



Property & Facility Management Division
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Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership with the RICS

In early 2018, the PFMD discovered that many of its members had worked overseas. Having professional qualifications and being members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) should benefit HKIS members' professional development. In addition, it is to the HKIS's advantage to recruit high-calibre, experienced RICS members to expand its influence in the surveying profession.

A questionnaire survey and open forum were arranged to collect the views and opinions of members regarding the mutual recognition of membership with the RICS. Negotiations and discussions over the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership (MOU) were subsequently held. Following a lengthy discussion by the General Council, it finally approved the terms and conditions of the MOU, which was then signed by the HKIS and RICS on 11 April.

Both RICS and HKIS members should benefit from this MOU. The PFMD looks forward to organising more quality conferences and CPD events with the RICS.

Rotary International District 3450 Peace through Mediation Seminar

The Rotary International District 3450 organised a seminar titled, "Peace through Mediation" on 6 April. The HKIS was one of the supporting

organisations. Over 200 people were attracted to this seminar. District Governor Dr YC Ho gave the opening speech. Following that, Professor Norris Yang gave the keynote speech. The seminar's highlight was the Breakout Sessions, of which there were eight from which participants could choose to attend. The Breakout Sessions, topics, and speakers are listed below.

Session	Topic	Speaker
I	Construction Law and the Role of Lawyers in Construction Disputes/ Mediations	Mr Malcolm Chin, Partner, MinterEllison LLP
II	Expert Opinions and the Role of Surveyors in Construction Disputes/ Mediations	Sr Gilbert Kwok & Mr Christopher Short, Clyde & Co
III	Family Mediations	Ms Clara Yip, Solicitor, Family Mediator, Supervisor, and Counsellor
IV	Information Technology Mediations	Dr Joseph Leung, Alternate Director, Joint Mediation Helping Office
V	Property Management/ Water Seepage Mediations	Dr Roger So, Barrister, Accredited Mediator and Chartered Engineer
VI	Mediating Financial-related Disputes	Mr Christopher To, Chairman of the Hong Kong Mediation Council, a Division of the HKIAC
VII	Youth Culture and Social Change in Hong Kong	Professor Anthony YH Fung, Director, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
VIII	Engineering Dispute Mediations	Mr Albert Leung, Chartered Engineer, Director of Jacobs China Limited

Regarding Breakout Session V, Dr So illustrated the process of mediation when water seepage occurs. He shared his experiences on how to gather together the concerned parties in the mediation exercise and achieve a sense of “safety and hope” to reach a mutual settlement. PFM surveyors have always faced water seepage problems. If they can adopt mediation to resolve these problems, the cost and time spent on litigation would be substantially reduced.



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