals to the general public, but shall also make references to engineering concepts and principles, as well as basic details of the proposed scheme.

Executive summary

The executive summary shall be limited to two A4 pages. It shall demonstrate awareness of potential public concerns and opinions raised at a public consultation. Responses addressing the concerns shall also be proposed, with the client of the project being the target audience.

The following table shows the weighting of each element of the competition.

Elements	Weighting
Presentation	40%
Q&A session with judges and audience	20%
Consultation strategy report	10%
Public information leaflet	20%
Executive summary	10%

Teams are required to prepare the following documents to support their delivery of the mock public consultation. Materials shall be submitted via email at gs.hka@ice.org.uk and ashleywong.ice@gmail.com.

- Consultation strategy report
- Public information leaflet
- Executive summary
- Presentation materials (**at least 2 days** before the event date)

Submission of deliverables after the respective deadlines would lead to a score deduction, or disqualification from the mock public consultation meeting.

Key dates

Description	Date
Deadline for registration	26 October 2026
Release of project scenario	9 November 2026
Deadline for submitting EOI	30 November 2026
Deadline for submitting other deliverables	4 January 2027
Final: mock public consultation meeting	23 January 2027

Prizes

The cash prizes will be awarded to

Winner team	HKD 2,500 and certificates
First runner-up team	HKD 1,500 and certificates
Second runner-up team	HKD 1,000 and certificates
Best presenter award*	HKD 500 and certificate
Best stakeholder award	HKD 500 and certificates

* individual award

All participants that have submitted competition documents and finished the presentation will receive certificates of participation.

Prizes and certificates for the winning team, first runner-up team, second runner-up team and the best presenter and best stakeholder awards will be presented after the end of the event.

Terms and conditions

- The decision made by the judging panel shall be final, and no appeal will be accepted.
- The organising committee reserves all rights of the competition except the result of the judgement.
- Where copyrighted graphics or multimedia are included, the contestant must state their origin. They may be disqualified if they fail to do so.
- All materials submitted may be reproduced and distributed as public-domain material.