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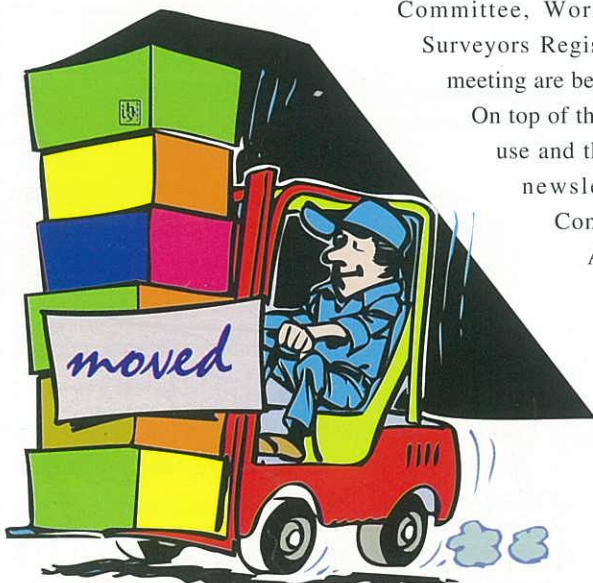
By Gordon Ng, Secretary General

The HKIS Secretariat moved to its new offices, at Suite 510, Jardine House, Central, on 8th June 1998. Being on the low floors, you will spend less time in the lifts. When you walk into the Secretariat, you will be greeted by our Receptionist, Miss Rita Lo and be offered a seat if you should be attended by our other staff. Behind Rita is the Library, which measures about 20 sq m, for you to look up references, journals and other professional publications not readily found in public libraries or bookstores. Next to the Library is our General Office area which would generally be restricted to visitors.

The last room to the left of the Reception area is the Conference Room (30 sq m), seating 26 or more. The new Conference Room will relieve the pressure from the increasing number of meetings and provide an improved environment for discussion and decisions. There has been a high usage rate since the turn of the year. The General Council (22 members), Executive Committee(11), Board of Education, Membership Committee, Working Group of 5-Year Plan, Surveyors Registration Board, various ad hoc meeting are being held in the Secretariat office.

On top of the usual meetings from our office use and the preparation of the mailing of newsletters and CPD events, the Conference Room is also used for APC Interviews and Assessments and TV/Media Interviews.

The telephone and fax numbers will remain the same and we hope you will come and visit the new Secretariat office soon.



Message from the Editor

by Winnie Shiu



From this issue onwards, I am pleased to be the Editor of the Surveying Newsletter. Apart from organising a monthly newsletter, I will be responsible for maintaining the Institute's homepage, and launching a new Surveying Journal in September this year. The Newsletter will still be published on a monthly basis, while the Journal will be on a quarterly basis. The Newsletter maintains to provide "News" of the Institute and the Journal will be more related to technical matters.

An Editorial Board comprising representatives from each Division has been formed. They include:-

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To make the publication of the Journal successful and to enrich the contents, I not only require the support from members of the Editorial Board, but also your contributions. If you have any article that you would like to publish, please submit it in both hard and soft copies (Word doc format) to me at the Secretariat Office. To facilitate the editing work, all contributions must reach me on or before 31st July 1998 for the first publication of the Journal.



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GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS

The followings are available for inspection at the Secretariat Office.

Buildings Department

Practice Note for Authorised Persons and Registered Structural Engineers

PNAP 1	Practice Notes in Force
PNAP 99	Checking New Building Plans
PNAP 221	Fixing Reinforcement for Concrete Works
PNAP 223	Podium Height Restriction under Building (Planning) Regulation 20(3)

Practice Note for Registered Contractors

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PN 38	New Contractor Registration System and Contractors Registration Committee
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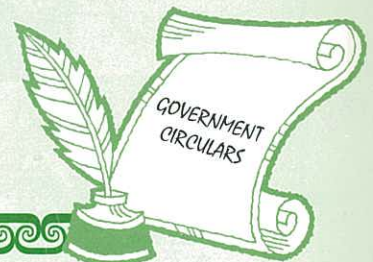
Lands Department

Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office Circular Memorandum

No.26A	Hotline on "Consents to sell Residential Units" -2147 5475
No.29	Lands Department Consent Scheme

Planning Environment & Lands Bureau

T/C No. 1/98	Streamlined Planning Procedures for Processing Land Development Corporation's Development Projects
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NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Annual Subscriptions

You will receive a debit note for the payment of Annual Subscription, which is due on 1st April 1998, very soon, and please note that the Subscription Fees have been revised at the Annual General Meeting on 16th December, 1997. If by any chance, you should not receive a debit note, please inform our Assistant Manager, Miss Connie Chiu who would be happy to send you one. Lastly, your early payment would be appreciated.

HKIS home page (www.hkis.org.hk)

Some of you are already writing to me via the Internet making inquiries and informing us of the areas which we should improve. I would welcome any comments, and will try to update as well as improve the use of the home page. Perhaps you can help me to get an idea of how many of our members have an e-mail address and how we could utilize the Internet by sending me a short note. Volunteers and computer fans willing to educate me are always welcome (gn@hkis.org.hk).

Message from the President

Members' Participation and Involvement



The Institute is very busy. It has to deal with many issues which require professional expertise and experience of our members. Fortunately, we have experts from the various divisions to deal with them. On behalf of the Council, may I thank all the nominated representatives and members of the working groups for their time, effort and endurance. These members have attended many Government and organisational meetings, often within very short notice. Their active participation and attendance have demonstrated that professional surveyors' views and expertises are well recognised and trusted within the industries as well as Government. Many valued recommendations and reports on many critical issues are also compiled and sent to the Government before legislation.

Within the Institute, various activities are on. Local seminars and technical visits are organised by various divisions, which are considered as CPD events and which members must participate. There are also many international conferences being organised around the regions, and I understand in some of these conferences, there are input and participation from the various divisions. Their active participation are very much encouraged. They help to promote our corporate image locally and internationally. Well done dear members. Keep the spirit up.

Cocktail Reception for the RICS President

On 27th May 1998, the HKIS organised a Cocktail Reception for the RICS President, Mr Peter McKendrick, Mrs McKendrick and the Director of Professional Services, Mr Adrian Britton, to meet our General Council members, Divisional representatives, past HKIS Presidents and RICS (HKB) Chairmen.

The Reception was held in the afternoon at the Hong Kong Club and well attended by more than 40 persons including some 15 newly qualified RICS members. Mr McKendrick gave a speech on the recent international development of the RICS and praised the achievement of the HKIS.

He also expressed high hopes to see more regional as well as international coordination and cooperation of the surveying professionals.



Mr Peter McKendrick (Fifth from left), Mr Adrian Britton (Third from left), with HKIS office bearers and council members attending the Cocktail Reception.



BUILDING SURVEYING

News from the Building Surveying Division

By Mr Kenneth J K Chan, Chairman

Outbound Site Visit - Huizhou City Garden

A day-return site visit and study tour to a residential development in Huizhou City was successfully conducted on 2 May 1998. 37 members attended the CPD event. The weather was fine when we gathered at Hankow Road for the direct transit bus. It took us about 2 hours 15 minutes to travel from Kowloon to Huizhou City including border formalities.

The Senior Project Manager, Mr. W.C. Chan from the developer, Glorious Sun Holdings, gave a thorough briefing to members covering planning, development/land, construction and sales issues of the development. The development comprises of 320,000 square metres of residential floor areas and ancillary accommodations, such as, secondary school, child and youth centre, old aged activity centre, nursery and kindergarten, shops, club house, etc. on a site of 210,000 square metres. The first two phases of residential development, comprising of 14 and 10 numbers respectively of 7-storey high buildings, were completed. The first phase of 524 numbers of 90 square metres units were sold out and fully occupied in 1996. The second phase was completed in 1997 and was on sale.

Residents' clubhouse and associated recreational facilities and an artificial lake were being constructed. We were told that the developer was planning to proceed with phase 3 of the development of constructing two 33-storey high residential towers due to the popular demand for the development. We learnt about the procedures of land acquisition, formation of the Jointventure Company, planning application, contracting, construction consent application, quality supervision and completion inspection.

Finally, we were led on a walk through to see the completed buildings, landscaping, sample flats and show flat. Members were impressed with the style of the completed buildings, the open space and landscaping and standard of estate management. So far the weather was fine. However, the skies turned to deep darkness and heavy rain fell when we retreated to a local restaurant to enjoy our lunch. Heavy rainfall greeted our way back to Hong Kong but our impression of the development was not diminished. Thanks to the host, Glorious Sun Properties Limited for the arrangement.

Professional Building Surveying Consultants Association of Hong Kong (PBSCA)

香港專業建築測量顧問公會

Professional Building Surveyors in private practice are collaborating together to set up an Association of firms offering Professional Building Surveying services. The principal aims and objectives of the Association under deliberation are:

- to promote, improve and maintain standards for Professional Building Surveying practices in conjunction with the HKIS and other representative trade organizations;
- to assist in safeguarding the public interest by regulating members' compliance with the HKIS Code of Conduct;
- to promote commercial Building Surveying services;
- to promote, improve and maintain standards for the building industry;
- to provide for the benefit of the members a representative negotiating body in any discussion with the Government or other municipal or professional bodies relating to the interests, rights, powers and privileges of Professional Building Surveyors and other matters of common interest;
- to provide a representative body to negotiate with tertiary educational establishments on the content and quality of courses offered;
- to represent members sitting on any Government or Quasi-Government consultation bodies or committees;
- to carry out such other activities as the members of the Association may consider of common interest and benefit.

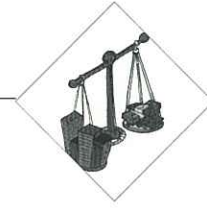
The Association will be registered at the Company Registry as a limited company by guarantee. The initial membership requirement are firms with one Registered Professional Surveyor (Building Surveying) may join. The inauguration of the Association has been set for May 1998. We look forward to a positive contribution by the Association in the furtherance of Building Surveying practices in Hong Kong.

Conditions of Engagement of Building Surveyors

The Division has published the following documents (in English and Chinese) for sale to members and the public. The title and price of the publications are:

Conditions of Engagement of Building Surveyors	\$60.00 per copy
Agreement for the Appointment of Building Surveyors ...	\$15.00 per copy
Professional Charges for Building Surveying Services	Free of charge

GENERAL PRACTICE



News from the General Practice Division

By Tony Tse, Chairman

Committee Structure of General Practice Divisional Council

With a view to best utilize our manpower resources and also to tackle professional matters more effectively, the Divisional Council has approved the setting up of the following five committees to look after various aspects of professional matters. These five committees, details set out below, each comprise a convenor and members who will report to the Divisional Council direct. Members should contact the relevant convenor direct if they have any comments or proposals.

2. Local Affairs Committee

Members	Terms of Reference
Francis T Lau (Convenor) Angela S C Chan Francis K F Lam Lau Chun Kong Gordon Ongley Augustine H M Wong	<p>To identify and consider issues which are of concern to or may affect GP Surveyors and recommend to the GP Council appropriate view(s) and /or action(s) to be adopted/taken by the GP Council or HKIS.</p> <p>To consider current and any new government policies in respect of land, planning, estate management or other areas which affect GP Surveyors and make suitable recommendations to the GP Council.</p> <p>To comment on and establish appropriate views on current issues to enable HKIS/GP Council spokesperson to respond to the media or the general public.</p> <p>To assist the GP Council spokesperson to liaise with LegCo, the Consumer Council, relevant business associations, relevant local professional bodies, Government Bureaus and Departments, and other public authorities.</p> <p>To organise social events for GP Members.</p>

1. Professional Practice and Standards Committee

Members	Terms of Reference
K K Chiu (Convenor) Nancy M L Hung Clement K M Lau Jonathan W W Li Tony W C Tse	<p>To review the existing Guidance Notes for Asset</p> <p>Valuation and to prepare a new Guidance Notes.</p> <p>To review and update the existing Professional Fees Scale for GP Division.</p> <p>To review and update the Code of Conduct and Ethics and Practice Notes for Estate Agency.</p> <p>To prepare the Guidance Notes for Arbitrators and Independent Valuers, and to keep and update a list of arbitrators and independent valuers.</p> <p>To finalize the Chinese Glossary of Property Terms.</p>

3. External Affairs Committee

Members	Terms of Reference
Edwin C L Tsang (Convenor) Francis T Lau Francis H K Ng Lawrence Poon	<p>To assist the Institute in liaising with the relevant authorities and professional bodies at various levels in Mainland China.</p> <p>To assist the Institute in liaising with the relevant foreign professional bodies such as RICS, SISV, MIS, FIG-Commission 9.</p> <p>To arrange and hold visiting trips to Mainland China and any foreign countries; and to attend or organize seminars/conferences in Mainland China or foreign countries.</p> <p>To assist the Institute in updating the HKIS internet web site in respect of the GP news and practice.</p> <p>To receive overseas and Mainland counterparts.</p> <p>To arrange seminars/visits with relevant organizations and government departments.</p> <p>To explain the mechanism of property market in Hong Kong.</p>



GENERAL PRACTICE

4. Education and Membership Committee

Members	Terms of Reference
Jeff Y T Lam (Convenor) Nancy M L Hung Liu Sing Cheong Keith McKinnel Melissa Pang Lawrence Poon Andrew K C Wong	To administer, review and update the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) Scheme for the General Practice Division, and to participate in or contribute to the Board of Education and/or Membership Board of the Institute. To assist the Institute in conducting the APC including the interim and final assessments, and to receive and hear complaints relating to the APC Scheme. To assist the Institute to review and update the recognised academic qualifications, both local and overseas, for admission to the APC Scheme. To liaise with the local universities and/or major employers for GP Surveyors on matters relating to education, APC training and professional skills. To provide, when required, advice or information to the Membership Board of the Institute on GP membership admission.

5. CPD Committee

Members	Terms of Reference
Francis K F Lam (Convenor) Lau Chi Ming Lau Chun Kong	To plan and conduct the General Practice Division's CPD events; which may include luncheon talks, seminars, conferences, workshops, site visits... etc. To assist the Institute to administer the CPD Scheme. To compile and publish CPD papers, monographs, conference reports and books for enhancement of professional skills. To assist the Institute in exploring further postgraduate education and training opportunities for GP Surveyors.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

HK Standard Method of Measurement for Building Works (SMM) (1979, 3rd Ed)	(Hard) (Soft)	\$70.00 \$40.00
HK Standard Method of Measurement for Building Services (1993, 1st Ed)		\$40.00
Building Contract with Quantities (1986, 1st Ed, amended Sept 1997)		\$80.00
Building Contract without Quantities (1986, 1st Ed, amended Sept 1997)		\$80.00
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Tender (1986, 1st Ed)		\$10.00
Saleable Area (1994)		\$8.00
Scale of Professional Charges for Services in HK		
BS Division (1993)		\$10.00
GP Division (1995)		\$20.00
LS Division (1996, 3rd Ed)		\$10.00
QS Division - Itemised Scale (1994, 3rd Ed)		\$10.00
- Inclusive Scale (1994, 1st Ed)		\$10.00

MISCELLANEOUS

HK Guidance Notes on Valuation of Properties for Mortgage Purposes		\$20.00
HKIS Constitution & Byelaws		\$10.00
HKIS Rules of Conduct		\$10.00
HKIS Directory & Annual Report 1996/97		\$50.00
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News From The Land Surveying Division

by *K L MOK, Chairman*

Survey and Mapping Office Instruction - Technical No. 4/98
First Set Out of N.T. Small House Lots by Private Practice Land Surveyors

Survey and Mapping Office Instruction - Technical No. 5/98
Baselines

Members should note the above revised internal instructions issued by the Survey and Mapping Office. Private Practice Land Surveyors and Land Surveying Companies can download the above information from "What's New" on the Internet.

"What's New" from the Survey and Mapping Office,
Lands Department

Last month, I had discussed with Mr. SUNG, SLS/TI of SMO, Lands Department on the distribution of their internal instructions and circulars. Since some of the SMO instructions relate to their services provided to the public and the private practice land surveyors, it would be helpful if our members understood the procedure and practice thus smoothing and streamlining the process. Mr. SUNG well understood our requirements and suggested SMO make all those information available on the Internet. The address of the "WHAT'S NEW" from SMO, Lands Department on Internet is as below:

<http://www.info.gov.hk/landsd/mapping/whatsnew>

Please travel around the above web site regularly to find out WHAT'S NEW.

Land Boundary Survey Regulations

By *Jacky Tull, Vice Chairman*

The draft Land Boundary Survey Regulations was circulated to all LSD members for comments in March 1998. The working group received written comments from our members and also from the Survey and Mapping Office, Lands Department. The LSD council held an ad-hoc meeting to discuss these comments and decided to prepare a second draft of the Regulations to incorporate the amendments suggested by members. Due to the shortage of time, the council has decided to postpone the EGM so that all members can have more time to study the revised Regulations. **The EGM for both the Land Boundary Survey Regulations and the Land Surveying Division Regulations will be postponed to 17 July 1998 (Friday).**

The council would also like to clarify the objective of the Land Boundary Survey Regulations. It is to provide a rules and guide to

ensure the land boundary survey conducted by our members would meet a certain standard. We will try to seek approval from the General Council to include the Regulations in the Rules of Conduct to enforce all members to follow.

Two Conferences

by *W F YIK, Division Secretariat*

There are two conferences to be held in September and December 1998 respectively.

The first conference known as 'The 2nd Conference of Exchange of Survey & Mapping Technology Across the Straits' will be held on 6 - 14 September 1998 in Taiwan. The conference consists of two sessions, one which is the seminar session on 7-9 September 1998, and the other a visiting session on 10-14 September 1998.

The second conference namely 'International Conference of Spatial Information Science and Technology' will be held on 13-16 December 1998 in Wuhan. The themes of the conference include the integration of Remote Sensing, Global Positioning System and Geographic Information System (3S) and its applications in sustainable development. Seminars and visits will also be arranged during the conference.

The LSD council has formed a working group to organise a delegation to attend these two conferences. Apart from the HKIS members, all participants in the field of surveying and mapping are welcome to join the delegation. Further details are being distributed separately.

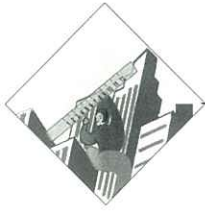
Land Surveyors' Lunch

By *C H AU, J.O. Representative*

The Land Surveyors' Lunch was held on 1 May 1998 at the Kowloon Club. 98 members gathered to share not only the delicious food, but also the valuable '500 months in the Government and 500 days in the private sector (500 vs 500)' experience of the honourable guest, Mr. S C LEUNG, former Principal Government Land Surveyor.



Mr. S C Leung (right) received a souvenir from Mr. K L Mok (left) after his talk '500 vs 500' in the Land Surveyors' Lunch



QUANTITY SURVEYING

News from the Quantity Surveying Division

By Eric Chung, Chairman

The past month was relatively quiet but there are still a few matters of interest worth noting.

Direct Access to the Bar

All four divisional representatives met on 6 May 1998 to summarise the respective areas of each division of the Surveying profession which may require the service of barristers. Mr H F Leung, Associate Professor of The Department of Real Estate and Construction, The University of Hong Kong (who is also a QS and a barrister) is preparing a report for circulation among the Divisions.

It is envisaged that a meeting will be held in mid June with the representatives of the Bar Association, after the divisional committees have the opportunity to review and comment on the report.

I will from time to time keep members informed of the further development on this subject.

Appointment of Independent Quantity Surveyors in Infrastructure Works Projects

Mr P C Lau, Immediate Past President of the Institute has put in tremendous efforts in lobbying the Works Bureau to consider appointing independent quantity surveyors in all infrastructure works projects in the pipeline. As you all know, QS has an indispensable role in all Government building contracts whereas in civil engineering works the QS's role is played by the Engineer as part and parcel of his web of responsibilities.

The Secretary for Works has responded positively by assigning a Deputy Secretary to follow up this matter, and arranged the SAR Government's consultant, Mr Jesse B. Grove III (who has been asked to review all seven sets of the SAR Government Standard Forms of Contract) to meet the HKIS on 12 May 1998. During the meeting, both PC and myself attended alongside senior members Derek Mackay, David Brechin and Peter Ho from the private practice. We argued on the basis of "impartiality" and "independence" of QS, not being involved in design process and site supervision. Mr Grove no doubt will solicit views from other concerned organisations such as HKCA. He is due to return to Hong Kong in June to complete his consultation. The HKIS will attempt to seize the last opportunity before he makes final recommendations to the SAR Government.

CPD Events

It has been suggested to me that I should include in this column a rolling list of the upcoming CPD events to remind busy practitioners. The events arranged include the following:-

Date	Topic	Speaker
20 May	Dispute Resolution System (ASD)	Mr C K Ho (Former SQS -Disputes Resolution)
16 June	Crisis faced by the Quantity Surveying Profession Today	Mr Albert Cheung (Managing Partner, Levett & Bailey Chartered Quantity Surveyors)

Members who are willing to speak or arrange others to speak on subjects of interest are welcome to contact our CPD Convenor, Mr Stephen Chung, via the Secretariat.



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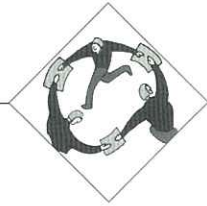
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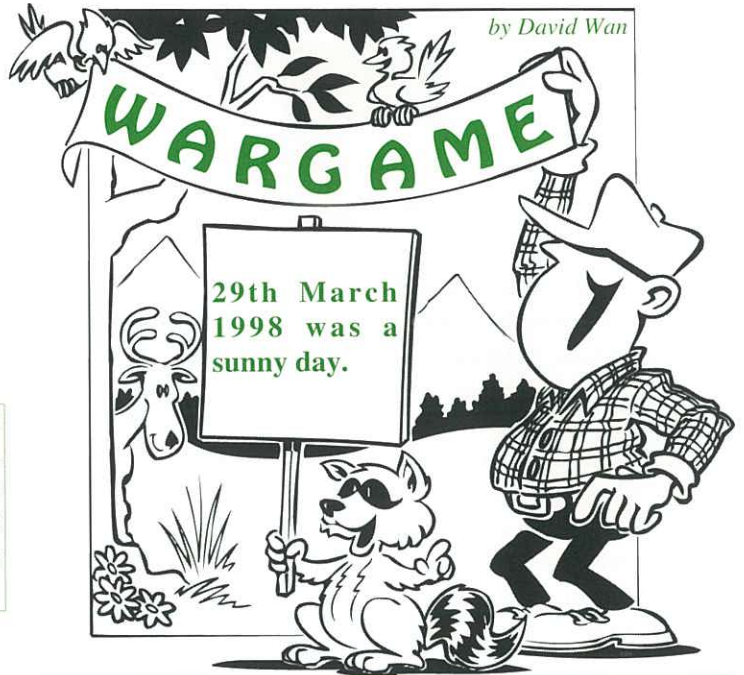
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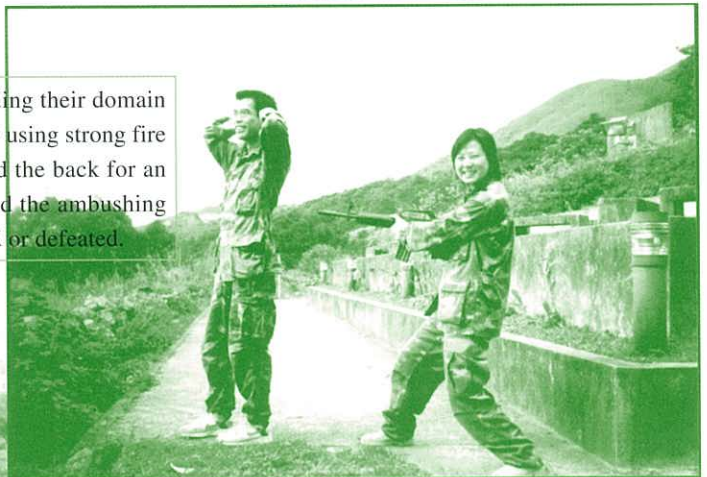
JUNIOR ORGANISATION



Twenty-one of our members, face-covered, armed with MP-5 and M-16 machine guns and dressed in camouflage were found in Tai Mo Shan.



The members were fighting in two teams defending their domain in the rugged landscape. Distracting the defender using strong fire from the front, units from the offender go round the back for an ambush. Unexpectedly, fire behind a bush ended the ambushing team and the offending members are all captured or defeated.



Trained by expert ex-militaries from the British Force and fighting in sweat and laughter, all of us enjoyed a real fun day. Just look at our photographs and you will regret not having joined us!

The Difficulties of being an Expert Witness

By John B Molloy, LLB(Hons), BSc(Hons), FHKIS, FRICS, ACI Arb, Director of James R Knowles (Hong Kong) Limited

Surveyors of all disciplines are often called to give expert evidence in either arbitration or court proceedings. Yet it can be an extremely difficult and demanding role.

An expert witness is primarily under a duty to the judicial body to whom his evidence is to be given to provide independent, objective and unbiased evidence. However the pressures imposed on an expert from the party employing him, (and thus paying his fees) to lean towards them in giving his evidence, and not to be too fair to the other side, can make this a difficult task indeed.

The problem has been recognised for many years. As early as 1874, in Lord Abinger v. Ashton WR582, Sir George Jessel said:

"In matters of opinion I very much distrust expert evidence..... An expert is not like an ordinary witness, who hoped to get his expense, but he is employed and paid in the sense of gain, being employed by the person who calls him. Now it is natural that his mind, however honest he may be, should be biased in favour of the person employing him, and accordingly we do find such bias...."

Experts over the years have generally recognised the problems with their appointment but have nonetheless endeavoured to do their best to remain unbiased.

However a number of recent cases indicate that some experts appear to have forgotten their primary duty and consider it inevitable, even acceptable that they will be biased towards their clients.

In particular, in *Cala Homes and Another v. Sir Alfred McAlpine Homes East Ltd*, (1995) 13-CLD-10-24, the expert witness was a Mr Goodall, an architect with considerable experience of acting as an expert. He had in fact had over 120 appointments in such a capacity, and was additionally a member of the Committee of Construction Arbitrators. All in all a man who should have needed no reminders as to his role as expert witness.

However, in 1990 Mr Goodall had written a paper entitled *The Expert Witness: Partisan with a Conscience*. In this extraordinary article he had said:

"How should the expert avoid becoming partisan in a process which makes no pretence of determining the truth but seeks only to weigh the persuasive effects of arguments deployed by one adversary or the other..... If an expert witness is able to so present the data that they seem to suggest an interpretation favourable to the side instructing him, that is, it seems to me, within the rules of our particular game, even if it means playing down or omitting some material consideration."

The court took a very dim view of these comments which they clearly thought completely discredited his evidence. The judge, Mr Justice Laddie commented:

"The whole basis of Mr Goodall's approach to drafting of an expert's report is wrong. The function of a court of law is to discover the truth relating to the issues before it.....Of course the court will be aware that a party is likely to choose as its expert someone whose view is most sympathetic to its position. Subject to that caveat the court is likely to assume that the expert witness is more interested in being honest and right than in ensuring that one side or another wins. An expert should not consider that it is his job to stand shoulder to shoulder through thick and thin with the side which is paying his bill."

So in this case the courts have sent out a very clear message to expert witnesses, a reminder that their primary duty is to the court, and is a duty to provide independent unbiased evidence.

To avoid difficulties a Surveyor who is appointed as an expert witness would do well to read the guidelines on the duties of an expert set down by Cresswell J in the *Ikarian Reefer* 1993 FSR 563 which are:

1. Expert evidence presented to the court should be, and should be seen to be, the independent product of the expert uninfluenced as to form or content by the exigencies of litigation.
2. An expert witness should provide independent assistance to the court by way of objective, unbiased opinion in relation to matters within his expertise.
3. An expert witness should never assume the role of an advocate.
4. An expert witness should state the facts or assumptions upon which his opinion is based. He should not omit to consider material facts which could not detract from his concluded opinion.

These guidelines have been included in the Practice Statement for Surveyors Acting as Expert Witnesses published in January 1997, by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and members of that Institution are required to follow such Practice Note.

Members of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors who receive appointments as expert witnesses would be well advised to follow suit.

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