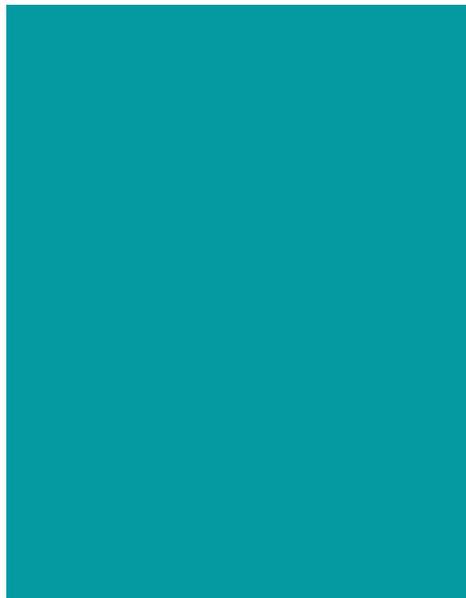


President's Report



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會長報告



It has been a great honour and privilege to serve as the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors ("the Institute") for the council year 2012-2013. The past year has been both fruitful and challenging. The Institute has continued to raise its profile and has received widespread recognition by contributing its professional expertise and high professional standards for the improvement and betterment of the community.

It is my pleasure to share with you some of the works that we have accomplished and highlight the progress of the Institute in this Council year.

Membership

Growth

At the end of November 2013, the Institute had a total membership of 8,821, representing a steady growth of 4.59% over the last year. Of the total number, 5,859 are Corporate Members, of which 262 were newly elected this year, representing an increase of 51% over the last year.

Life-long Learning

All members whether newly qualified or have been a professional surveyor for many years need to maintain a high level of competence in their professional practice and keep up with the latest developments in all related areas and in various forms including community and social service. There were a total of 165 Continuous Professional Development ("CPD") events on a wide range of professional topics that was organised during the year by the Divisions, YSG and HKIS.

Disciplinary Proceedings

As a reputable professional Institute, the HKIS is determined to uphold the integrity of the profession

and the image and status of our members under fair and established disciplinary procedures. All members have a responsibility to the Institute, the surveying profession, their clients and other members, and shall maintain a high and honourable standard of professional conduct when discharging their duties and in accordance with the highest standard of business ethics.

At the end of November 2013, there were eight valid complaint cases of which four were new cases received during the year. I would like to thank those members appointed to sit in the Committee of Investigation and Disciplinary Boards from time to time for their service to the Institute.

Secretariat Office

On 28 January 2013, the HKIS headquarters and Surveyors Learning Centre (SLC) moved to its new office premises at Rooms 1205-7, 12th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong. Although the size of the accommodation has been scaled down slightly, it still provides the same facilities as those provided at the old premises in Jardine House.

Mainland Representative Office

An increasing number of members are now working in Mainland China. A rapid increase of real estate projects in the Mainland has in turn led to many opportunities for surveyors. To provide services to members stationed in the Mainland and to facilitate closer communications with our Mainland counterparts and strengthen liaison with the Mainland authorities, the General Council endorsed a proposal for setting up a representative office in Beijing. The Beijing Office was officially opened on 12 November 2013.



Public Recognition

Consultations and Submissions

As a member of the community, the Institute is always concerned about the public affairs relating to our profession. One of its responsibilities is to provide professional views to the government as well as to the general public for their consideration.

The Institute has continued to contribute its professional expertise by advising the Government on its housing, land planning and building policy-making. We have participated in various public consultations; community/ stakeholder engagement sessions; focus study group sessions; the Bills Committee, Sub-Committees and Panel meetings of the Legislative Council etc. We have expressed our views and concerns and submitted our recommendations in response to government's policy and public consultations, some of which are detailed below:-

- Enhancement on Administration of Measures for Wholesale Conversion of Industrial Buildings;
- Enhance Land Supply through Reclamation outside Victoria Harbour and Rock Cavern Development;
- Development Proposal of North East New Territories New Development Areas;
- Handling of Subdivided Flats and regulation of Subdividing Works;
- Long Term Unauthorized Building Works Handling Strategy;
- CEPA Liberalisation Measures;
- Provision of Mediation Services in Hong Kong;
- Adverse Possession;
- Guidelines on Indoor Air Temperature and Humidity;

- Proposed Procurement Approach to Enhance Price Proposal Assessment Mechanism for Public Works Tenders;
- Long Term Housing Strategy Consultation Document;
- Regulation of the Property Management Industry;
- Policy Address and Budget

Press Conferences / Media Luncheons/ Press Releases/ Announcements

The Institute held a media luncheon on 19 February 2013, and press conferences including on the topic of “中短期處理「劏房」問題建議” was arranged on 23 July.

This year, we issued 16 press releases to the media, including “Proposed Long Term Strategy to handle Unauthorized Building Works (“UBWs”)”, “Results on Survey on Demand and Supply of Surveying Professionals”, “Views and Recommendations on NENT NDAs study” etc.

Conferences

The Institute successfully held a number of major conferences this year including: The 8th Beijing Hong Kong Macau Geomatics Conference (第八屆京港澳測繪技術交流會) with the theme “測繪新科技與智慧城市建設” held from 23 to 24 May 2013; the HKIS Annual Conference with the theme of “Evolving Hong Kong – Infrastructure & Property Development” on 14 September; the Building Surveyors’ Conference with the theme of “Quality Living for the Next Generation” on 28 September; the “International QS BIM Conference 2013” on 9 November; and the 7th Cross-Strait Geomatics Conference (第七屆海峽兩岸測繪發展研討會) held between 21 and 23 November.



Publications

To provide basic practical information and useful guidance to the general public as well as to our members, our Divisional Councils have published various guides on different aspects of real estate.

The following are some of the publications completed in the Council year:

- Hong Kong Valuation Standards (2012 edition) *by the General Practice Division*
- Professional Guide to Building Inspections – Volume 1: Pre-1980 Residential & Composite Buildings in Hong Kong *by the Building Surveying Division*
- Scale of Professional Charges for Services in HK - Land Surveying (2013 edition) *by the Land Surveying Division*
- Guide to Prospective Homebuyers Care on Purchase, Take Over; Fit-out (Second Edition, 2013) *by the Building Surveying Division*
- Standard Form of Contract for Maintenance and Renovation Works *by the Building Surveying Division and Quantity Surveying Division*
- Building Cost Pro-forma for Private Sector Developments in Hong Kong (2013 edition) *by the General Practice Division*

Promotion of the Industry

As surveying professionals, we are faced with many challenges and need to grasp every opportunity available. According to a survey we conducted earlier this year, about 70 per cent of the responding surveying practices said they had faced a shortage of surveying professionals in the past year and expected an increase in workload in the coming years. In response, the HKIS has stepped up its efforts to encourage more young people to join the surveying industry. The Institute has further strengthened its support for young members who are at an early stage of their career which have included offering scholarships to outstanding surveying students; the Building Surveying Scholarship for Secondary School students; Quantity Surveying Division Scholarship for outstanding performances in key quantity surveying subjects in bachelor and associate degrees and higher diploma courses.

Respective Divisions have participated in the

Information Days organised by the local universities to provide details about education, training and career development to prospective students interested in surveying courses being offered. They also visited other academic institutions and secondary schools for the promotion of the surveying profession.

The Institute also continued to promote the surveying profession in the annual HKTDC Education and Careers Expo.

Researches

The Council approved research funding for three projects namely, Life Cycles of Building Elements and Components; Studies of Roles of Professional Land Surveyors in the Emerging Opportunities of Building Information Modeling (BIM); and A Feasibility Study in the Use of New Engineering Contract in Hong Kong.

Collaboration with Industry And Counterpart Institutions

Reciprocity Agreement

The Institute and respective Divisions have worked closely and maintained communications with counterparts and other professional bodies outside Hong Kong in order to promote the surveying profession further. On 25 March 2013, a signing ceremony was held for the renewal of the reciprocity agreement between the HKIS and the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) in relation to the membership reciprocity between the Corporate Members of the Quantity Surveying Division and the Fellows and Members of the Commercial Management Stream of ICES after three years of collaboration. The new agreement is a result of the time and effort spent by both sides for closer collaborations between the two professional bodies.

Joint Events

Apart from participating in the various events and activities of our counterparts in the industry, we also shared similar interests and objectives with other local professional and construction related counterparts. On 11 September 2013, the HKIS together with 12 professional bodies

co-organised a “Luncheon Talk by the HKSAR Chief Executive on Long Term Housing Strategy (LTHS)” at the Renaissance Hong Kong Harbour View Hotel. They included the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Hong Kong Institute of Architects, Hong Kong Construction Association, Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, Hong Kong Institute of Housing, Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, Law Society of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Institute of Planners, Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators, and Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. We were honoured to have Chief Executive the Honourable CY Leung share his views on Hong Kong’s long term housing strategy, as well as summarizing and highlighting the LTHS’s consultation document.



On 9 August 2013, the HKIS organized the Annual SDI (Spatial Data Infrastructure) Conference on Building Information Modeling in collaboration with the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors, Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyors and the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

To recognize excellence and leadership in the industry, the HKIS jointly organised the Quality Property and Facility Management Award with The Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies (HKAPMC) on 26 April 2013.

To facilitate a better understanding of the Chief Executive’s policy address which was delivered on 16 January 2013, a “Joint Institutes’ Forum on Policy Address” was co-organised on 28 January by the HKIS, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, Hong Kong Institute of

Planners, and Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design. The forum provided HKIS members the opportunity to share their views with a focus on the economy, land and housing supply, and the environment.

Non-local Visits and Conferences

- On 29 April 2013, the representatives from the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China and Economic Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of The Central People’s Government in the HKSAR visited the HKIS office. Vice President Sr Vincent Ho, BSD Chairman Sr Robin Leung, members of the BSD Council and I met the delegation and offered our views on the “Implementation of Project Management Works undertaken by Hong Kong Companies (Building Surveyors) on the Construction of the Complete Foreign Aid Projects (CFAP)” in China.
- The 17th PAQS Congress was held in Xi’an from 20 to 21 May 2013. The event was organised by China Engineering Cost Association (CECA), which is also a full member of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) and the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC). A group of delegates representing the HKIS, including HKIS Past President Sr TT Cheung, QSD Council Chairman Sr Keith Yim, and myself, attended the two-day conference as well as the PAQS Board meeting on 19 May. The Congress is an annual event for exchanging experience and promoting cooperation among members of the quantity surveying professional associations in the Pacific Region. The HKIS being a member of the PAQS will be hosting the next Congress. The 18th PAQS Congress with the theme “Think Outside the Box, Meet New Challenges” will be held between 7 and 10 June 2014 in Hong Kong.



- From 24 to 26 June 2013, I joined a business delegation to Cambodia, which was led by Financial Secretary John Tsang, along with a group of business leaders and representatives of other professional bodies from Hong Kong. The visit aimed to enhance the interaction between Hong Kong and Cambodian businesses. During the three-day visit, we met Prime Minister Hun Sen, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce Cham Prasidh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy & Finance Keat Chhon and National Bank of Cambodia Deputy Governor Neav Chanthana. We also attended a function held by the China Hong Kong & Macau Expatriate & Business Association of Cambodia. In fact, Cambodia and a number of Southeast Asian countries are embracing a thriving real estate market, therefore offering many opportunities for Hong Kong surveyors in the years to come.
- From 28 July to 1 August 2013, I visited Liaoning Province, China, with an 11 HKIS-member delegation. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the Institute and Hong Kong's surveying profession to the relevant authorities and institutions in Liaoning; conduct a professional knowledge exchange; and to foster cooperation between the surveying industries of Hong Kong and Liaoning.
- Dr Alexia Nalewaik, the Vice Chairperson of the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) and Director of External Affairs of the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International (AACEI), visited the HKIS on 26 September 2013.
- Between 26 and 27 September 2013, I joined a trade delegation led by the Chief Executive to Chongqing, where we attended a business luncheon and a Chongqing business symposium to meet local business leaders and corporate executives. We also met some of the officials of the Chongqing Municipal People's Government, including Chongqing mayor Mr Huang Qifan and Chongqing Communist Party chief Mr Sun Zhengcai and attended a welcome dinner organised by the city's government. As one of the world's fastest growing cities, Chongqing's real estate market has flourished in the past few

years, and presents great opportunities for Hong Kong surveyors



- To celebrate the 64th birthday of the People's Republic of China, three HKIS representatives and I joined a delegation arranged by Sr Tony Tse, Legislative Council Member of the Architectural, Surveying and Planning Functional Constituency as well as a Fellow member and Past President of HKIS, to attend the National Day reception held at Beijing's Great Hall of the People on 29 September 2013.
- To echo the "Go Out Policy" initiated by the central government encouraging Chinese enterprises, including developers and other companies involved in property development, to invest overseas, I attended the 2013 Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Industry Forum organised by the Development Bureau of the HKSAR, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China and the Ningbo Municipal People's Government with the theme "Promoting Quality and Innovation to Take Construction Enterprises Global" in Ningbo, along with a nine-HKIS member delegation during 20 to 22 October.
- On 4 November 2013, the Institute welcomed visits from the respective Presidents of the Australian Property Institute and Property Institute of New Zealand, and the President of the Valuation and General Practice Council of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers.
- In order to explore further collaborative opportunities so as to enhance the development of the surveying profession in Hong Kong and on the Mainland, the CEPA delegation made its third visit to Beijing and met representatives

from the relevant authorities and professional bodies during 11 to 13 November 2013.

- I attended the seminars held on the first day of the 2013 International Project Management Conference in Shanghai during 13 to 15 November. The conference was co-organised by Shanghai Construction Consultants Trade Association (SCCA), Shanghai Xian Dai Architectural Design (Group) Co., Ltd., Tongji University, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and AACE International. Over 260 delegates from the Mainland, Hong Kong, USA, France, Italy, Singapore and Malaysia, etc, consisting of government officials, professionals and industry players, gathered to exchange their views on various subjects revolving around the "current development and future trends in project management".
- From 27 to 29 November 2013, I joined a delegation led by the Chief Executive to Guangxi Province, China, where we visited China South City Nanning, Wuxiang New District and Guangxi Planning Exhibition Hall and met Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government leaders. I also visited the China-Malaysia Qinzhou Industrial Park, and Guangxi Qinzhou Free Trade Port Area, etc. In Nanning, I attended the Guangxi-Hong Kong Economic & Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting and Guangxi-Hong Kong Business Symposium, and visited the Nanning New & High-tech Industrial Development Zone.



Communication with Members

Discussion forums on the Alternate Routes to Membership and on the HKIS and RICS

Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership were held between 22 May and 24 June 2013 respectively for members to express their views. An EGM on the Proposed Routes to Membership was scheduled on 11 September 2013, however after due consideration the General Council resolved to defer the proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws until a further review has been made.

Several gatherings were also held with our members located in Mainland China including meeting with members stationed in Shanghai and Ningbo on 18 June and 21 October 2013 respectively. We took the opportunity to share with members the recent news of the HKIS and the latest professional developments in Hong Kong.

Members were also invited to celebrate the opening of the first HKIS Mainland representative office in Beijing and to join in a dinner reception and a housewarming party on 11 and 12 November 2013 respectively. There were around 40 members joining the members' dinner.

The 30th Anniversary celebrations were officially launched during the Surveyors Annual Dinner on 4 November 2013. A series of events and activities have been organised to mark this special milestone. I hope all of you will take an active participation in these meaningful events.

Serving the Community

The Institute provided appointment services in accordance with the provisions of contractual agreements. The following appointments were made during the year:-

- Arbitrator (HKIA & HKIS Joint Appointment): 4
- Mediator (HKIA & HKIS Joint Appointment): 3
- Independent Valuation Expert: 11
- Mediator for Joint Mediation Helpline Office: 4

Member firms of the Institute participated in the Yuen Long District Secondary School Students Internship Programme 2013 organised by the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services ('the Coalition'). The internship programme provides precious work experience for the secondary school students from Tin Shui Wai and Yuen Long. The

Coalition believes that working with professionals will effectively broaden the horizon of the young people in these neighbourhoods, and help build their self-confidence.

HKIS Project Sparkle, a mentorship program jointly implemented by our Community and Charity Services Committee with the Tung Wah Group Hospitals Jockey Club Tin Shui Wai Integrated Services Centre, continued to organise activities to create a harmonious and healthy environment to facilitate the better development of children in Tin Shui Wai.

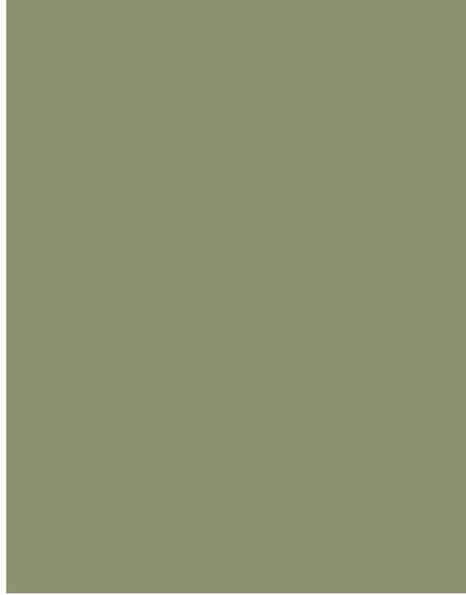
Words of Appreciation

My term of presidency has been both busy and fulfilling. However, all the tasks and achievements during the year could not have been accomplished without the dedication and commitment from our members. On this note, I would like to especially thank all the Office Bearers, members of the General Council and Executive Committee, members of our various Working Committees and Task Forces, and the Secretariat Office for their unfailing support and contribution.

I wish the new President and next Council every continued success in the coming year.

Sr Stephen Lai

President 2012-2013



Honorary Treasurer's Report

