

## **CAD 24/25 International Summit Part 3- Delegation to Ningbo**

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The captioned was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 as per invitation from Ningbo Polytechnic; it was organized by the HKIE CAD and Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education Tsing Yi (IVE(TY)) Department of Engineering, with the support from Hong Kong Metropolitan University School of Science & Technology, Hong Kong College of Technology etc.

The journey began with a campus tour of Ningbo Polytechnic including facilities of Sino-German College of Intelligent Manufacturing and School of Artificial Intelligence. Subsequently, there was a meeting with senior members including Prof Xiangpeng WU, Party Deputy Secretary and President, Mr. Tang WANG, Chairman of Beilun Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, Prof Yong CEN, Party Member and Vice President, Prof Linsheng YANG, Party Member and Vice President etc. Discussion was focused on the possibilities of collaboration for learned society activities and issues related to engineering education and professional development. It was worthwhile to mention that Part 2 of CAD 25/26 International Summit could likely be supported by the Ningbo Polytechnic as co-organizer.

Prof LOCK delivered a presentation on the role of control and automation engineers in Hong Kong; there were dialogues about the issues concerning smart city development, integration of IoT technologies etc. The delegation members also shared insights on vocational training initiatives and curriculum design for engineering students in HK by Ir Billy CHOW, Mr. Hoi Wing POON and Ir Jonathan AU.

On the second day, Prof LOCK shared a presentation to the academic members and students of Ningbo Polytechnic on the importance and development pathway of a professional engineer in HK. In parallel, a technical visit to the Green Applied Technology Innovation Center (Schneider) was held. The subsequent visit to the Ningbo Beilun Free Trade Zone Development Building was impressive. The courtesy arrangement of meeting with Mr. Haihang ZHANG, Head of Beilun District United Front Work Department, was encouraging for the future collaboration of engineering events between the two cities.

The delegation members expressed heartfelt appreciation for the warm hospitality rendered. Through the visit, more mutual understanding among the relevant parties was achieved, the groundwork for further academic and professional collaboration

between Hong Kong and Ningbo in the field of control and automation was enhanced.



Photo: Ir Prof LOCK (Middle) presented a CAD flag to Mr. ZHANG (L3) with Prof WU (R3), Mr. WANG (L1), Ir CHOW (L2), Ir AU (R2) and Mr. POON (R1).