

## Ing. Clemente Poon Hung

*“Together we build the roads to promote and communicate the vocation, the education, the professional practice, the research, and the innovation to their highest level, with social commitment for the Academia de Ingeniería México”*



### **Distinguished members of this Honorable Academy,**

I have decided to participate in the **2020 Electoral Process** to become President of the Civil Engineering Specialty Commission with the support of you, my respected colleagues, with whom I have shared a long journey of union, academic, and professional practice activities for more than **forty years of building infrastructure for Mexico.**

I want to become President of the Civil Engineering Specialty because I value the great social responsibility of our profession. During my career I have acted with enthusiasm in the integration of the best ideas and the dissemination of knowledge: **I am a “road professional” better known in Mexico as *caminero*; I worked hard as President of the Mexican Association of Road Engineering** (Asociación Mexicana de Ingeniería de Vías Terrestres, AMIVTAC) **where we built roads for the integration of professionals in Mexico and the world,** raising our presence in the most regarded international forums. We made history with the organization of the World Road Congress (Congreso Mundial de Carreteras), where more than 120 countries participated.

**I have expertise as President of the XXXIV Board of Directors of the College of Civil Engineers of Mexico** (Consejo Directivo del Colegio de Ingenieros Civiles de México) **during the 2012-2014 term and I am currently President of its Board of Honor.** There I had the opportunity of working together with acknowledged professionals of Mexican Engineering who built the Mexico that we know now through important projects and infrastructure works. I also had the opportunity of walking side by side with young recently graduated engineers who are leveraging the generational relief that our country is experiencing in different fields of action, breaking paradigms, and innovating with new technologies and new ways of working.

A constant characteristic in my professional work has been the **construction of roads of connection between all the sectors to create strong ties of collaboration. As President of the Mexican Federation of Associations of Civil Engineering** (Federación Mexicana de Colegios de Ingenieros Civiles, FEMCIC), **which groups 61 state and municipal colleges,** I traveled practically all around the country in order to know first-hand the challenges and opportunities that Civil Engineering faces in all the regions. Thanks to this experience, I had the chance to talk and work with the protagonists of stories related to water, energy, transportation, planning, structural security,



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resilience, normativity, legislation, and research. Without a doubt, Civil Engineering is a very important factor for regional and national development. We must assert our presence and responsibility for Mexico.

As a Civil Engineer myself, I respect and appreciate the members of our specialty who belong to the Academia de Ingeniería. I want to strengthen our presence in those areas that correspond to us by right and to promote social recognition for all of us. The work of Civil Engineering is manifested in Mexicans' daily life through quality infrastructure.

Engineering is a great profession and I feel proud of being a Civil Engineer and of having devoted a great deal of my time and effort to consolidate a professional career that still has a long road ahead. **I have participated in important infrastructure projects that have had an impact in the quality of life and development of entire cities and regions.** What I most value and take with me all the time are selfless advice, knowledge, wisdom, and shared experiences with all the Engineers with whom I have coincided in this extraordinary profession.

In addition to the experience acquired in terms of planning, management, building, and operation in my professional activities, I had the responsibility of participating as organizer of national and international congresses, seminars, and **forums such as the IV Project Engineering Symposium (Simposio de Ingeniería de Proyectos), of which I was President, for the Academia de Ingeniería in 2015.** These events have given me the opportunity of spreading knowledge, academic, union, and institutional connection, teamwork, professional updating, and social responsibility.

I want to promote **ethical values in the professional practice of Civil Engineering.** The Academia de Ingeniería must be a referent in terms of normativity and legislation to promote best practices and give transparency and efficiency to our work.

#### **Why do I want to become President of the Civil Engineering Specialty Commission?**

- I want to become President because I have the capabilities, dedication, enthusiasm, experience, and knowledge to structure and operate a function at the level of this important institution.
- Most of all, I want to be President because **being part of the Academia is a pride to which I want to correspond with all my abilities in order to promote and strengthen it** as an instrument of collaboration with the three areas of Government, from the technical and planning perspective to recover the relevance and protagonism of our Institution in the great challenges of Engineering that contribute to the well-being of families and national development.

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**June 1st to 3rd**

**I hope to have your vote!**

**Thank you very much.**