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From the Editor 編者話

At the time of writing, the Beijing Olympics is well in progress. From the opening ceremony to each sporting event competition, it is believed that all are also delighted to see the sophisticated facility in and the innovated design of the stadiums. The surveyors exerted their expertise to the utmost.

In the HKIS Annual Conference "Surveyors in Olympics" held on 26 July 2008, many speakers shared with us the surveyors' works in various Beijing Olympic projects. Some highlights of this conference are published in this Surveyors Times issue. Beyond sharing with all athletes the happiness in winning the gold medals, we can also be proud of the surveyors' contributions.

To emphasize the expertise of our General Practice (GP) Surveyors, the scenery of Hong Kong's commercial centre is specially used as the front cover of this issue. Readers can recognise the contributions of GP Surveyors in Real Estate Development. With the surveying profession exerting the expertise in this aspect, Hong Kong can keep enhancing her international status in order to support the sustainable development of our country.

In order to help the reconstruction of the devastated areas in Sichuan, the General Council has agreed to join "The Hong Kong Construction Sector 5.12 Reconstruction Joint Conference" led by the Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government. HKIS would like to recruit volunteers to assist the earthquake aftermath reconstruction works. We believe members' knowledge can make contribution to expedite the recovery of Sichuan from the disaster. Please find the registration form in this issue.

Please stay tuned to *Surveyors Times*. It is your handy companion.

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執筆之時,北京奧運正進行得如火如荼。由開幕典禮至各比賽 項目,除欣賞各國運動員精湛的表現外,相信大家亦會讚嘆各 場館完善的設備及創新的設計。測量師的貢獻功不可沒。

透過在7月26日舉行的測量師周年研討會『測量師與奧運』,多位講者已分享了測量師於籌備這項盛事期間的多項貢獻。 今期**「測量師時代」**已刊出本研討會的花蕠,讓大家為運動員奪金而感到興奮之餘,亦為測量師感到驕傲。

為突顯產業測量師的專業知識,今期測量師時代封面特別展視香港金融中心的全景。從而讀者可感受到產業測量師為房地產發展所作出的貢獻。測量專業在此發揮所長,使香港不斷提升在國際上的地位,就是支持國家持續發展重要的原素。

為幫助四川受災地區的重建工作,理事會經已同意參與由發展局及建造界早前自發成立的「香港建造界5·12重建工程聯席會議」。學會現正呼籲會員登記成為義工幫助重建工作,貢獻測量專業的所長,登記表格已在本期刊出。

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Views from young professionals towards the future of their professions

In this issue, chances have been given by the President to several young surveyors to express their views towards our profession. Their view points in the 5 main streams - Building Surveying (BS), General Practice Surveying (GP), Land Surveying (LS), Quantity Surveying (QS) and Property and Facility Management (PFM) are summarised as follows:

1. BS:

Chances of career development for Building Surveyors in the Mainland are now much bigger than that in Hong Kong as the role of project manager in the Mainland is different with that in Hong Kong. Since BS is a multi-disciplinary expertise, professional knowledge of BS is very suitable for real estate development in the Mainland. For example, a project manager working for a developer in the Mainland needs to take care of a wide range of works such as contract management, design coordination, coordination with various government departments, flat owners, etc. On the contrary, the chances of career development for Building Surveyors in Hong Kong are relatively narrower. The works are more concentrated on existing buildings such as building maintenance, renovation and heritage conservation. Owing to the stiff competition within the market and among other professionals, most BS projects become less profitable. Professionals are faced with more challenges and difficulties than before. The professional status has not always been respected by the public. There is a trend for surveying graduates to choose non-BS professions in ASP industries. The unfavourable situation pushes young professionals to be more money-oriented, and their original long-term career goal is being devastated.

What can Building Surveyors do?

In order to cope with the changing environment, Building Surveyors should focus on the need of the society and should diversify their scope of works and services, for e.g. fit-out analysis, interior design etc. Furthermore, Building Surveyors should be more willing to adopt advanced technology, e.g. Building Information Modeling (BIM), so as to provide better services and more value-added deliverables. Besides, Building Surveyors should further strengthen their professionalism by providing professional judgment and decisions, rather than focusing on procedures.

2. GP:

There has been more demand for the GP professional input in recent years and the GP profession is now exposed to a rapidly changing environment. The new challenges and expectations on GP have increased while the status of the profession is not being protected. The professional status has not always been recognised and respected by the society and government. Unlike other professions, General Practice Surveyors are not fully exempted from the Estate Agents Authority (EAA) licence exam, but ironically, professionals from other industries, such as solicitors, can work as an estate agent without getting the EAA licence. In addition, the job opportunities for General Practice Surveyors are still limited and the professionals in both the public and private sectors are currently faced with acute competition. The GP qualification is considered to be the entry requirement in the GP profession, and the working experiences after getting the qualification is more critical in developing the career.

What can General Practice Surveyors do?

Due to the current limited job opportunities, General Practice Surveyors should explore and develop new business. In addition, in order to cope with the changing environment and the challenges, General Practice Surveyors have to possess a wide variety of professional knowledge apart from their individual expertise. "Specification" together with "Diversification" will be the trend and General Practice Surveyors should be trained as an all-round professional. Furthermore, as GP qualification is just an entry requirement to the profession, continuous learning and sustainable development is essential to develop a better career in the industry. General Practice Surveyors should have knowledge in cost control, agency, finance, contract law, facility management, sales and marketing etc. New investment approach such as IRR and DCF analysis, which will be the future trend in real estate, should be adopted instead of the traditional investment approach.

3. LS:

The market of Land Surveyors in Hong Kong has been shrinking for the past ten years since the construction industry suffered from the downturn period. Also, due to the advancement in Information Technology, one can easily create its own desired surveying products, rather than use the professional services provided by Land Surveyors. Moreover, the scope of services cannot be effectively broadened in order to absorb the intrusion of LS graduates to the society every year, which result in an imbalance of demand and supply of Land Surveyors. In addition, there has been lack of recognition of the LS profession, the significance and job nature. The job opportunities for Land Surveyors, which can easily be ignored, should be of high level and be substantially promoted and advertised. The professionals in both private and public sectors are facing various acute competitions. Also, due to various hindrances, the expertise of Land Surveyors cannot be fully exerted to serve for a better society.

What can Land Surveyors do?

In order to cope with the fast evolving changes, Land Surveyors should broaden their scope of services by applying their professional knowledge to create and expand business. For instance, in construction sites, more professional Land Surveyors should be recruited to provide professional LS services on earthwork estimation, progress monitoring and its approval, as-built survey. For building construction, the Mainland system should be implemented in Hong Kong. All flats should have plans with dimensions and areas certified by Land Surveyors before sale. The verticalness and site plans of buildings should be certified by Land Surveyors, etc. In parallel, Land Surveyors should equip themselves with professional knowledge and business mindset by sustainable learning and development, so as to capture all the opportunities locally and internationally. Land Surveyors should also have creative thinking and should not be conservative and procrastinated anymore. Land Surveyors should adopt new technology, skills and promote themselves aggressively.

4. QS:

Different professions are generated because the world is becoming more complex and division of labour is required, and professionals are those equipped with the skills to solve problems for other people. The challenges currently faced by Quantity Surveyors are that most of the business owners are cutting the professional fees, which lead to encouraging unreasonably low tender bidding. Many QS firms are thus suffering from "cut-throat" competition instead of creation of value for their clients. In addition, Quantity Surveyors are facing more challenges as there has been competition from surrounding countries and developing countries. Quantity Surveyors find difficulties in their career development and pursuit of better prospects. Furthermore, professional consultancies are very traditional and have very

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What can Quantity Surveyors do?

In order to cope with the challenges and difficulties, Quantity Surveyors have to develop more skills so as to create value for clients and to solve clients' problems. They should continue exchanging with international bodies to maintain an edge. At the same time, the QS profession should be promoted to the public, to let the public know the value of QS; and to the more elite who should be encouraged to join the QS industry.

5. PFM

As the PFM Division is a newly formed division, there are still relatively few recognisable PFM members in the industry. In addition, there has been no recognition of the PFM profession from the society as members of Hong Kong Institute of Housing (HKIH) have already dominated the market. PFM members are not eligible for the Registered Professional Housing Manager (RPHM). It seems that the professional image and status of PFM is inferior to the other surveying disciplines, i.e. BS, GP, LS and QS. Apart from the above, young PFM members are faced with difficulties in passing the professional qualification examination as it is difficult for them to find a PFM member in their company to be their supervisor or counsellor. Furthermore, as the first APC examination is being held in 2008, APC candidates cannot make reference to previous exam materials for their study and preparation of the professional examination.

What can PFM Surveyors do?

PFM surveyors should join hands to proactively fight for better prospects. The scope of services should be broadened. In parallel with promoting the status of PFM, the image of surveyors as a whole can be further enhanced. Intrusion of Green Management concept can even be a way out to show the professionalism of PFM surveyors. Moreover, the PFM Division should aggressively seek more mutual recognition in the industry. Our expertise should also be extended to the Mainland industry, of which is still under-developed, and we PFM professionals can help them to upgrade their living standard. The high quality management of the Beijing Olympic Village for athletes is a good example. PFM members should seek for eligible recognition as Registered Professional Housing Manager (RPHM). More references should be made available for APC candidates.

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HKIS Annual Conference 2008

Surveyors share valuable experience at Beijing Olympic Games with industry professionals

The HKIS hosted its annual conference on 26 July 2008 at the Conrad Hong Kong. The theme for the conference was "Surveyors in Olympics". 13 days before the official opening of the Beijing Olympic Games, the conference targeted to showcase contributions of surveyors during the preparation period of the Beijing Olympic Games and also to encourage innovation and participation in national matters and

society with the professional advices and know-how of all industry practitioners.

We were much honoured to have invited Mrs Carrie LAM Cheng Yuet-ngor,



JP, Secretary for Development of the HKSARG to officiate the event and to present an Opening Speech. Participants



shared with many renowned speakers from Mainland China and other parts of the world on experience and insights about constructions related to the Beijing Olympics.

Mr YU Kam-hung, President of HKIS said, "Olympic Games is a large-scale sports program and the Beijing Olympics is undoubtedly a major event for all Chinese. The theme for



the Beijing Olympics is 'One World, One Dream'. To have this dream become a reality, the Chinese Government has invested huge capital in the construction of arenas, infrastructures, transportation and logistics network in



order to meet with the international Olympics standard and also to reach out to the rest of the world. With such need, the professional expertise of surveyors has been widely applied during different stages of the preparation process."

According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the 2008 Beijing Olympics will bring along 0.3% to 0.4% increase to the national GDP of China in the upcoming seven years. Mr Yu said, "Construction of large-scale infrastructures usually leads to further economic and property market developments. Surveyors from Hong Kong have contributed much professional advices to the overall town planning, related facilities, project management, building design and functions during the preparation stage of the development to help make the dream come true for all Chinese."

Topics covered by the conference included pre and post Olympic Games real estate market in Beijing, Beijing Olympics engineering projects, effective risk and opportunity management, cost management, Beijing Olympics Nation-



For more details and the conference proceedings, please visit the HKIS website http://www.hkis.org.hk.



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Speech by the Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam

President Yu Kam-hung, distinguished speakers, ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to speak at the HKIS Annual Conference for a second consecutive year. Last year, I congratulated the HKIS for its foresight in picking the theme "Heritage" for the 2007 Annual Conference held on 13 October, which coincided with the emphasis this subject was given in the Chief Executive's 2007 Policy Address delivered three days prior to the event on 10 October. A year down the road, I am pleased to report that the Development Bureau, tasked with the mission to press ahead with heritage conservation work in Hong Kong, has made good progress on various fronts. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the HKIS for speaking up in support of these initiatives, particularly on the proposed land exchange to preserve King Ying Lei which has now been formally declared a monument and our collaboration with the Hong Kong Jockey Club in preserving and revitalizing the Central Police Station with a decision to go ahead announced last week.

With less than two weeks to go, all eyes of the world will be on China, with Beijing hosting the Olympics and the Paralympics, the first ever of this international sports event on Chinese soil. Hong Kong is honoured to co-host the Equestrian Events, thus joining the league of Olympic Cities. I am sure in this Olympic-themed Annual Conference of the HKIS, surveyors who have played a role in development of the various Beijing Olympics facilities will have much to share with the audience. Their involvement has highlighted not only professional collaboration across the boundary but more importantly, the contribution of Hong Kong professionals to a major national event. The combined strength of professionalism and nationalism is no doubt the driving force behind tough work and challenges in the last few years.

When I was brought back from my London job in March 2006 as Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs, indeed one of the first assignments on my desk is preparatory work on the Olympics and Paralympics Equestrian Events. At that point, sports were a new portfolio that I have never done throughout my years in the public service and preparing for an Olympic event was simply daunting. In those 15 months as PSHA, through many trips to Beijing and meetings with BOCOG officials, I was greatly moved by the efforts put in by everyone and the national pride the Olympics has brought to the people. Back home, although Hong Kong was several years behind in putting together the venues, the task was made possible by unrivalled professionalism and competence of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the selfless support of our elite athletes who are temporarily relocated from the Hong Kong Sports Institute to the YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village to make way for renovation of their training institute into the main Equestrian venue and the dedication of the Hong Kong Equestrian Company and many other parties involved. I am confident that Hong Kong will put up one of the best Equestrian Events in the Olympic history. I have no doubt surveyors who have played a part in the Beijing developments are driven by the same passion and commitment.

Now, if you would bear with me for a while, I would like to turn to another subject that requires no less passion and commitment - that is, urban renewal. Last week, I formally launched the first ever comprehensive review of the Urban Renewal Strategy (URS). As survey-

ors have a key role to play in urban renewal, it would be unforgivable if I were to give this important initiative a miss at the HKIS's Annual Conference. I sincerely invite you to take part in the public engagement process and to share with us your views.

The URS was published in November 2001 after extensive public consultations. In accordance with the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Ordinance, the URS provides a broad policy framework to guide the work of URA.

Urban regeneration is an important development issue with social and economic dimensions and involving numerous stakeholders. Its aim is to tackle the problem of urban decay and improve quality of life for people living in dilapidated buildings as well as the local community at large. However, in practice, in both Hong Kong and elsewhere, urban renewal efforts are also confronted with problems and tensions as owners and tenants are relocated and buildings and districts redeveloped. For example, instead of perceiving redevelopment as an effective means to comprehensively revamp an old area by upgrading the street design and community amenities as well as to better utilise the scarce land resources, there are growing concerns that wholesale redevelopment will destroy the old Hong Kong relics, disrupt the social network of occupants and affect the local economic activities.

That said, as Hong Kong's building stock ages, many challenges remain. And on a continuous basis, difficult acts and decisions are often called for in urban renewal in trying to balance -

- the interests and needs of individual owners/tenants versus the public:
- financial prudence and sustainability versus compensation demands; and
- development versus preservation.

Based on experience in the past seven years, we consider it timely to launch a major review of the URS in order to reflect changing circumstances and public aspirations. An updated URS following this major review will enable us to take forward future urban renewal work in Hong Kong.

We aim to conduct a root-and-branch review and will adopt an open mind in conducting the review. We will examine together with the community different aspects of urban regeneration. There will be no pre-determined agenda and we will invite relevant stakeholders and the public to assist in setting the agenda of the review.

To invite ideas and views, let me just outline what has been practiced or achieved by URA under key aspects of the URS. More details of URA's work could be found in the dedicated website we have created for the Review. And I would invite you to pick up a copy of the pamphlet for reference.

On **redevelopment**, over the past seven years, URA together with its strategic partner, the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS), have com-

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menced ten new redevelopment projects under the URA Ordinance plus another 25 redevelopment projects inherited from the former Land Development Corporation (LDC). Upon completion, these 35 redevelopment projects would have improved the living conditions of some 18,000 people. With this pace of redevelopment, no doubt reflecting the statutory planning processes and the time needed to resolve difference and acquire/resume properties, it is necessary to examine whether the original target of commencing 225 redevelopment projects (including 25 ex-LDC projects) in 20 years as envisaged in the URS is realistic or desirable.

On rehabilitation, URA has proactively assisted eligible owners to renovate their buildings on a voluntary basis, through the provision of material and technology assistance, loans and special grants under its various rehabilitation assistance schemes. About 36,000 residential units in over 450 buildings have benefited from support of URA through these schemes. URA's rehabilitation initiatives form an integral part of Government's and HKHS' effort to address the problem of aging building stock, a sizable problem given that about 15,000 private buildings are now aged over 30 years, and the number will increase to 22,000 buildings in ten years' time. Given the scale of aged buildings, rehabilitation, in lieu of redevelopment, may be a more viable urban renewal approach. In this connection, I notice that the Hong Kong Housing Authority has also recently pronounced a policy to rehabilitate its old public housing estates such as the Wah Fu Estate. Rehabilitation is also more in line with the emphasis we now place on reduction in construction waste. Accordingly, the Government is committed to enhancing the statutory framework to prevent building decays with the recent legislative amendment to introduce a minor works regime and our coming efforts to mandate building and window inspection. The URS Review is therefore timely to address the potential impact of rehabilitation and the scope for synergy and enhanced cooperation amongst URA, HKHS and Government in the provision of various forms of assistance to owners in building rehabilitation.

Amongst the 4Rs adopted by URA, nothing is more dramatic than the emerged social awareness of heritage **preservation** and the related theme of **revitalization** in response to which we have formulated a more robust heritage policy and committed more public resources. URA has so far preserved about 25 buildings with historical significance in its projects. As part of the Government's priority placed on heritage conservation, the Chief Executive has, in his 2007-08 Policy Address, requested URA to preserve more pre-war buildings. URA has announced a strategy to preserve 48 pre-war verandah type shop houses with an earmarked commitment of some \$1.5 billion.

When putting the preserved buildings to adaptive re-use, it has not been easy to apply the modern building safety standard to historical building structures while striving to meet the conservation requirements. Adaptive re-use of the five preserved shop houses in the Johnston Road project for fine dining has successfully attracted a lot of interests in the community and has acted as a catalyst to revive business activities in the neighbourhood. Nonetheless, restoration costs involved have been very high and the difficulties in identifying a financially sustainable re-use generally acceptable to the community should not be under-estimated. There are rising public aspirations to preserve not only the buildings but also the surrounding neighbourhood and social fabrics.

The URS envisages URA action in target areas. To allow a more focused 4R approach (i.e. redevelopment, rehabilitation, revitalisation

and preservation), URA has drawn up smaller action areas within the Target Areas. In practice, the urban renewal projects planned in the URS are site specific. Change in land use zoning in land parcels within and outside the target areas as well as transfer of development potential between sites for integrated planning are beyond what is currently envisaged in the URS.

For surveyors who have been involved in private sector urban redevelopment, the biggest hurdle naturally lies in acquisition. Although URA may seek the Secretary for Development's support for land resumption, this power should not be easily invoked. URA's acquisition policy is based on the decision of the Finance Committee of Legislative Council in March 2001 on compensation for Government land resumption, plus some additional incentives. Over the years, URA has devised a number of compensation arrangements, such as the "Expression of Interest in Purchasing Arrangement" whereby affected residential owners may register their interests and be given priority to purchase a new flat in the new development. In the 18 redevelopment projects with resumption completed or almost finished, 81% of all the interests were acquired by URA before resumption whereas 19% were resumed by the Government. Only 30 out of some 2,650 interests appealed to the Land Tribunal.

The acquisition and clearance process is getting more and more difficult and protracted. Operators and owners of some trades, especially those causing environmental nuisance but are tolerated in older districts, may have difficulties in finding new locations to restart their businesses. The current problems arising from the resistance of shop owners/operators and occupants of illegal structures were not foreseen when the compensation package was discussed in 2001.

While URA has adopted a people-centered approach to engage the public, public involvement has never been regarded as adequate. Intensive community development efforts have been made by URA throughout the implementation process from planning to acquisition stage. Different channels are employed, including the District Councils, URA's District Advisory Committees, the Social Service Teams and direct engagement with the stakeholders. Inevitably, there will be occupants within and outside the project boundary objecting to redevelopment due to various reasons. Some shop operators and heritage conservation groups have staged strong protest against redeveloping certain project sites. How and where to draw a line to proceed with a commenced redevelopment project with less than 100% support remains debatable.

The HKSAR Government upholds "market leads, Government facilitates" as well as "big market, small government". Adopting the same philosophy, Government-initiated and quasi-Government URA urban renewal projects are only justified where the market could not effectively performs. As surveyors are crucial delivery agents in private sector urban redevelopment, your views on the future of urban renewal in Hong Kong and the respective roles of government, URA and private sector are essential. As the URS Review public engagement is expected to last two years, perhaps next year's HKIS Annual Conference could consider adopting the theme "surveyors in urban regeneration". Assuming I would have the honour to be invited to speak for a third consecutive year, I look forward to that opportunity to provide an update on the Review.

I wish the Conference every success and look forward to enjoy watching the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics with you all.

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New Supplement to Code of Measuring Practice



The Saleable Area Working Group and Executive Committee of the HKIS have reviewed the Code of Measuring Practice (1st Edition, March 1999) relating to Saleable Area. In particular, a review was made on whether Utility Platform, Air-conditioning Plant Room, and Air-conditioning Platform should be categorised as Saleable Area. Details have been issued as a new Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice.

A Press Conference was organised on 18 August 2008 to announce the release of the new Supplement.

In the new Supplement, Utility Platform is categorised as Saleable Area; while Air-conditioning Plant Room is categorised as Ancillary Accommodation. For Air-conditioning Platform, it is neither Saleable Area nor Ancillary Accommodation.

The purpose of the new Supplement is to make the Code clearer whilst the current measuring methods as stipulated by the Code remain unchanged.



For a copy of the new Supplement and Press Release, please visit the HKIS website at www.hkis.org.hk.

Mutual Recognition of Qualification with Mainland Counterparts - Achievement of Quantity Surveying Division



A Press Conference was organised on 21 August 2008 to announce the recent achievement of the mutual recognition of qualification with Mainland counterparts.

Upon signing the Reciprocity Agreement with China Engineering Cost Association (CECA) in May 2005 and organising relevant training and interviews in December 2005, 173 QS members qualified to become a member of CECA.



In the past few months, the Quantity Surveying Division (QSD) has had lengthy negotiations with the relevant coun-

terparts to streamline the procedures for registration as Cost Engineer. The QSD invited qualified members to submit their application for registration as Cost Engineer in June 2008. The HKIS was happy to learn that in July, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Department (MOHURD) had

approved the applications and 65 QS members have successfully registered as Cost Engineer. Registration Certificates and Stamps will be distributed to those successful applicants in due



course. Those QS members who have obtained the qualification of Cost Engineer can establish their business in the Mainland.

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The General Practice Division (GPD) and Building Surveying Division (BSD) have also signed Reciprocity Agreements with the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA) and China Association of Engineering Consultants (CAEC) in November 2003 and June 2006 respectively. Training and interviews have also been arranged, with 97 GP members and 228 BS members obtaining the relevant qualifications. The GPD and BSD are now negotiating with the Mainland counterparts to sort out technical issues regarding the registration as Real Estate Appraiser and Engineering Consultant respectively.

As to the Land Surveying Division, Planning & Development Division and Property & Facility Management Division, the relevant contacts for establishing further negotiation regarding the mutual recognition of qualification have been obtained.

For a copy of the Press Release, please visit the HKIS website at www.hkis.org.hk.

ISPRS2008 Beijing 3-11 July 2008



The XXI Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing



Silk Road for Information from Imagery *Reported by T N Wong*

Pre-Opening Activities



Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang met representatives of ISPRS Congress participants, ISPRS council members and leaders of sister societies and national mapping agencies at Ziguangge, Zhongnanhai, before the

opening of the Congress. The minister of Land and Resources Mr Xu Shaoshi was also present at the meeting.





Prot Dowman speaks at the Opening Ceremony

Mr Lu Xinshe opened the Congress by welcoming delegates and participants to the ISPRS 2008 and to Beijing where they would exchange the latest achievements in geospatial science and discuss new developments in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and contribute to the peaceful use of geographic information for the benefit of modern civilization. He quoted the Chinese Vice-Premier Li Keqiang "The development of photogrammetry and remote sensing allows the global community to better understand our environment, assist in disaster management and more generally, improve our quality of life".

Message from ISPRS President Prof Ian Dowman: The Achievements

ISPRS Council is not only looking at ways to react to global warming but also taking up the challenge on how to use our science to benefit society through collaboration with others to do more. This can be achieved by ways of talking to scientists in other disciplines and decision makers; and to tell them what and how information from imagery can do and help their society.

The President also outlined some of the key developments influencing the works of ISPRS today. These include (a) the launch of new Earth Observation Satellite and the processing and applications of the captured data; (b) Geo-visualisation and feature extraction in helping to advance 3D city modeling; (c) server-based GIS for more people to access, use and data

delivery using open source software, research into ontologies, context based indexing, querying, data mining and information retrieval.

Congress Reception



Sharing a light moment!

General Assembly Plans Ahead



General Assembly



Mr Xu and Prof Yang Kai



HKIS delegate with Prof Dowman



HKIS delegate



Casting of votes

HKIS delegate with ISPRS President

New ISPRS Council 2009 - 2012

Delegates gathered at the General Assembly to elect the 2009 to 2012 presidents of the eight technical commissions and the New ISPRS Council for 2009 - 2012. The results are as follows:



President: Prof. Orhan Altan - Turkey Secretary General: Prof. Chen Jun - China 1st Vice President: Prof. Ian Dowman - UK 2nd Vice President: Prof. Ammatzia Peled - Israel

ISPRS 2012 Congress Director: Prof. Cliff Ogleby - Australia

Treasurer: Prof. Mike Renslow - USA

Message by Incoming President Prof Orhan Altan: Vision and the Road Ahead

Further to its current works and activities, ISPRS should give high priority to environmental monitoring and sustainable development, disaster management, shelter and food security, greater involvement in and realization of the actions duly discussed in the report of Business Council for Sustainable Development and hence making contributions towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Prof Altan further emphasised that ISPRS should not only publish scientific papers but also compile documents of its scientific achievements for the general population as well as for collaboration with and eliciting feedback from other NGOs. He hopes that Spatial Information Sciences can benefit societies in preserving cultural heritage, improving human health and easing the stress of daily life.

New Presidents for the Eight Technical Commissions



Commission I: Canada - Naser El-sheimy

Commission II: Hong Kong, China - John Shi Wenzhong

Commission III: France - Nicolas Paparoditis Commission IV: USA - Marguerite Madden

Commission V: United Kingdom - Jonathan Philips Mills Commission VI: The Netherlands - Martien Molenaar

Commission VII: Austria - Wolfgang Wagner Commission VIII: Japan - Haruhisa Shimoda

Plenary and Technical Sessions shall be reported in the next issue of the Surveyors Times.

Exhibition Opens







Hong Kong delegate at exhibition

Mr Lu Xinshe, Vice-Minister of Land and Resources & Director General of the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping of China, officially opened the ISPRS XXI Congress Exhibition, a four-day exhibition, a showcase of the latest and greatest in geospatial technology of over 100 international technology providers and local mapping agencies from 25 countries, comprising of two areas, a Commercial and Technical Exhibition and a National and Scientific Exhibition and was open to all Congress participants and the public totaling about 10,000.

ISPRS 2008 Congress Director Prof CHEN Jun: Congress Success Quantified



Prof Chen reported that over 2,700 individuals were registered, with more than 1,500 international registrations coming from 76 countries; over 2,600 technical presentations, and 120 delegates from 41 countries attended the General Assembly; a First Congress Book con-

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taining 34 contributions from 62 active ISPRS researchers was published; 500 people attended the youth forum where 15 presentations were given; 40 local students and 37 foreign students from 12 different countries attended the four-day summer school in Nanjing.

ronmentally-friendly facilities of any convention centre in the world.

See you all in Melbourne, Australia in 2012

Catching up with the Youth Forum



Since its establishment at the 2004 Congress, the ISPRS Student Consortium has travelled the Silk Road from Istanbul to Beijing, building up knowledge, experience and energy for the Beijing Congress. The youth forum is a gateway for young scientists to exchange ideas and build up network with other leading scientists from around the world. It is aimed at postgraduate students and young professionals. "Our mission is to nurture young minds. We aim to continue the traditions and build on the knowledge, technical developments and inventions of our industry," said ISPRS Student Consortium Chair Cemal Ozgur Kivilcim.

It's Closing Time and time for passing the baton to Melbourne 2012



Chairman of LOC ISPRS2008 and Congress Director ISPRS2012 Chairman of the Local Organising Committee Mr Song Chaozhi delivered his closing message by praising the Chinese Government's support and

the great efforts of our international peers for having made

XXI ISPRS Congress a fruitful and successful event.

We are pleased to announce that Beijing will pass the baton to Melbourne in 2012, with warm blessings and best wishes.



ISPRS 2012 Melbourne

What is so great about Melbourne?

According to the team who put together the Melbourne bid, Melbourne is an exciting, vibrant and cosmopolitan city, with a long history of hosting successful international conferences. What's more, the conference will be held in a brand new building boasting the most up-to-date and envi-

Council members reaching out

7 August 2008

Initiatives in Maintaining Local Character and Vibrancy Peel Street / Graham Street (H18) Development Scheme organised by Urban Renewal Authority

Mr Ben Chong

12 August 2008

Meeting with Development Bureau on 5.12 Construction Forum

Mr Yu Kam Hung, Mr Stephen Yip

14 August 2008

廣東省房地產估價師與房地產經紀人學會與香港測量師學會 會面

Mr Yu Kam Hung, Mr Stephen Yip Ms Serena Lau, Mr Liu King Tong

URA - 馬頭角北帝街/木廠街及土瓜灣浙江街/下鄉道兩個發展項目抽籤程序

Mr Francis Leung

18 August 2008

Press Conference on Supplement to Code of Measuring Practice

Dr Lawrence Poon, Mr Stephen Yip

21 August 2008

Press Conference on HKIS's Achievement on Mutual Recognition of Qualification with Mainland Counterparts Mr Yu Kam Hung, Mr Stephen Lai, Mr Stephen Yip Mr Raymond Chan, Mr Edwin Tsang

26 August 2008

Saleable Area - Briefing Session with Housing Bureau, Housing Department, Lands Department (LACO & LA), Rating and Valuation Department, Consumer Council, Estate Agents Authority, Government Property Agency, Hong Kong Housing Society, Urban Renewal Authority, the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the Law Society of Hong Kong Dr Lawrence Poon, Mr Stephen Yip

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE ELECTED AS

HKIS MEMBERS ON 24 JULY 2008

FELLOW (2) **GP DIVISION**

LYNCH, SIMON DOMINIC TANG PING KWONG

MEMBERS (42)
BS DIVISION

CHAN SIU TONG WILSON
CHENG HONG LING
CHOW WING MAN
HO MAN MING
HUI KWOK HUNG
LAU KA YING KEVINN
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WONG JEN YIN JEFFREY

WONG SHING SUM (REINSTATEMENT)

WONG TAK KEUNG

TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE (4)

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LAU WING SEE Wong Koon Ming Jeremy

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PFM DIVISION

LEUNG KAI CHUEN NG CHUN WEI

RESIGNATION (17)

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HONG KWOK HELKENNETH

P CHUEN LINDA

CU PIK SO SUSAN

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Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch)

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East Asia Branch

Entry Course

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch) is accepting applications from suitably qualified professionals for a 2-day course leading to entry to the Institute as an Associate (which is the first grade). Applicants should hold recognised professional or industry qualifications appropriate to their profession.

Subjects covered include: Powers & Jurisdiction of the Arbitrator; Preliminary Meetings; Submission to the Arbitrator; Procedure at a Hearing; Awards; Costs & Interest and International Arbitration, concluding with a written examination.

The examination consists of two elements:

a pre-course assignment which must be handed

- 20% marks

in on the 1st day of the course a 2-hour written paper

- 80% marks

The course will be held at Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre on Saturday 22 and 29 November 2008 from 9:00am to 5:00pm followed by an examination on Saturday afternoon 2:15pm to 4:30pm 6 December 2008.

The cost of the full course will be HK\$3,400.00 including course materials, a VCD and the examination fee. **The closing date for application is Friday 19 September 2008**.

Please send your applications giving (1) name and ID No. (2) occupation, details of education and professional or industry qualifications (3) address, (4) email address and (5) day telephone number, along with a cheque for HK\$3,400.00 made payable to the "Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch)", c/o Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, 38/F Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong. Cheques will be returned for unsuccessful applications.

In the event of any queries please contact Paul Barrett by telephone (2292 2192) or by email paul.barrett@hellerehrman.com.

Summary of HKIS CPD / PQSL Events

10 Sep - 30 Oct 2008

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TA E			HOUR(S)		
10 Sep	2008076	Presentation and Delivery Skills	1.5	Laura Cozijnsen	QSD
11 Sep	2008079	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre - Phase 2 Expansion - Heavy Lifting of Mega Trusses	1.5	Christian Venetz, Henry Chan, Antony Lam	YSG
17 Sep	2008085	Overview of Business Valuation 商業估價概論	1.5	Joseph Ho	YSG/GPD
18 Sep	2008071	Case Study on Competitive Bidding, Nominated Subcontracting, and Expert Witness's Role in China	1.5	Beili GY Chen	YSG
20, 26 Sep	2008068	Assessor Workshop - Fostering an Objective Approach to the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) in Surveying	4	Chi-hung Chan Sandy Tang	HKIS
22 Sep	2008077	How to achieve an optimum leasing transaction and retail market in brief 租賃技巧與策略及零售市場概況	1.5	Joseph Leung	YSG
25 Sep	2008072	香港新界之客家圍屋與廣府圍村 The Hakka Walled Houses and Cantonese Walled Villages in the New Territories of Hong Kong	1.5	Professor Siu Kwok-kin	HKIS
24 Sep	2008060	REITS and the Dividend Economy	1.5	Stephen Chung	GPD
27 Sep	2008067	Building Surveyors Conference 2008 on "Cultural Changes in Building Maintenance"	5.5	Refered to p.24	BSD
06 Oct	2008082	Development and Benefits of the HKCA Domestic Sub-contract	1.5	Peter J. Berry	YSG
10 Oct	2008086	Air-cooled vs. Water-cooled Air-conditioning: Which better in value?	1.5	Kenny Chan	QSD
14 Oct	2008078	Hong Kong Property Law Update	1.5	Alexander Leung Melissa Pang	GPD
15 Oct	2008088	Search and Rescue under Collapsed Buildings- An Experience Sharing by the HKSAR Search and Rescue Team deployed to Sichuan for earthquake rescue operation	1.5	TAM Tai-keung	BSD
16 Oct	2008083	QS Role in Infrastructure Projects	1.5	TT Cheung	QSD
23 Oct	2008073	從廊屋到騎樓 - 戰前華南民居的演變 From Lang Wu to Qi Lou : The Evolution of Pre-war Southern Chinese Vernacular Houses	1.5	Professor Siu Kwok-kin	HKIS
27 Oct	2008087	High-rise Construction: Are Costs Increasing with the Height?	1.5	Dr. Ellen Lau	QSD
30 Oct	2008084	Recent Updates on ADR for Professionals	1.5	Teresa Cheng	YSG

Details of individual CPD/PQSL events are provided in the Surveyors Times and/or HKIS Website www.hkis.org.hk. Please use the STANDARD REGISTRATION FORM overleaf for registration. For enquiries, please email cpd@hkis.org.hk or call the Secretariat on 2526 3679. The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Suite 801, Jardine House One Connaught Place Central, Hong Kong

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- 1 A separate reservation form is required for each event / application. Photocopies of the form are acceptable.
- 2 Reservations should be returned by post/ by hand to the HKIS office.
- 3 Payment can be made by cheque or by HKIS Credit Card (Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd./American Express)
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- 5 Reservation by fax, telephone and cash payment is not acceptable.
- 6 For number of seats or priority of allocation of seats, please refer to the individual event details.
- 7 Reservation cannot be confirmed until one week prior to the event.
- 8 An official receipt/ admission ticket, which must be presented at the event, will be returned by post upon confirmation of reservation.
- 9 Incomplete or wrongly completed reservation forms will not be processed.
- 10 In the event a Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above or Black Rainstorm Warning is hoisted, the event will be postponed and a new arrangement will be announced. Should the aforesaid warnings be lowered 4 hours before the event, the event will proceed as normal.
- 11 If you have not received any reply from our Institute within 7 days of the event, you may call HKIS at 2526 3679 to check the progress of your reservation.



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Presentation and Delivery Skills

Speaker Ms Laura Cozijnsen

Laura is the founder and also the Chief Consultant of the Lighthouse Consultant Ltd. She was the Individual Champion and Group Champion of Hong Kong Masters of Ceremony 2006. She was the Master of Ceremony of various forums, conferences, inauguration ceremonies, annual dinners, opening ceremonies, competitions, concerts and shows for various organizations and companies including Yan Chai Hospital, Pok Oi Hospital, Junior Chamber International, University of the Arts London, Nokia Siemens Network, Star TV, Hong Kong Country Club, Standard Chartered Bank (HK) Ltd., Hong Kong Productivity Council, Hong Kong International Jewellery Designer Association, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, IBM, Philips, Reader's Digest, Fujitsu (HK) Ltd., etc.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday 10 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details How to present your proposal and deliver your ideas to your colleagues, your boss and your client is a very important skill towards success of your career and business. Can speak a fluent language does not necessary mean that you can commu-

nicate your messages effectively.

In this talk, Laura will demonstrate how to present business proposals and your messages to your colleagues, boss and client using different speaking skills. Laura will also demonstrate how to use English and Chinese languages to achieve effective communication in a Western-Chinese culture in Hong Kong. She will also explain how to explore and improve your speaking skills, how to grasp your clients' needs and to provide suitable responses and advices, and how to master the

ceremony.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English Fee HK\$120 per person

Priority QSD Members

CPD/YSG/2008079

Details

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre - Phase 2 Expansion - Heavy Lifting of Mega Trusses

Speakers Mr. Christian Venetz / Mr. Henry Chan / Mr. Antony Lam

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 11 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Mr. Christian Venetz is VSL Hong Kong's Design and Technical Manager responsible for the Design Department. He has over eighteen years of experience of construction both in Switzerland and Asia, obtained in building and civil sector. He has been working for VSL Hong Kong since 2000. His field of expertise covers the design of permanent and temporary structures. Christian has worked on many key building and infrastructure projects, often in partnership with consultants and other contractor to value engineer the most appropriate solution.

Mr. Henry Chan is currently the Project Manager of VSL Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Chan was involved in many major construction Projects, for instance, Kap Shui Mun Bridge, Ma On Shan East Rail Viaduct, Lok Ma Chau KCRC Spur Line, Hong Kong Shenzhen Western Corridor, Venetian Macao Phase One East Podium.

Mr. Antony Lam is VSL's site Method Engieer and TWC of the HKCEC Phase 2 Expansion Project. He has been involved in various design and construction projects in Hong Kong such as the One Peking Road, Bellagio Phase 2, Hong Kong Shenzhen Western Corridor, Venetian Maco Phase One East Podium.

The Expansion Project of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center (HKCEC) is linking the existing Phase I and Phase II buildings of the HKCEC. Upon completion of the project, the exhibition space will increase by 19,400 m² (increase of more than 50%).

This design and build project is undertaken by Hip Hing-Ngo Kee JV. VSL HK was the JV's subcontractor for installation of the four Main Trusses A to D which support all the floors below of this Expansion Project. These Main Trusses in steel span 90m across the water channel and have a weight between 1500 - 2000 tons. They are supported on bearings on top of concrete columns at a level of up to 57m above ground. The huge size of the trusses in combination with the site constraints required a complex temporary supporting structure which in turn caused many design and construction challenges to ensure a safe erection at all the stages.

Henry Chan, VSL's Project Manager, and Christian Venetz, VSL's Technical Manager, Mr. Antony Lam, VSL's site Method Engineer, will present the successful and challenging erection of the Main Trusses A to D of the HKCEC Expansion Project.

Language English supplemented by Cantonese Fee HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member,

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricing listed.

Priority Probationers and Students

CPD/YSG/GPD/2008085

Overview of Business Valuation 商業估價概論

Mr. Joseph Ho, Managing Director of LCH (Asia-Pacific) Surveyors Limited, MHKIS, MRICS, RPS, Speaker

Registered Business Valuers registered with the Hong Kong Business Valuation Forum

Valuer in the List of Property Valuers for Undertaking Valuation for Incorporation or Reference in Listing Particulars and Circulars and Valuations in Connection with Takeovers and Mergers published by HKIS

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday 17 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details Mr. Ho has been substantially involved in the PRC (including Hong Kong and Macau) as an asset valuer for various purposes such as initial public offerings in Hong Kong (including "H" share and red-chip share issues) and "B" share issues in China.

His experience in valuations extends through the construction and operation phases of various projects.

In recent years, Joseph has been actively participated in HKIS in promoting our surveying profession. He has been responsible for the drafting the HKIS Valuation Standards on Properties and the HKIS Valuation Standards on Valuing Trade-related Business Assets and Business Enterprises adopted by HKIS, and the Business Valuation Standards adopted by the Hong

Kong Business Valuation Forum.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed

GPD Member Priority

CPD/YSG/2008071

Case Study on Competitive Bidding, Nominated Subcontracting, and Expert Witness's Role in China

Speaker Mr Beili G.Y. Chen, PRC lawyer, PRC civil engineer, Project Management Professional USA (PMP)

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 18 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details Mr. Chen, an associate of AllBright Law Offices, is based in Hong Kong and Shanghai. He focuses practice on land acquisition, construction, and property transaction, including related dispute resolution and EPC projects nationwide. He was invited to

join the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK in 2004.

Mr. Chen is a contributor of almost all main leading industrial media, including International Bar Association, International Project Contracting etc. As a national procurement expert, he holds several columns nationwide. So during the lecture, he welcomes any question, comment or opinion related to the topics.

The lecture will cover latest developments of competitive bidding, nominated subcontracting, and expert witness's role by case study in China. In these areas China's regulatory regime is evolving quickly, quite different from developed market, and business practice is sometimes confusingly diverse. The case study material will be distributed before the lecture.

Language English Fee HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member,

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricing listed.

Priority Probationers and Students

CPD/HKIS/2008068

Assessor Workshop - Fostering an Objective Approach to the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) in Surveying

Speakers Mr Chi-hung Chan, Senior Project Fellow, Department of Building and Real Estate, HK Polytechnic University

Mr. Chan has over 20 years teaching, training and research experience in tertiary education and commercial sector. In the recent years, he has been closely working with the PolyU in a number of projects with the Education and Development Centre, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, and the Management and Executive Development Centre. Most recently, Chi Hung is working on a learning and teaching project titled "A study of the impact of outcome-based curriculum on students' learning outcomes" with the Department of Building and Real Estate.

Ms Sandy Tang, MHKIS, MRICS, Master of Urban Design, Deputy Programme Leader, BSc (Hons) in Surveying, Department of Building and Real Estate, HK Polytechnic University.

Ms Tang has ten years experience in quantity surveying practice and project management in property development before she joined the University. Recently, she has been actively working with the Education and Development Centre of the University in fostering pioneering approach to enhance students' critical thinking skill in outcome-base learning. Sandy has served the Board of Education and QS Division of the HKIS for a number of years.

Date & Venue 10:30 am - 1:00 pm Saturday 20 September 2008 (Written Submission)

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Friday 26 September 2008 (Professional Interviews)

SLC, HKIS

Details

The workshop aims at widening assessors' perspective in assessing professional competence of potential surveyors and addressing the issue of inter-rater reliability when scoring their performance. With the view to fostering an objective and consistence approach to the assessment, the workshop will discuss problems faced by assessors in the current practices, reflect on the perception of professional competence, and revisit the criteria in the assessment tasks. Contemporary concepts and assessment tools such as SOLO Taxonomy and different types of assessment rubrics will be introduced and applied in the workshops.

The two sections of workshop are designed to focus on two assessment formats: one for written submissions (20 September session) and one for professional interviews (26 September session). Participants may apply to attend any one or both sessions.

Language English Fee Free of Charge

Priority APC Assessors

CPD/YSG/2008077

How to achieve an optimum leasing transaction and retail market in brief 賃技巧與策略及零售市場概況



Speaker Mr. Joseph Leung, Head of General Retail Agency of Savills (Hong Kong) Limited

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Monday 22 September 2008, SLC, HKIS

Details

Joseph Leung has more than 16 years experience in retail property agency. He joined Savills (Hong Kong) Limited in 1996 and he is now head of the general agency team in the Retail Department of Savills to look after the daily operation and administration. Joseph is responsible for pitching sole agency and tenant representation projects. He involved the retail leasing for the Venetian and Four Season in Macau during 2005 -2007.

Joseph was appointed to look after major corporate accounts, i.e., Citibank, Dao Heng Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. In 2008, Joseph has also been appointed as a property representative by China Construction Bank (Asia) to handle the leasing matter in Hong Kong & Macau.

Retail tenants have become more cautious, anticipating weakening consumer spending in the face of accelerating inflation and a volatie stock market. The speaker will share his point of view for the overview of the Hong Kong retail market in the first half year in 2008. Such as retail rents levels, street fronting shop, leasing demand, shopping centres......Furthermore, the speaker will tell you the tips to achieve an optimum leasing from the starting point. Identify the location? Negotiator? Strategies planning? Budget? Operating Cost? Supporting team? All the prerequisite condition will be introducing with a case study.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English Fee HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member,

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricing listed.

Deadline 17 September 2008 Priority Young Surveyors Group (under 40 yea*rs old)

CPD/GPD/2008060

REITS and the Dividend Economy

Speaker Mr Stephen Chung, Executive Director, Zeppelin Real Estate Analysis Limited

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday 24 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details With an increasingly graying population and the rising importance of regular (investment) income in sustaining desired lifestyles,

which could be more 'active' than those of earlier generations, demand for investment assets or vehicles which generate steady income could increase in years to come. REITS could be one such investment asset. This talk explores the current

and future possible REIT market features, whether good, bad, or even ugly.

Language English Fee HK\$120 per person

HK\$150 per person for walk-in participants (if seats are still available)

Deadline 10 September 2008 Priority GPD Members

CPD/HKIS/2008072

香港新界之客家圍屋與廣府圍村

The Hakka Walled Houses and Cantonese Walled Villages in the New Territories of Hong Kong

Joint CPD Lecture Series on Building Typology co-sponsored by the Architectural Conservation Programme of The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.

Speaker Professor Siu Kwok-kin is a Professor in the Department of Chinese Literature at Chu Hai College, an Honorary Adviser of the

Hong Kong Museum of History and an Honorary Researcher of the Royal Asiatic Society (HK Branch). Professor Siu is also a Visiting Lecturer of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 25 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details 香港地區位粵東南陲,除原居土著外,北方遷入建村立業者亦眾。此等居民之入遷,多因中原戰亂,及原居地生活艱苦,故南遷本

區避亂,並謀生計。清朝初期,為禁沿海居民對台灣反清之鄭成功等交通接濟,故厲行遷海令,沿海居民全被迫遷入內陸,清康熙

八年(1669)展界,居民始得遷回舊地,時沿海寇禍甚烈,民為自保,並於四周加建高牆,或有挖掘護河,安裝鐵鑄閘門,藉以 自保。此等有高牆圍繞之村莊,即今香港新界地區所見之「圍村」。清雍正年間,因原居民遷回者少,朝廷遂行獎勵客籍居民入 遷之策,乾嘉間,客籍人士遷入新界地區居住者日多,此等客籍人士初遷區內,其生活與風俗與本地者異,部份且受鄰近村莊居 民之侵迫,為求自保,故仿原地圍龍屋型制,建造「圍屋」,聚族而居,並作防衛。

是次講座,主要介紹港府人士建築之圍村,及客籍居民建築之圍屋,著重介紹其形成之原由、發展形式、及其與華南地區者 之相互關係。

The seminar will talk about the origin and development of the Cantonese walled villages and the Hakka walled houses in Hong Kong as well as their relationship with those in the Southern China.

HK\$50 per person; HK\$100 per person for non-member Language Cantonese Fee

Deadline 11 September 2008 **Priority** First-come-first-served

CPD/YSG/2008082

Development and Benefits of the HKCA Domestic Sub-contract



Speaker Mr. Peter J. Berry

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Monday 6 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Peter Berry is a qualified Quantity Surveyor for near 50 years. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Mediator accredited by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He jointed Hong Kong Government Architectural Office, Q.S. Branch in 1966 and became Architectural Office's Contract Adviser for ten years, when promoted to look after claims and eventually to advise on the review of Hong Kong Government's standard forms of contract and various technical circulars including the arbitration and mediation "rules" for Government construction contracts. Mr. Berry was the Principal Assistant Secretary in the Works Branch (now Bureau) chairing the Conditions of Contract Committee and was involved in the drafting of the domestic sub-contract form used in conjunction with Architectural Services Department contracts.

After retirement, he assisted with various contractual disputes in the both Government and non-Government environments, he has helped Hong Kong Construction Association as their consultant on construction and contractual policy matters including the new Standard Form of Building Contract 2005 (in conjunction with the HKIA, HKIS and HKICM) and in preparing the accompanying Guidance Note.

The talk will cover the reasons that lead to the development of the HKCA domestic sub-contract, its use and benefits.

HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member; Language **English**

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed

Deadline 22 September 2008 First-come-first-served **Priority**

CPD/QSD/2008086

Air-cooled vs. Water-cooled Air-conditioning: Which better in value?



Speaker

Details

Kenny Chan, he was qualified in BS, QS, PFM as a Chartered Surveyor, Chartered Builder, Registered Professional Surveyor and Certified Facility Manager; with over thirty years experience in the property, construction and management fields; offering professional services in Property Development, Project & Construction Management, Facilities/Property and Maintenance Management, Building and Quantity Surveying for various organizations and projects. Kenny has been providing quality education, program management and applied research in City University of HK.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Friday 10 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details

There has been dilemma in adopting air-cooled or water-cooled air-conditioning system at various times for different developments in Hong Kong, with strong influences by the local government. Fresh water has been a scarce resource as a cooling media. In recent years, fresh water or sea water was advocated as an effective cooling media in the condenser units. While such water-cooled air-conditioning system would involve less energy than that of air-cooled system, it may render potential

danger and liabilities to environment/end users if not adequately designed and maintained. Detail studies were conducted for these respective air-conditioning systems, aiming to achieve more sustainable green design, reducing energy consumption whilst comparing the cost implications; with pros and cons.

Language English Fee HK\$120 per person

Deadline 3 October 2008 Priority QSD Members

CPD/GP/2008078

Speakers

Hong Kong Property Law Update

Mr Alexander Leung, Partner, S.H. Leung & Co.

Ms Melissa Pang, Partner, Pang & Associates

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Tuesday 14 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details To a lot of people, property is their major asset in their life. Protection of their interest is core to the stability of the society.

Meanwhile, conveyancing system in Hong Kong is one complicated area. A lot of issues have to be care of to avoid future

dispute.

Mr Leung and Ms Pang will update us on the latest property law with case studies and share their experience.

Language English Fee HK\$120 per person

HK\$150 per person for walk-in participants (if seats are still available)

Deadline 30 September 2008 Priority GPD Members

CPD/BSD/2008088

Search and Rescue under Collapsed Buildings

- An Experience Sharing by the HKSAR Search and Rescue Team deployed to Sichuan for earthquake rescue operation

Joint HKIS BSD/RICS CPD Event

Speaker Mr TAM Tai-keung, FSD Senior Divisional Officer and Commander of HKSAR Search and Rescue Team

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday 15 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details Following the major earthquake at Sichuan on 12 May 2008, the HKSAR Government immediately deployed a Search and

Rescue Team to assist the Mainland authority in rescue work. The 43-member Search and Rescue Team, led by Mr TAM Taikeung, Senior Divisional Officer of Fire Services Department, included 34 firemen, 6 ambulancemen, a medial officer, a registered nurse and an information officer. The Team flew to Chengdu in two batches on May 15 and 16 and were assigned to carry out search and rescue work at Hanwang in Mianzhu, one of the most devastated areas. The Team recovered 24 bodies from the rubble of a collapsed office building and factory plants in the vicinity, and assisted the PRC Army finding a

woman survivor trapped under a collapsed building.

Mr T K Tam will share his search and rescue experience under collapsed buildings in Sichuan.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English Fee HK\$120 per person for HKIS & RICS member

HK\$150 per person for non-HKIS/RICS member or walk-in participants (subject to availability)

Deadline 3 October 2008 Priority first-come-first-served

CPD/QSD/2008083

QS Role in Infrastructure Projects



Facilitator/Speaker TT Cheung BSc(QS)(Hons), MSc(Arch), FHKIS, FRICS, RPS(QS), Accredited Mediator. TT is the past President of the HKIS and is currently a member of the Construction Industry Council representing the surveying profession.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 16 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details As a tradition, estimating, preparation of tender documents, tender analysis, contract documentation, valuation and variation, and all quantity surveying related works of infrastructure projects are always handled by civil engineers notwithstanding that majority of these works are actually handled by quantity surveyors under the supervision of civil engineers. In the building works, the traditional role of handling these works by architects had been changed to become the role of quantity surveyors, and the Government and Private Forms of Building Contract were changed to recognize such QS role. However, in the infrastructure works, such QS role is still with the civil engineers as stated in the Government Form of Civil Engineering

works.

In this forum, TT Cheung, being the past president of HKIS and a current CIC member representing the surveying profession will give a brief introduction on the current system of QS role in infrastructure works and explain the deficiency of the current system and the ways HKIS sees it fit. TT will also give a brief recap on what HKIS had done to promote the independent role of QS in infrastructure works and its results as of today. Comments and ideas from the participants will be invited for the way forward that they would like to see HKIS should do.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English Fee Free of Charge

Deadline 10 October 2008 Priority HKIS Members and non-Members are welcomed

CPD/HKIS/2008073

從廊屋到騎樓 - 戰前華南民居的演變

From Lang Wu to Qi Lou: The Evolution of Pre-war Southern Chinese Vernacular Houses

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Hong Kong Museum of History and an Honorary Researcher of the Royal Asiatic Society (HK Branch). Professor Siu is also a Visiting Lecturer of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 23 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details 香港新界地區之民居,多為單層之廊屋,其後人口繁衍,及建築技術之改善,至有兩層之廊屋,十九世紀末,外地文化之影響,遂

至廊改樓之出現,至二十世紀初,因受海外歸僑之影響,始有西式臨街立面、底層為架空、後為店舖、前為長柱廊式行人道、上層

為住處之騎樓出現。

是次講座,主要介紹戰前華南民居從廊屋到騎樓之演變,並嘗試介紹其演變、發展、及衰落之原由及經過。

The seminar will try to trace the evolution of pre-war Southern Chinese vernacular houses from "Lang Wu" to "Qi Lou" and

their rise and fall.

Language Cantonese Fee HK\$50 per person; HK\$100 per person for non-member

Deadline 9 October 2008 Priority First-come-first-served

CPD/QS/2008087

High-rise Construction: Are Costs Increasing with the Height?



Speaker Dr. Ellen Lau, FHKIS, FRICS, RPS(QS), BSc in Quantity Surveying, MSc in Construction Management (Project), PhD in Strate-

gic Management, Senior Lecturer of City University of Hong Kong

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Monday 27 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details High-rise buildings are competing with heights and there is a tendency that these buildings are constructed higher and

higher. We would have thought that we have a common understanding of high-rise buildings, but in fact we do not. In China, there is a definition of high-rise building and exceptionally high-rise buildings to govern the approval of the plan. In view of the preliminary perception of the budget at this stage, we attempt to have an overview of cost management of high-rise buildings through working with the elemental cost of high-rise buildings. This talk focuses on the economic value of office buildings in terms of piling and substructure, carcass, finishings, furniture and fittings, services and preliminaries and attempts to explain the cost implications of the number of storeys, storey height and the construction floor area on building

elements such as carcass and services.

LanguageEnglishFeeHK\$120 per personDeadline20 October 2008PriorityQSD Members

CPD/YSG/2008084

Recent Updates on ADR for Professionals



Joint CPD Seminar jointly organized with the Young Members Society (YMS) of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Young Members Club (YMS) of Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) and Young Surveyors Group (YSG) of Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS).

Speaker Ms Teresa Cheng, BSc, LLB, FCIArb, FHKIA, FSIA, FICE, MHKIE, President of CIArb and Vice Chairperson of HKIAC

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 30 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details Teresa started her career practicing as a civil engineer and later as a barrister-at-law in Hong Kong in 1987. She was appointed as Senior Counsel by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong in 2000. She has been practicing as advocate, mediator and arbitrator in many international construction, commercial and investment disputes in various jurisdictions. She is now the

President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Vice Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

Young professionals practicing in the construction industry have long recognized the importance of equipping themselves with up-to-date knowledge on ADR sector, which is becoming a more important subject in the industry. The purpose of the seminar is to share recent updates in the ADR sector with young engineers and surveyors and to convey to them some intermediate to advanced level skills and knowledge regarding arbitration and mediation. Teresa will also specifically point out some of the issues and challenges facing young practitioners.

Language English Fee HK\$100 per person; HK\$120 for non member

(HKIS members who are also members of CIArb and/or HKIE who

register through HKIS are also required to pay HK\$100 per person)

Deadline 16 October 2008 Priority probationers and students

Building Surveyors Conference 2008 on"Cultural Changes in Building Maintenance"

Time & Date : 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 27 September 2008

Venue : Grand Ballroom, Harbour Plaza Hotel, Hung Hom, Hong Kong

Speakers:

Mr. Raymond L. M. YOUNG, JP

Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning & Lands)

HKSAR

Mr. K. L. WONG

Director

Property Management Division, Hong Kong Housing Society

Mr. C. K. AU

Deputy Director of Buildings Building Department, HKSAR

Mr. Raymond Chan

Director

Raymond Chan Surveyors Ltd

Mr. Alex K. H. CHAN

Senior Maintenance Surveyors /SD Housing Department, HKSAR

Mr. Danny P. M. CHENG

Senior Maintenance Surveyors /TMS Housing Department, HKSAR

Registration Fee

Dr. Edward C. Y. YIU

Assistant Professor

Department of Real Estate & Construction,

The University of Hong Kong

Dr. Eric C. H. LIM

Senior Engineer

Safety, Accident and Failure Experts Ltd

Dr. Paul H. K. HO

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Division of Building Science and Technology,

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Prof. Edwin H. W. CHAN

Professor

Department of Building and Real Estate,

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Ms. Grace K. L. LEE

Lecturer

Department of Construction.

Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tsing Yi)

Category	Registration Fee	Remarks
Standard Registration Student Registration	HK\$ 980 HK\$ 250	The registration fee includes a set of conference proceedings, two refreshments and lunch - Limited seats are reserved for concessionary rates and would be allocated on a first come, first served basis - Lunch is not included.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact the Conference Secretariat:

 Ms. Kate Kwan / Ms. Katherine Chow
 Tel: (852) 2372 0090
 Fax: (852) 2372 0490
 E-mail: kate@creativegp.com

Registration form can also be downloaded from the link below: http://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/html/upload/HomeNewsCol/hnclnk143_0.pdf

香港測量師學會青年組成都學術交流團2008

(CPD/YSG/2008067)

地點: 中國成都

日期: 2008年10月15日至19日 (5日4夜)

行程: - 拜訪成都市與規劃、建設及測量有關的政府機構

- 參觀私人企業之發展項目

- 遊覽著名旅遊點

* 特別安排: 本會現正嘗試安排有關地震災區探訪之活動,希望可協助災後重建工作及藉此對災後重建的工作有所理解。

費用: 約港幣\$4,500元

(包括香港至成都來回機票、住宿、內地交通及膳食) 各參加者須按個人要求,另行購買旅遊保險。

名額: 40位 (先到先得,額滿即止,青年組會員優先。)

備註: 1) 參加者請用CPD Standard Reservation Form填寫個人資料並連同劃線支票交回。

2) 查詢請致電2526 3679或電郵 cpd@hkis.org.hk與余小姐聯絡或電郵gp4753@hkis.org.hk與陳小姐聯絡。

3) 可計算持續專業發展10小時。

* 鑒於近日成都地區發生嚴重地震,以上地點、行程及費用可能會 因應實際情況,作出適當更改,請密切留意有關更新。





Building Surveying Division

Chairman's Message

Supplement to standard contract documents regarding appointment of Building Surveyors

In order to facilitate private building owners in appointing Building Surveyors for consultancy services, two standard documents namely 'Conditions of Engagement of Building Surveyors' (建築測量師聘任條款) and 'Agreement for Appointment of Building Surveyors' (建築測量師聘任協議書) were prepared and published for reference.

In view that there were occasional worries and disputes arising from misunderstanding of the terms of appointment, BSD has recently prepared a supplementary document 'Agreement for Appointment of Building Surveyors' (建築測量師聘任協議書) and some more scopes of consultancy services were suggested. We trust that this supplement will enable the private building owners to have better understanding on the scopes of services offered. The supplement will soon be published and available free for download from the HKIS website.

香港建築測量師在粤註冊

隨著《內地與香港關於建立更緊密經貿關係的安排》(CEPA)補充協議五於2008年7月29日簽訂,香港特別行政區發展局及廣東省建設廳於8月5日舉行的「粤港合作聯席會議第十一次會議」後簽署了『獲得「內地註冊城市規劃師資格」及「內地監理工程師資格」的香港專業人士在粵註冊合作協議』。

『協議』包括下列事項:

允許獲得內地監理工程師資格的香港建築測量師在粵範圍內 從事相關的工作。由廣東省主管部門制定相關註冊管理辦法 並在公眾網站上公佈。雙方組織開展獲得內地監理工程師資 格的香港建築測量師在粵註冊的工作。獲得內地監理工程師 資格的香港建築測量師在粵註冊時應受聘於一個在廣東省境 內經工商註冊並取得工程建設相關資質的企業單位並享有國 民待遇。

〔上述內容摘自香港政府有關新聞公佈〕

今後,香港的建築測量師與廣東省的監理工程師在合作上有著更緊密的關係。就此,香港測量師學會建築測量組於2008



年8月27至28日接待廣東省建設監理協會作訪港交流並安排 訪問特區政府發展局及屋宇署,香港科學園及陳旭明測量師 行等。

Setting up of Heritage Unit in Buildings Department

In support of the Government's work and to facilitate the private sector's participation in heritage conservation, a dedicated Heritage Unit was set up in the Buildings Department to process all building and structural plan submissions involving addition and alteration in and adaptive reuse of historic buildings, for approval under the Buildings Ordinance. Submissions to be handled by the Heritage Unit include development projects involving historic buildings that have been declared as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance, graded buildings accorded by the Antiquities and Monuments Advisory Board, historic buildings selected by the Partnership Scheme, as well as redevelopment and revitalization projects involving conservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings. (Extracted from the letter from the Director of Buildings to building professionals / contractors dated 23 July 2008)

Notice to Candidates BS APC

Practical Task 2008

The Practical Task 2008 will be held from Wednesday, 5 November to Saturday, 8 November 2008. Full details will be attached to the approval of applications, which will be issued in due course.

General Practice Division

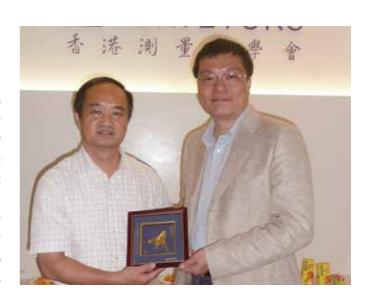
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Dr Lawrence Poon GPD Council Chairman



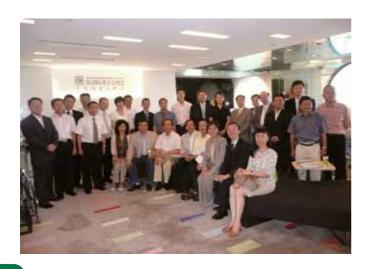
Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice

A new Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice has been issued to take effect on 18 August 2008. This new Supplement shall supersede the one issued on 5 February 2008. Under this Supplement, Saleable Area shall include Verandah and Utility Platform whereas Air-conditioning Plant Room shall be regarded as Ancillary Accommodation. Air-conditioning Platform is neither Saleable Area nor Ancillary Accommodation. As Saleable Area is widely used by GP members in their practices, they should study the Supplement, which has been uploaded on the HKIS website, in detail and follow it accordingly.



Visitors from Guangdong Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents

The President and Secretary General of the Guangdong Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents, together with their senior members visited our Institute on 14 August 2008. They were well received by our President, GPD Chairman and other Council members. Many other HKIS senior members also joined the gathering to exchange views on our profession and explore partnering opportunities with the visitors.



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Land Surveying Division

Chairman's Message

Sung Hon Kwong LSD Council Chairman



Revision of the APC Rules and Guide

Following the endorsement by the Board of Education on 9 July 2008, the Land Surveying Division, APC Rules & Guide 2008 revision has come into immediate effect and has been uploaded onto the HKIS website for general reference. There are some major changes in the APC requirements and the mechanism of applications, though the basic form of assessments is retained. A CPD will be arranged to introduce the new Rules & Guide. FAQ will be posted on the LSD homepage to highlight the changes and explain the transitional arrangement for existing APC candidates.

LSD Annual Dinner

The LSD Annual Dinner is scheduled to be held on Friday, 17 October 2008. Unlike previous years, our Organising Committee has initiated a change and selected the Eaton Hotel in Yaumatei, Kowloon, as the venue for the dinner. So, please mark it down in your diary and be prepared to

come and share the joy and fun of this annual event of your Division. See the separate announcement for further details.

Land Surveyors Registration Committee under the LSO

The Survey and Mapping Office of Lands Department has announced through the Land Survey Authority Circular No. 2/2008 on 4 August 2008, the latest composition of the Land Surveyors Registration Committee. Current members of the Committee are as follows:

Mr WONG Chung-hang	Chairman
Mr CHAN Hon-kwan, Henry	Member
Mr CHENG Wai-pun	Member
Mr KWAN Lam-fat	Member
Mr TANG Wing-lun	Member
Mr TULL Chun-kwok, Jacky	Member

LSD Annual Dinner 17 October 2008 Eaton Hotel Hong Kong Jordan Room 380 Nathan Road, Kowloon Cocktail reception: 6:30 to 7:30 pm Dinner buffet: 7:30 to 10:00 pm Price: HK\$300 per person Registration: Complete standard reservation form for CPD/PQSL

Planning & Development Division

Chairman's Message

Edwin Tsang PDD Council Chairman



The CPD on Health Planning and Management in the Workplace was held on 7 August 2008. Over 100 participants attended, including architects, planners and surveyors.

Health takes priority more than anything else as without health, expert knowledge and wealth is meaningless. The speakers included Dr Regina Ching, Assistant Director of Health Promotion, Department of Health, Mr Spencer Tong, Past President of Hong Kong Nutrition Association, and Dr Chan Chi Wing, Former Associate Professor, Medical Faculty, Hong Kong University.

Dr Ching's talk focused on defining health, dispelling myths, looking at and after your health. The talk included simple ways to upkeep health and well-being. In addition, looking after one anothers' health is also important, particularly your family, relatives and friends.

Mr Tong talked on health management on nutritionist approach and Dr Chan advised on health condition measurement. For those who missed the talk, the power-point presentation can be seen at the HKIS website.









Visits to Universities in China

The Mainland Committee is planning university visits to the Peoples' University and Tsing Hua University in Beijing in mid October 2008 to study academic training in Planning & Development and other related real estate and land faculties. The trip will include visits to government authorities, and thereafter, relevant universities and professional institutes in Shanghai, China.

5th Land Symposium in China

Dr Tony Leung's paper (中國城市規劃概況) originally intended to be presented in the Symposium was published in Surveyors Times, July 2008 (Vol.17, No.7).

Quantity Surveying Division

Chairman's Message

Stephen Lai QSD Council Chairman



Successful Registration of Cost Engineers in PRC - Congratulations!

It was announced by Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Department of the People's Republic of China (MOHURD) on 22 July 2008 that 65 applications for Initial Registration of Cost Engineer from the Hong Kong Region had been approved. These first 65 PRC Registered Cost Engineers from the Hong Kong Region are part of the 173 HKIS members who obtained the Qualification of Cost Engineers about two years ago under the Reciprocity Agreement between China Engineering Cost Association (CECA) and HKIS.

The distribution of these successful applicants included 15, 7 and 43 members registered in Beijing City, Shanghai City and Guangdong Province respectively. The official announcement from MOHURD can be found in the website of MOHURD as follows:

http://www.mohurd.gov.cn/gsgg/gg/jsbgg/200807/t20080722_176098.htm



First of all, we would like to thank Mr CAI Wen Feng and Mr HUANG Wei Dong of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, for their assistance in arranging the Guangzhou visit for us. The 23 members who joined the visit included Stephen Lai, T T Cheung, YU Kamhung, Sam Cheng, Antony Man, Calvin Chan, Honby Chan, Ricky Chan, Y K Chan, Joseph Chong, Danny Chow, Jacob Lam, K H Law, Ricky Law, Raymond Kong, Regina Ng, Derek Shiu, S T Tai, Tungsten Tong, Jesse Wong, K S Yam, Jeff Yau and Daisy Yeung.

We took the through train to Guangzhou in the morning of 15 August 2008 and a meeting was held with officials from Department of Construction of Guangdong Province and Engineering Cost Management Department, Guangdong Province in the afternoon at Guangdong Hotel.



















The Chairman Mr Stephen Lai briefly introduced the members of the tour, the structure of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, reciprocity agreements signed with other quantity surveying related professional bodies outside Hong Kong and the HKIS Annual Conference 2008 - "Surveyors in Olympics" at the beginning of the meeting. The following topics were raised and discussed at the meeting:

- 1. Education and training for Quantity Surveying Professionals;
- 2. Soaring of prices of construction materials;
- 3. Building maintenance works;
- 4. Non payment to workers and labour;
- 5. Involvement and participation of construction at Guangdong;
- 6. Establishment of Grade A cost engineering consultancy company in Guangdong; and
- 7. Difference in unit rates of market price and the same in Norm Standard Books.

The officials from the Department of Construction of Guangdong Province presented to us the following:

- 1. Development of the construction industry in Guangdong Province:
- Construction management implemented by the Government;
- 3. Tendering procedure;
- 4. Final inspection upon completion of the works;
- 5. Re-development of the city; and
- 6. Setting up a centralized hotline for complaints.







The Engineering Cost Management Department, Guangdong Province advised that there were 323 cost engineering consultancy companies in Guangdong Province. 89 out of 323 are classified and registered as Grade A companies. There were more than 200 graduates from universities who completed the studies of cost engineering every year.

After a dinner hosted by the Department of Construction of Guangdong Province, we enjoyed a one hour cruise trip along the Zhujiang River before returning to the hotel. It was a peaceful evening with a full moon.

We arrived at the offices of the Guangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee at Development Centre around 9.00 am the next day. The Asian Games will be held in 2010 at Guangzhou. We were briefed by the officials of the planning and development of the Asian Games facilities. There will be 50 venues, 12 of which will be newly constructed and the remaining are alteration or extension of existing facilities. These 50 venues are grouped into five clusters as follows:

- 1. Guangzhou Higher School City;
- 2. Guangzhou Olympic Sports Centre;
- 3. Tianhe Sports Centre;
- 4. Central Downtown; and
- 5. Nansha Asia Games Town.

The overall investment is RMB12.9 billion and the area of development is around 1.5 million square metres. The officials also introduced clearly all the procedures in relation to the preparation of estimates at different stages of the development and tendering.

The next stop of our visit was the Guangzhou Zhujiang New Town Core Area Construction Office. The Zhujiang New

Town is one of the key projects for Guangzhou Municipal Government to support the Asian Games to be held in 2010. Its planned construction area is about 6.12 square kilometres, residential population about 300,000 and targets to be an urban commercial centre, which will integrate financial, commercial and trade, entertainment, administrative and residential functions.











Zhujiang New Town Core Area covers about 1.4 million square metres, accommodates 39 buildings which are mainly for commercial and office purposes as well as Metro Line 3 and Line 5. It contains four big squares including Citizen Square, West Tower and East Tower Square, Cultural Forum and Hai Xin Sha Square, which form the largest urban

square clusters. It is also the largest underground space development project in Guangzhou recently and even the country. It is a highly efficient, ecological and humanized underground space which comprise of three below-grade levels.

The Central Square of Zhujiang New Town is picturesque and honoured as the largest "City Lobby'. The landmark includes West Tower and East Tower, Guangzhou New TV Tower, Guangdong Provincial Museum, Guangzhou No.2 Children's Palace, Guangzhou New Library, Guangzhou Opera House and the Underground Complex of Zhujiang New Town integrate organically. The following sophisticated systems are also implemented in the development:

- a. Vacuum Garbage Treatment System;
- b. Reclaimed Water Utilizing System;
- c. Centralized Regional Cooling System by Ice Thermal Storage Technology; and
- d. Intelligent Integrated Induction System for Underground Space.

We went to the site of the Guangzhou New TV Tower (Canton Tower) before taking our lunch. The height of the Guangzhou New TV Tower is 610 metres, which will be the tallest construction after its completion in 2010. The main structure of the tower is 454 metres high and is nearly finished. A 156 metres high antenna will be further constructed on top of the main structure of the Tower. The tower structure required 50,000 tonnes of structural steel and the construction cost is around RMB2.6 billion.

The design of the Guangzhou New TV Tower is selected from one of the 13 design submissions. Voting by public is one of the selection criteria in reaching the decision. The ground level of the Tower will have an exhibition hall for history and culture of Guangzhou. An assembly hall which can accommodate 1,000 people will be constructed above the exhibition hall. A multi-purpose hall will be located at a level of 17.2 metres above ground. A high technology games centre can be found at a level of 91.2 metres above ground. A sky garden with spiral ladder will be constructed at 174.4 metres above ground. The set-up and equipment of the TV station will be situated at a level 403.2 metres above ground. A 1,900 square metre revolving restaurant can be found at a fascinating level of 424 metres above ground.

Finally, thank you for the support from all of you who attended the trip.

Young Surveyors Group

Chairman's Message

Joseph Wong YSG Chairman



Our YSG Honorary Secretary Emily Ling had attended the FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden, during 14-19 June 2008. The event consisted of 10 commissions covering several topics including Urban Planning, Property Taxation, Cadastral & Hydrographic Management, Geodetic Networks, Land Administration, Compulsory Acquisition of Land, Land Valuation, etc. Moreover, there were sessions for young surveyors during which young surveyors/ surveying students from various countries gathered to share their views and ideas on different topics. Emily was pleased to meet Ms Cecilia Lindén, the Chair of the Young Surveyors Working Group (Sweden), Ms Jemma Picco and Ms Chris McAlister, the young ambassadors of the FIG Sydney 2010 and also other surveyors from around the world. It was a great chance to further promote the YSG of the HKIS and to develop the network with other young surveyor organisations from different countries.





Annual Conference "Surveyors in Olympics" on 26 July 2008

The annual conference was successfully held on 26 July 2008 at Conrad Hong Kong Hotel. It was my pleasure to be appointed as the Chairman of the Organising Committee. The theme this year was "Surveyors in Olympics" as the conference was scheduled right before the opening of Beijing Olympics. Eight speakers were invited from all over the world to share their views with us. Our members were inspired by the interesting speeches and were surprised by the huge contributions of surveyors in the Olympics.

Once again, we would like to thank our OC members, guest speakers, guest of honour Mrs Carrie Lam, our President Mr YU Kam-hung, our moderators, Mr Francis Leung and Mr Stephen Yip and our MC Mr Y C Mak.

Joint Professional Seminar Junk Trip on 11 August 2008

The joint professional seminar junk trip was held on 11 August 2008. 21 participants from HKIE, ICE, CIBSE, CIArb and HKIS joined the trip. The junk left the Hong Kong Central Pier No. 9 at 7.00 pm. We first held a committee meeting on our way to Repulse Bay. Upon arrival, we enjoyed our delicious junk meals, played interesting games and took some photos with the Repulse Bay panorama night view as the backdrop. It was a wonderful gathering of members of different professionals. We will organise more joint professional activities in the near future.



Vote at the Legislative Council Election on 7 September 2008

The election of a Legco Member for our functional constituency - Architectural, Surveying and Planning Functional Constituency (ASPFC) will be held on 7 September 2008. Please vote for your desired candidate who represents our functional constituency to sit in the Legislative Council. For your information, a total of 5 nominations were received as follows:

Mr YU Kam-hung	Surveyor
Mr CHAN Yiu-fai	Architect
Mr LAU Sau-Shing	Architect
Mr CHAN Tsan-fai	Architect
Mr NG Wing-fai	Town Planner
	Mr YU Kam-hung Mr CHAN Yiu-fai Mr LAU Sau-Shing Mr CHAN Tsan-fai Mr NG Wing-fai

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How Land Surveyors work with Engineers for the success of civil and infrastructure projects?

Anthony Yu

Committee Member & CPD Convenor of YSG (LSD)

The CPD event was successfully held on 27 June 2008. This CPD event was co-organised with the Young Members Committee of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. The speakers of this CPD were Mr Y C Chan and Mr Lesly Lam, both of them very experienced in land boundary surveying and engineering surveying.

The main theme of the CPD was to introduce the change of the role of land surveyors in civil engineering projects from providing measurements to providing a wide variety of services to the client, such as, designing road alignments, creating 3D models, animations and photomontages.

During the first part of the CPD, Lesly introduced the work of the Survey Division of CEDD with a wonderful video. He then shared with the audience the latest technology used in hydrographic surveying, and how land surveyors used these technologies in the construction, maintenance and monitoring of marine facilities.

In the second part, Y C shared his experience of being a land surveyor in engineering works, in particular, in district

and maintenance of road works. He introduced some cases showing how land surveyors using the latest technology, solved problems relating to civil engineering works, such as, using laser scanning equipment to give a clear picture to the engineer, the shape and size of a landslide scar and to compute the volume of soil fallen from a landslide incident. He also shared some interesting cases showing how land surveyors made use of their expertise, and to working closely with engineers to handle complaint cases from the general public.







Application of Value Management in the Briefing Process

Joanna Kwok

YSG Committee Member

On 29 July 2008, we were pleased to have invited Dr Ann Yu from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Mr Jacky Chung, who are both members of the Hong Kong Institute of Value Management (HKIVM), to deliver a CPD talk for the Young Surveyors Group on the topic "Application of Value Management in the Briefing Process" at the Surveyors Learning Centre. The presentation was divided into two sessions: the first session was on "Introduction to Value Management" by Mr Chung, and the other on "Application of Value Management in the Briefing Process" by Dr Yu.

In the first session, Jacky gave a brief introduction about value management, which is defined as a structured and analytical process that seeks to achieve value for money by providing all the necessary functions at the lowest cost consistent with required levels of quality and performance. He went on to discuss the concepts of "value" and "functions" in value management. Jacky then illustrated to us the "Job Plan" used in Value Management Workshops. The "Job Plan" includes six phases, namely, Information Phase,

Analysis Phase, Creativity Phase, Evaluation Phase, Development Phase and Presentation Phase. After the workshops, a report will be prepared with value improvement options and action plan to be implemented.

In the second session, Dr Yu discussed with us her research findings on value management. Two types of briefing, strategic briefing and project briefing, were introduced. Advantages of application of value management for briefing were also illustrated. In conclusion, value management would help to improve communication between client and stakeholders, which subsequently make the project more successful.

We would like to take this opportunity to convey our sincere gratitude to the speakers for delivering such a fruitful seminar to our members.



Summary of HKIS CPD / PQSL Events

10 Sep - 30 Oct 2008

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10 Sep	2008076	Presentation and Delivery Skills	1.5	Laura Cozijnsen	QSD
11 Sep	2008079	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre - Phase 2 Expansion - Heavy Lifting of Mega Trusses	1.5	Christian Venetz, Henry Chan, Antony Lam	YSG
17 Sep	2008085	Overview of Business Valuation 商業估價概論	1.5	Joseph Ho	YSG/GPD
18 Sep	2008071	Case Study on Competitive Bidding, Nominated Subcontracting, and Expert Witness's Role in China	1.5	Beili GY Chen	YSG
20, 26 Sep	2008068	Assessor Workshop - Fostering an Objective Approach to the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) in Surveying	4	Chi-hung Chan Sandy Tang	HKIS
22 Sep	2008077	How to achieve an optimum leasing transaction and retail market in brief 租賃技巧與策略及零售市場概況	1.5	Joseph Leung	YSG
25 Sep	2008072	香港新界之客家圍屋與廣府圍村 The Hakka Walled Houses and Cantonese Walled Villages in the New Territories of Hong Kong	1.5	Professor Siu Kwok-kin	HKIS
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27 Sep	2008067	Building Surveyors Conference 2008 on "Cultural Changes in Building Maintenance"	5.5	Refered to p.24	BSD
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10 Oct	2008086	Air-cooled vs. Water-cooled Air-conditioning: Which better in value?	1.5	Kenny Chan	QSD
14 Oct	2008078	Hong Kong Property Law Update	1.5	Alexander Leung Melissa Pang	GPD
15 Oct	2008088	Search and Rescue under Collapsed Buildings- An Experience Sharing by the HKSAR Search and Rescue Team deployed to Sichuan for earthquake rescue operation	1.5	TAM Tai-keung	BSD
16 Oct	2008083	QS Role in Infrastructure Projects	1.5	TT Cheung	QSD
23 Oct	2008073	從廊屋到騎樓 - 戰前華南民居的演變 From Lang Wu to Qi Lou : The Evolution of Pre-war Southern Chinese Vernacular Houses	1.5	Professor Siu Kwok-kin	HKIS
27 Oct	2008087	High-rise Construction: Are Costs Increasing with the Height?	1.5	Dr. Ellen Lau	QSD
30 Oct	2008084	Recent Updates on ADR for Professionals	1.5	Teresa Cheng	YSG

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CPD/QSD/2008076

Presentation and Delivery Skills

Speaker Ms Laura Cozijnsen

Laura is the founder and also the Chief Consultant of the Lighthouse Consultant Ltd. She was the Individual Champion and Group Champion of Hong Kong Masters of Ceremony 2006. She was the Master of Ceremony of various forums, conferences, inauguration ceremonies, annual dinners, opening ceremonies, competitions, concerts and shows for various organizations and companies including Yan Chai Hospital, Pok Oi Hospital, Junior Chamber International, University of the Arts London, Nokia Siemens Network, Star TV, Hong Kong Country Club, Standard Chartered Bank (HK) Ltd., Hong Kong Productivity Council, Hong Kong International Jewellery Designer Association, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, IBM, Philips, Reader's Digest, Fujitsu (HK) Ltd., etc.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday 10 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details How to present your proposal and deliver your ideas to your colleagues, your boss and your client is a very important skill towards success of your career and business. Can speak a fluent language does not necessary mean that you can commu-

nicate your messages effectively.

In this talk, Laura will demonstrate how to present business proposals and your messages to your colleagues, boss and client using different speaking skills. Laura will also demonstrate how to use English and Chinese languages to achieve effective communication in a Western-Chinese culture in Hong Kong. She will also explain how to explore and improve your speaking skills, how to grasp your clients' needs and to provide suitable responses and advices, and how to master the

ceremony.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English Fee HK\$120 per person

Priority QSD Members

CPD/YSG/2008079

Details

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre - Phase 2 Expansion - Heavy Lifting of Mega Trusses

Speakers Mr. Christian Venetz / Mr. Henry Chan / Mr. Antony Lam

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 11 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Mr. Christian Venetz is VSL Hong Kong's Design and Technical Manager responsible for the Design Department. He has over eighteen years of experience of construction both in Switzerland and Asia, obtained in building and civil sector. He has been working for VSL Hong Kong since 2000. His field of expertise covers the design of permanent and temporary structures. Christian has worked on many key building and infrastructure projects, often in partnership with consultants and other contractor to value engineer the most appropriate solution.

Mr. Henry Chan is currently the Project Manager of VSL Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Chan was involved in many major construction Projects, for instance, Kap Shui Mun Bridge, Ma On Shan East Rail Viaduct, Lok Ma Chau KCRC Spur Line, Hong Kong Shenzhen Western Corridor, Venetian Macao Phase One East Podium.

Mr. Antony Lam is VSL's site Method Engieer and TWC of the HKCEC Phase 2 Expansion Project. He has been involved in various design and construction projects in Hong Kong such as the One Peking Road, Bellagio Phase 2, Hong Kong Shenzhen Western Corridor, Venetian Maco Phase One East Podium.

The Expansion Project of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center (HKCEC) is linking the existing Phase I and Phase II buildings of the HKCEC. Upon completion of the project, the exhibition space will increase by 19,400 m² (increase of more than 50%).

This design and build project is undertaken by Hip Hing-Ngo Kee JV. VSL HK was the JV's subcontractor for installation of the four Main Trusses A to D which support all the floors below of this Expansion Project. These Main Trusses in steel span 90m across the water channel and have a weight between 1500 - 2000 tons. They are supported on bearings on top of concrete columns at a level of up to 57m above ground. The huge size of the trusses in combination with the site constraints required a complex temporary supporting structure which in turn caused many design and construction challenges to ensure a safe erection at all the stages.

Henry Chan, VSL's Project Manager, and Christian Venetz, VSL's Technical Manager, Mr. Antony Lam, VSL's site Method Engineer, will present the successful and challenging erection of the Main Trusses A to D of the HKCEC Expansion Project.

Language English supplemented by Cantonese Fee HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member,

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricing listed.

Priority Probationers and Students

CPD/YSG/GPD/2008085

Overview of Business Valuation 商業估價概論

Mr. Joseph Ho, Managing Director of LCH (Asia-Pacific) Surveyors Limited, MHKIS, MRICS, RPS, Speaker

Registered Business Valuers registered with the Hong Kong Business Valuation Forum

Valuer in the List of Property Valuers for Undertaking Valuation for Incorporation or Reference in Listing Particulars and Circulars and Valuations in Connection with Takeovers and Mergers published by HKIS

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday 17 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details Mr. Ho has been substantially involved in the PRC (including Hong Kong and Macau) as an asset valuer for various purposes such as initial public offerings in Hong Kong (including "H" share and red-chip share issues) and "B" share issues in China.

His experience in valuations extends through the construction and operation phases of various projects.

In recent years, Joseph has been actively participated in HKIS in promoting our surveying profession. He has been responsible for the drafting the HKIS Valuation Standards on Properties and the HKIS Valuation Standards on Valuing Trade-related Business Assets and Business Enterprises adopted by HKIS, and the Business Valuation Standards adopted by the Hong

Kong Business Valuation Forum.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed

GPD Member Priority

CPD/YSG/2008071

Case Study on Competitive Bidding, Nominated Subcontracting, and Expert Witness's Role in China

Speaker Mr Beili G.Y. Chen, PRC lawyer, PRC civil engineer, Project Management Professional USA (PMP)

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 18 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details Mr. Chen, an associate of AllBright Law Offices, is based in Hong Kong and Shanghai. He focuses practice on land acquisition, construction, and property transaction, including related dispute resolution and EPC projects nationwide. He was invited to

join the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK in 2004.

Mr. Chen is a contributor of almost all main leading industrial media, including International Bar Association, International Project Contracting etc. As a national procurement expert, he holds several columns nationwide. So during the lecture, he welcomes any question, comment or opinion related to the topics.

The lecture will cover latest developments of competitive bidding, nominated subcontracting, and expert witness's role by case study in China. In these areas China's regulatory regime is evolving quickly, quite different from developed market, and business practice is sometimes confusingly diverse. The case study material will be distributed before the lecture.

Language English Fee HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member,

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricing listed.

Priority Probationers and Students

CPD/HKIS/2008068

Assessor Workshop - Fostering an Objective Approach to the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) in Surveying

Speakers Mr Chi-hung Chan, Senior Project Fellow, Department of Building and Real Estate, HK Polytechnic University

Mr. Chan has over 20 years teaching, training and research experience in tertiary education and commercial sector. In the recent years, he has been closely working with the PolyU in a number of projects with the Education and Development Centre, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, and the Management and Executive Development Centre. Most recently, Chi Hung is working on a learning and teaching project titled "A study of the impact of outcome-based curriculum on students' learning outcomes" with the Department of Building and Real Estate.

Ms Sandy Tang, MHKIS, MRICS, Master of Urban Design, Deputy Programme Leader, BSc (Hons) in Surveying, Department of Building and Real Estate, HK Polytechnic University.

Ms Tang has ten years experience in quantity surveying practice and project management in property development before she joined the University. Recently, she has been actively working with the Education and Development Centre of the University in fostering pioneering approach to enhance students' critical thinking skill in outcome-base learning. Sandy has served the Board of Education and QS Division of the HKIS for a number of years.

Date & Venue 10:30 am - 1:00 pm Saturday 20 September 2008 (Written Submission)

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Friday 26 September 2008 (Professional Interviews)

SLC, HKIS

Details

The workshop aims at widening assessors' perspective in assessing professional competence of potential surveyors and addressing the issue of inter-rater reliability when scoring their performance. With the view to fostering an objective and consistence approach to the assessment, the workshop will discuss problems faced by assessors in the current practices, reflect on the perception of professional competence, and revisit the criteria in the assessment tasks. Contemporary concepts and assessment tools such as SOLO Taxonomy and different types of assessment rubrics will be introduced and applied in the workshops.

The two sections of workshop are designed to focus on two assessment formats: one for written submissions (20 September session) and one for professional interviews (26 September session). Participants may apply to attend any one or both sessions.

Language English Fee Free of Charge

Priority APC Assessors

CPD/YSG/2008077

How to achieve an optimum leasing transaction and retail market in brief 賃技巧與策略及零售市場概況



Speaker Mr. Joseph Leung, Head of General Retail Agency of Savills (Hong Kong) Limited

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Monday 22 September 2008, SLC, HKIS

Details

Joseph Leung has more than 16 years experience in retail property agency. He joined Savills (Hong Kong) Limited in 1996 and he is now head of the general agency team in the Retail Department of Savills to look after the daily operation and administration. Joseph is responsible for pitching sole agency and tenant representation projects. He involved the retail leasing for the Venetian and Four Season in Macau during 2005 -2007.

Joseph was appointed to look after major corporate accounts, i.e., Citibank, Dao Heng Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. In 2008, Joseph has also been appointed as a property representative by China Construction Bank (Asia) to handle the leasing matter in Hong Kong & Macau.

Retail tenants have become more cautious, anticipating weakening consumer spending in the face of accelerating inflation and a volatie stock market. The speaker will share his point of view for the overview of the Hong Kong retail market in the first half year in 2008. Such as retail rents levels, street fronting shop, leasing demand, shopping centres......Furthermore, the speaker will tell you the tips to achieve an optimum leasing from the starting point. Identify the location? Negotiator? Strategies planning? Budget? Operating Cost? Supporting team? All the prerequisite condition will be introducing with a case study.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English Fee HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member,

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricing listed.

Deadline 17 September 2008 Priority Young Surveyors Group (under 40 yea*rs old)

CPD/GPD/2008060

REITS and the Dividend Economy

Speaker Mr Stephen Chung, Executive Director, Zeppelin Real Estate Analysis Limited

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday 24 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details With an increasingly graying population and the rising importance of regular (investment) income in sustaining desired lifestyles,

which could be more 'active' than those of earlier generations, demand for investment assets or vehicles which generate steady income could increase in years to come. REITS could be one such investment asset. This talk explores the current

and future possible REIT market features, whether good, bad, or even ugly.

Language English Fee HK\$120 per person

HK\$150 per person for walk-in participants (if seats are still available)

Deadline 10 September 2008 Priority GPD Members

CPD/HKIS/2008072

香港新界之客家圍屋與廣府圍村

The Hakka Walled Houses and Cantonese Walled Villages in the New Territories of Hong Kong

Joint CPD Lecture Series on Building Typology co-sponsored by the Architectural Conservation Programme of The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.

Speaker Professor Siu Kwok-kin is a Professor in the Department of Chinese Literature at Chu Hai College, an Honorary Adviser of the

Hong Kong Museum of History and an Honorary Researcher of the Royal Asiatic Society (HK Branch). Professor Siu is also a Visiting Lecturer of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 25 September 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details 香港地區位粵東南陲,除原居土著外,北方遷入建村立業者亦眾。此等居民之入遷,多因中原戰亂,及原居地生活艱苦,故南遷本

區避亂,並謀生計。清朝初期,為禁沿海居民對台灣反清之鄭成功等交通接濟,故厲行遷海令,沿海居民全被迫遷入內陸,清康熙

八年(1669)展界,居民始得遷回舊地,時沿海寇禍甚烈,民為自保,並於四周加建高牆,或有挖掘護河,安裝鐵鑄閘門,藉以 自保。此等有高牆圍繞之村莊,即今香港新界地區所見之「圍村」。清雍正年間,因原居民遷回者少,朝廷遂行獎勵客籍居民入 遷之策,乾嘉間,客籍人士遷入新界地區居住者日多,此等客籍人士初遷區內,其生活與風俗與本地者異,部份且受鄰近村莊居 民之侵迫,為求自保,故仿原地圍龍屋型制,建造「圍屋」,聚族而居,並作防衛。

是次講座,主要介紹港府人士建築之圍村,及客籍居民建築之圍屋,著重介紹其形成之原由、發展形式、及其與華南地區者 之相互關係。

The seminar will talk about the origin and development of the Cantonese walled villages and the Hakka walled houses in Hong Kong as well as their relationship with those in the Southern China.

HK\$50 per person; HK\$100 per person for non-member Language Cantonese Fee

Deadline 11 September 2008 **Priority** First-come-first-served

CPD/YSG/2008082

Development and Benefits of the HKCA Domestic Sub-contract



Speaker Mr. Peter J. Berry

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Monday 6 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Peter Berry is a qualified Quantity Surveyor for near 50 years. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Mediator accredited by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He jointed Hong Kong Government Architectural Office, Q.S. Branch in 1966 and became Architectural Office's Contract Adviser for ten years, when promoted to look after claims and eventually to advise on the review of Hong Kong Government's standard forms of contract and various technical circulars including the arbitration and mediation "rules" for Government construction contracts. Mr. Berry was the Principal Assistant Secretary in the Works Branch (now Bureau) chairing the Conditions of Contract Committee and was involved in the drafting of the domestic sub-contract form used in conjunction with Architectural Services Department contracts.

After retirement, he assisted with various contractual disputes in the both Government and non-Government environments, he has helped Hong Kong Construction Association as their consultant on construction and contractual policy matters including the new Standard Form of Building Contract 2005 (in conjunction with the HKIA, HKIS and HKICM) and in preparing the accompanying Guidance Note.

The talk will cover the reasons that lead to the development of the HKCA domestic sub-contract, its use and benefits.

HK\$100 per person; HK\$150 per person for non-member; Language **English**

HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed

Deadline 22 September 2008 First-come-first-served **Priority**

CPD/QSD/2008086

Air-cooled vs. Water-cooled Air-conditioning: Which better in value?



Speaker

Details

Kenny Chan, he was qualified in BS, QS, PFM as a Chartered Surveyor, Chartered Builder, Registered Professional Surveyor and Certified Facility Manager; with over thirty years experience in the property, construction and management fields; offering professional services in Property Development, Project & Construction Management, Facilities/Property and Maintenance Management, Building and Quantity Surveying for various organizations and projects. Kenny has been providing quality education, program management and applied research in City University of HK.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Friday 10 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details

There has been dilemma in adopting air-cooled or water-cooled air-conditioning system at various times for different developments in Hong Kong, with strong influences by the local government. Fresh water has been a scarce resource as a cooling media. In recent years, fresh water or sea water was advocated as an effective cooling media in the condenser units. While such water-cooled air-conditioning system would involve less energy than that of air-cooled system, it may render potential

danger and liabilities to environment/end users if not adequately designed and maintained. Detail studies were conducted for these respective air-conditioning systems, aiming to achieve more sustainable green design, reducing energy consumption whilst comparing the cost implications; with pros and cons.

Language English Fee HK\$120 per person

Deadline 3 October 2008 Priority QSD Members

CPD/GP/2008078

Speakers

Hong Kong Property Law Update

Mr Alexander Leung, Partner, S.H. Leung & Co.

Ms Melissa Pang, Partner, Pang & Associates

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Tuesday 14 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details To a lot of people, property is their major asset in their life. Protection of their interest is core to the stability of the society.

Meanwhile, conveyancing system in Hong Kong is one complicated area. A lot of issues have to be care of to avoid future

dispute.

Mr Leung and Ms Pang will update us on the latest property law with case studies and share their experience.

Language English Fee HK\$120 per person

HK\$150 per person for walk-in participants (if seats are still available)

Deadline 30 September 2008 Priority GPD Members

CPD/BSD/2008088

Search and Rescue under Collapsed Buildings

- An Experience Sharing by the HKSAR Search and Rescue Team deployed to Sichuan for earthquake rescue operation

Joint HKIS BSD/RICS CPD Event

Speaker Mr TAM Tai-keung, FSD Senior Divisional Officer and Commander of HKSAR Search and Rescue Team

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday 15 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details Following the major earthquake at Sichuan on 12 May 2008, the HKSAR Government immediately deployed a Search and

Rescue Team to assist the Mainland authority in rescue work. The 43-member Search and Rescue Team, led by Mr TAM Taikeung, Senior Divisional Officer of Fire Services Department, included 34 firemen, 6 ambulancemen, a medial officer, a registered nurse and an information officer. The Team flew to Chengdu in two batches on May 15 and 16 and were assigned to carry out search and rescue work at Hanwang in Mianzhu, one of the most devastated areas. The Team recovered 24 bodies from the rubble of a collapsed office building and factory plants in the vicinity, and assisted the PRC Army finding a

woman survivor trapped under a collapsed building.

Mr T K Tam will share his search and rescue experience under collapsed buildings in Sichuan.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English Fee HK\$120 per person for HKIS & RICS member

HK\$150 per person for non-HKIS/RICS member or walk-in participants (subject to availability)

Deadline 3 October 2008 Priority first-come-first-served

CPD/QSD/2008083

QS Role in Infrastructure Projects



Facilitator/Speaker TT Cheung BSc(QS)(Hons), MSc(Arch), FHKIS, FRICS, RPS(QS), Accredited Mediator. TT is the past President of the HKIS and is currently a member of the Construction Industry Council representing the surveying profession.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 16 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details As a tradition, estimating, preparation of tender documents, tender analysis, contract documentation, valuation and variation, and all quantity surveying related works of infrastructure projects are always handled by civil engineers notwithstanding that majority of these works are actually handled by quantity surveyors under the supervision of civil engineers. In the building works, the traditional role of handling these works by architects had been changed to become the role of quantity surveyors, and the Government and Private Forms of Building Contract were changed to recognize such QS role. However, in the infrastructure works, such QS role is still with the civil engineers as stated in the Government Form of Civil Engineering

works.

In this forum, TT Cheung, being the past president of HKIS and a current CIC member representing the surveying profession will give a brief introduction on the current system of QS role in infrastructure works and explain the deficiency of the current system and the ways HKIS sees it fit. TT will also give a brief recap on what HKIS had done to promote the independent role of QS in infrastructure works and its results as of today. Comments and ideas from the participants will be invited for the way forward that they would like to see HKIS should do.

Language Cantonese supplemented by English Fee Free of Charge

Deadline 10 October 2008 Priority HKIS Members and non-Members are welcomed

CPD/HKIS/2008073

從廊屋到騎樓 - 戰前華南民居的演變

From Lang Wu to Qi Lou: The Evolution of Pre-war Southern Chinese Vernacular Houses

Joint CPD Lecture Series on Building Typology co-sponsored by the Architectural Conservation Programme of The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.

Speaker Professor Siu Kwok-kin is a Professor in the Department of Chinese Literature at Chu Hai College, an Honorary Adviser of the

Hong Kong Museum of History and an Honorary Researcher of the Royal Asiatic Society (HK Branch). Professor Siu is also a Visiting Lecturer of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 23 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details 香港新界地區之民居,多為單層之廊屋,其後人口繁衍,及建築技術之改善,至有兩層之廊屋,十九世紀末,外地文化之影響,遂

至廊改樓之出現,至二十世紀初,因受海外歸僑之影響,始有西式臨街立面、底層為架空、後為店舖、前為長柱廊式行人道、上層

為住處之騎樓出現。

是次講座,主要介紹戰前華南民居從廊屋到騎樓之演變,並嘗試介紹其演變、發展、及衰落之原由及經過。

The seminar will try to trace the evolution of pre-war Southern Chinese vernacular houses from "Lang Wu" to "Qi Lou" and

their rise and fall.

Language Cantonese Fee HK\$50 per person; HK\$100 per person for non-member

Deadline 9 October 2008 Priority First-come-first-served

CPD/QS/2008087

High-rise Construction: Are Costs Increasing with the Height?



Speaker Dr. Ellen Lau, FHKIS, FRICS, RPS(QS), BSc in Quantity Surveying, MSc in Construction Management (Project), PhD in Strate-

gic Management, Senior Lecturer of City University of Hong Kong

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Monday 27 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details High-rise buildings are competing with heights and there is a tendency that these buildings are constructed higher and

higher. We would have thought that we have a common understanding of high-rise buildings, but in fact we do not. In China, there is a definition of high-rise building and exceptionally high-rise buildings to govern the approval of the plan. In view of the preliminary perception of the budget at this stage, we attempt to have an overview of cost management of high-rise buildings through working with the elemental cost of high-rise buildings. This talk focuses on the economic value of office buildings in terms of piling and substructure, carcass, finishings, furniture and fittings, services and preliminaries and attempts to explain the cost implications of the number of storeys, storey height and the construction floor area on building

elements such as carcass and services.

LanguageEnglishFeeHK\$120 per personDeadline20 October 2008PriorityQSD Members

CPD/YSG/2008084

Recent Updates on ADR for Professionals



Joint CPD Seminar jointly organized with the Young Members Society (YMS) of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Young Members Club (YMS) of Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) and Young Surveyors Group (YSG) of Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS).

Speaker Ms Teresa Cheng, BSc, LLB, FCIArb, FHKIA, FSIA, FICE, MHKIE, President of CIArb and Vice Chairperson of HKIAC

Date & Venue 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Thursday 30 October 2008 SLC, HKIS

Details Teresa started her career practicing as a civil engineer and later as a barrister-at-law in Hong Kong in 1987. She was appointed as Senior Counsel by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong in 2000. She has been practicing as advocate, mediator and arbitrator in many international construction, commercial and investment disputes in various jurisdictions. She is now the

President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Vice Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

Young professionals practicing in the construction industry have long recognized the importance of equipping themselves with up-to-date knowledge on ADR sector, which is becoming a more important subject in the industry. The purpose of the seminar is to share recent updates in the ADR sector with young engineers and surveyors and to convey to them some intermediate to advanced level skills and knowledge regarding arbitration and mediation. Teresa will also specifically point out some of the issues and challenges facing young practitioners.

Language English Fee HK\$100 per person; HK\$120 for non member

(HKIS members who are also members of CIArb and/or HKIE who

register through HKIS are also required to pay HK\$100 per person)

Deadline 16 October 2008 Priority probationers and students

Building Surveyors Conference 2008 on "Cultural Changes in Building Maintenance"

Time & Date 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 27 September 2008

Grand Ballroom, Harbour Plaza Hotel, Hung Hom, Hong Kong Venue

Speakers:

Mr. Raymond L. M. YOUNG, JP

Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning & Lands)

HKSAR

Mr. K. L. WONG

Director

Property Management Division, Hong Kong Housing Society

Mr. C. K. AU

Deputy Director of Buildings Building Department, HKSAR

Mr. Raymond Chan

Director

Raymond Chan Surveyors Ltd

Mr. Alex K. H. CHAN

Senior Maintenance Surveyors /SD Housing Department, HKSAR

Mr. Danny P. M. CHENG

Senior Maintenance Surveyors /TMS Housing Department, HKSAR

Registration Fee

Dr. Edward C. Y. YIU

Assistant Professor

Department of Real Estate & Construction,

The University of Hong Kong

Dr. Eric C. H. LIM

Senior Engineer

Safety, Accident and Failure Experts Ltd

Dr. Paul H. K. HO

Head

Division of Building Science and Technology,

City University of Hong Kong

Prof. Edwin H. W. CHAN Professor

Department of Building and Real Estate, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Ms. Grace K. L. LEE

Lecturer

Department of Construction.

Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tsing Yi)

Category	Registration Fee	Remarks
Standard Registration Student Registration	HK\$ 980 HK\$ 250	The registration fee includes a set of conference proceedings, two refreshments and lunch - Limited seats are reserved for concessionary rates and would be allocated on a first come, first served basis - Lunch is not included.

For enquiries, please contact the Conference Secretariat:

Tel: (852) 2372 0090 Fax: (852) 2372 0490 Ms. Kate Kwan / Ms. Katherine Chow E-mail: kate@creativegp.com

Registration form can also be downloaded from the link below: http://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/html/upload/HomeNewsCol/hnclnk143_0.pdf

香港測量師學會青年組成都學術交流團2008

(CPD/YSG/2008067)

地點: 中國成都

2008年10月15日至19日 (5日4夜) 日期:

行程: - 拜訪成都市與規劃、建設及測量有關的政府機構

- 參觀私人企業之發展項目

- 遊覽著名旅遊點

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費用: 約港幣\$4.500元

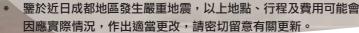
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2) 查詢請致電2526 3679或電郵 cpd@hkis.org.hk與余小姐聯絡或電郵gp4753@hkis.org.hk與陳小姐聯絡。

可計算持續專業發展10小時。





Building Surveying Division

Chairman's Message

Supplement to standard contract documents regarding appointment of Building Surveyors

In order to facilitate private building owners in appointing Building Surveyors for consultancy services, two standard documents namely 'Conditions of Engagement of Building Surveyors' (建築測量師聘任條款) and 'Agreement for Appointment of Building Surveyors' (建築測量師聘任協議書) were prepared and published for reference.

In view that there were occasional worries and disputes arising from misunderstanding of the terms of appointment, BSD has recently prepared a supplementary document 'Agreement for Appointment of Building Surveyors' (建築測量師聘任協議書) and some more scopes of consultancy services were suggested. We trust that this supplement will enable the private building owners to have better understanding on the scopes of services offered. The supplement will soon be published and available free for download from the HKIS website.

香港建築測量師在粤註冊

隨著《內地與香港關於建立更緊密經貿關係的安排》(CEPA)補充協議五於2008年7月29日簽訂,香港特別行政區發展局及廣東省建設廳於8月5日舉行的「粤港合作聯席會議第十一次會議」後簽署了『獲得「內地註冊城市規劃師資格」及「內地監理工程師資格」的香港專業人士在粵註冊合作協議』。

『協議』包括下列事項:

允許獲得內地監理工程師資格的香港建築測量師在粵範圍內 從事相關的工作。由廣東省主管部門制定相關註冊管理辦法 並在公眾網站上公佈。雙方組織開展獲得內地監理工程師資 格的香港建築測量師在粵註冊的工作。獲得內地監理工程師 資格的香港建築測量師在粵註冊時應受聘於一個在廣東省境 內經工商註冊並取得工程建設相關資質的企業單位並享有國 民待遇。

〔上述內容摘自香港政府有關新聞公佈〕

今後,香港的建築測量師與廣東省的監理工程師在合作上有著更緊密的關係。就此,香港測量師學會建築測量組於2008



年8月27至28日接待廣東省建設監理協會作訪港交流並安排 訪問特區政府發展局及屋宇署,香港科學園及陳旭明測量師 行等。

Setting up of Heritage Unit in Buildings Department

In support of the Government's work and to facilitate the private sector's participation in heritage conservation, a dedicated Heritage Unit was set up in the Buildings Department to process all building and structural plan submissions involving addition and alteration in and adaptive reuse of historic buildings, for approval under the Buildings Ordinance. Submissions to be handled by the Heritage Unit include development projects involving historic buildings that have been declared as monuments under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance, graded buildings accorded by the Antiquities and Monuments Advisory Board, historic buildings selected by the Partnership Scheme, as well as redevelopment and revitalization projects involving conservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings. (Extracted from the letter from the Director of Buildings to building professionals / contractors dated 23 July 2008)

Notice to Candidates BS APC

Practical Task 2008

The Practical Task 2008 will be held from Wednesday, 5 November to Saturday, 8 November 2008. Full details will be attached to the approval of applications, which will be issued in due course.

General Practice Division

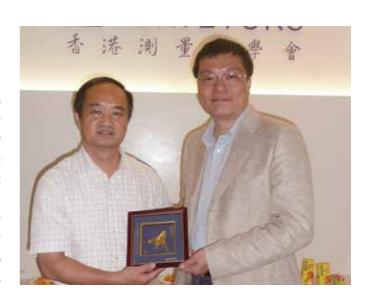
Chairman's Message

Dr Lawrence Poon GPD Council Chairman



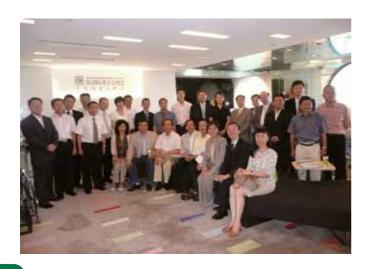
Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice

A new Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice has been issued to take effect on 18 August 2008. This new Supplement shall supersede the one issued on 5 February 2008. Under this Supplement, Saleable Area shall include Verandah and Utility Platform whereas Air-conditioning Plant Room shall be regarded as Ancillary Accommodation. Air-conditioning Platform is neither Saleable Area nor Ancillary Accommodation. As Saleable Area is widely used by GP members in their practices, they should study the Supplement, which has been uploaded on the HKIS website, in detail and follow it accordingly.



Visitors from Guangdong Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents

The President and Secretary General of the Guangdong Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents, together with their senior members visited our Institute on 14 August 2008. They were well received by our President, GPD Chairman and other Council members. Many other HKIS senior members also joined the gathering to exchange views on our profession and explore partnering opportunities with the visitors.



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Land Surveying Division

Chairman's Message

Sung Hon Kwong LSD Council Chairman



Revision of the APC Rules and Guide

Following the endorsement by the Board of Education on 9 July 2008, the Land Surveying Division, APC Rules & Guide 2008 revision has come into immediate effect and has been uploaded onto the HKIS website for general reference. There are some major changes in the APC requirements and the mechanism of applications, though the basic form of assessments is retained. A CPD will be arranged to introduce the new Rules & Guide. FAQ will be posted on the LSD homepage to highlight the changes and explain the transitional arrangement for existing APC candidates.

LSD Annual Dinner

The LSD Annual Dinner is scheduled to be held on Friday, 17 October 2008. Unlike previous years, our Organising Committee has initiated a change and selected the Eaton Hotel in Yaumatei, Kowloon, as the venue for the dinner. So, please mark it down in your diary and be prepared to

come and share the joy and fun of this annual event of your Division. See the separate announcement for further details.

Land Surveyors Registration Committee under the LSO

The Survey and Mapping Office of Lands Department has announced through the Land Survey Authority Circular No. 2/2008 on 4 August 2008, the latest composition of the Land Surveyors Registration Committee. Current members of the Committee are as follows:

Mr WONG Chung-hang	Chairman
Mr CHAN Hon-kwan, Henry	Member
Mr CHENG Wai-pun	Member
Mr KWAN Lam-fat	Member
Mr TANG Wing-lun	Member
Mr TULL Chun-kwok, Jacky	Member

LSD Annual Dinner 17 October 2008 Eaton Hotel Hong Kong Jordan Room 380 Nathan Road, Kowloon Cocktail reception: 6:30 to 7:30 pm Dinner buffet: 7:30 to 10:00 pm Price: HK\$300 per person Registration: Complete standard reservation form for CPD/PQSL

Planning & Development Division

Chairman's Message

Edwin Tsang PDD Council Chairman



The CPD on Health Planning and Management in the Workplace was held on 7 August 2008. Over 100 participants attended, including architects, planners and surveyors.

Health takes priority more than anything else as without health, expert knowledge and wealth is meaningless. The speakers included Dr Regina Ching, Assistant Director of Health Promotion, Department of Health, Mr Spencer Tong, Past President of Hong Kong Nutrition Association, and Dr Chan Chi Wing, Former Associate Professor, Medical Faculty, Hong Kong University.

Dr Ching's talk focused on defining health, dispelling myths, looking at and after your health. The talk included simple ways to upkeep health and well-being. In addition, looking after one anothers' health is also important, particularly your family, relatives and friends.

Mr Tong talked on health management on nutritionist approach and Dr Chan advised on health condition measurement. For those who missed the talk, the power-point presentation can be seen at the HKIS website.









Visits to Universities in China

The Mainland Committee is planning university visits to the Peoples' University and Tsing Hua University in Beijing in mid October 2008 to study academic training in Planning & Development and other related real estate and land faculties. The trip will include visits to government authorities, and thereafter, relevant universities and professional institutes in Shanghai, China.

5th Land Symposium in China

Dr Tony Leung's paper (中國城市規劃概況) originally intended to be presented in the Symposium was published in Surveyors Times, July 2008 (Vol.17, No.7).

Quantity Surveying Division

Chairman's Message

Stephen Lai QSD Council Chairman



Successful Registration of Cost Engineers in PRC - Congratulations!

It was announced by Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Department of the People's Republic of China (MOHURD) on 22 July 2008 that 65 applications for Initial Registration of Cost Engineer from the Hong Kong Region had been approved. These first 65 PRC Registered Cost Engineers from the Hong Kong Region are part of the 173 HKIS members who obtained the Qualification of Cost Engineers about two years ago under the Reciprocity Agreement between China Engineering Cost Association (CECA) and HKIS.

The distribution of these successful applicants included 15, 7 and 43 members registered in Beijing City, Shanghai City and Guangdong Province respectively. The official announcement from MOHURD can be found in the website of MOHURD as follows:

http://www.mohurd.gov.cn/gsgg/gg/jsbgg/200807/t20080722_176098.htm



First of all, we would like to thank Mr CAI Wen Feng and Mr HUANG Wei Dong of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, for their assistance in arranging the Guangzhou visit for us. The 23 members who joined the visit included Stephen Lai, T T Cheung, YU Kamhung, Sam Cheng, Antony Man, Calvin Chan, Honby Chan, Ricky Chan, Y K Chan, Joseph Chong, Danny Chow, Jacob Lam, K H Law, Ricky Law, Raymond Kong, Regina Ng, Derek Shiu, S T Tai, Tungsten Tong, Jesse Wong, K S Yam, Jeff Yau and Daisy Yeung.

We took the through train to Guangzhou in the morning of 15 August 2008 and a meeting was held with officials from Department of Construction of Guangdong Province and Engineering Cost Management Department, Guangdong Province in the afternoon at Guangdong Hotel.



















The Chairman Mr Stephen Lai briefly introduced the members of the tour, the structure of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, reciprocity agreements signed with other quantity surveying related professional bodies outside Hong Kong and the HKIS Annual Conference 2008 - "Surveyors in Olympics" at the beginning of the meeting. The following topics were raised and discussed at the meeting:

- 1. Education and training for Quantity Surveying Professionals;
- 2. Soaring of prices of construction materials;
- 3. Building maintenance works;
- 4. Non payment to workers and labour;
- 5. Involvement and participation of construction at Guangdong;
- 6. Establishment of Grade A cost engineering consultancy company in Guangdong; and
- 7. Difference in unit rates of market price and the same in Norm Standard Books.

The officials from the Department of Construction of Guangdong Province presented to us the following:

- 1. Development of the construction industry in Guangdong Province:
- Construction management implemented by the Government;
- 3. Tendering procedure;
- 4. Final inspection upon completion of the works;
- 5. Re-development of the city; and
- 6. Setting up a centralized hotline for complaints.







The Engineering Cost Management Department, Guangdong Province advised that there were 323 cost engineering consultancy companies in Guangdong Province. 89 out of 323 are classified and registered as Grade A companies. There were more than 200 graduates from universities who completed the studies of cost engineering every year.

After a dinner hosted by the Department of Construction of Guangdong Province, we enjoyed a one hour cruise trip along the Zhujiang River before returning to the hotel. It was a peaceful evening with a full moon.

We arrived at the offices of the Guangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee at Development Centre around 9.00 am the next day. The Asian Games will be held in 2010 at Guangzhou. We were briefed by the officials of the planning and development of the Asian Games facilities. There will be 50 venues, 12 of which will be newly constructed and the remaining are alteration or extension of existing facilities. These 50 venues are grouped into five clusters as follows:

- 1. Guangzhou Higher School City;
- 2. Guangzhou Olympic Sports Centre;
- 3. Tianhe Sports Centre;
- 4. Central Downtown; and
- 5. Nansha Asia Games Town.

The overall investment is RMB12.9 billion and the area of development is around 1.5 million square metres. The officials also introduced clearly all the procedures in relation to the preparation of estimates at different stages of the development and tendering.

The next stop of our visit was the Guangzhou Zhujiang New Town Core Area Construction Office. The Zhujiang New

Town is one of the key projects for Guangzhou Municipal Government to support the Asian Games to be held in 2010. Its planned construction area is about 6.12 square kilometres, residential population about 300,000 and targets to be an urban commercial centre, which will integrate financial, commercial and trade, entertainment, administrative and residential functions.











Zhujiang New Town Core Area covers about 1.4 million square metres, accommodates 39 buildings which are mainly for commercial and office purposes as well as Metro Line 3 and Line 5. It contains four big squares including Citizen Square, West Tower and East Tower Square, Cultural Forum and Hai Xin Sha Square, which form the largest urban

square clusters. It is also the largest underground space development project in Guangzhou recently and even the country. It is a highly efficient, ecological and humanized underground space which comprise of three below-grade levels.

The Central Square of Zhujiang New Town is picturesque and honoured as the largest "City Lobby'. The landmark includes West Tower and East Tower, Guangzhou New TV Tower, Guangdong Provincial Museum, Guangzhou No.2 Children's Palace, Guangzhou New Library, Guangzhou Opera House and the Underground Complex of Zhujiang New Town integrate organically. The following sophisticated systems are also implemented in the development:

- a. Vacuum Garbage Treatment System;
- b. Reclaimed Water Utilizing System;
- c. Centralized Regional Cooling System by Ice Thermal Storage Technology; and
- d. Intelligent Integrated Induction System for Underground Space.

We went to the site of the Guangzhou New TV Tower (Canton Tower) before taking our lunch. The height of the Guangzhou New TV Tower is 610 metres, which will be the tallest construction after its completion in 2010. The main structure of the tower is 454 metres high and is nearly finished. A 156 metres high antenna will be further constructed on top of the main structure of the Tower. The tower structure required 50,000 tonnes of structural steel and the construction cost is around RMB2.6 billion.

The design of the Guangzhou New TV Tower is selected from one of the 13 design submissions. Voting by public is one of the selection criteria in reaching the decision. The ground level of the Tower will have an exhibition hall for history and culture of Guangzhou. An assembly hall which can accommodate 1,000 people will be constructed above the exhibition hall. A multi-purpose hall will be located at a level of 17.2 metres above ground. A high technology games centre can be found at a level of 91.2 metres above ground. A sky garden with spiral ladder will be constructed at 174.4 metres above ground. The set-up and equipment of the TV station will be situated at a level 403.2 metres above ground. A 1,900 square metre revolving restaurant can be found at a fascinating level of 424 metres above ground.

Finally, thank you for the support from all of you who attended the trip.

Young Surveyors Group

Chairman's Message





Our YSG Honorary Secretary Emily Ling had attended the FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden, during 14-19 June 2008. The event consisted of 10 commissions covering several topics including Urban Planning, Property Taxation, Cadastral & Hydrographic Management, Geodetic Networks, Land Administration, Compulsory Acquisition of Land, Land Valuation, etc. Moreover, there were sessions for young surveyors during which young surveyors/ surveying students from various countries gathered to share their views and ideas on different topics. Emily was pleased to meet Ms Cecilia Lindén, the Chair of the Young Surveyors Working Group (Sweden), Ms Jemma Picco and Ms Chris McAlister, the young ambassadors of the FIG Sydney 2010 and also other surveyors from around the world. It was a great chance to further promote the YSG of the HKIS and to develop the network with other young surveyor organisations from different countries.





Annual Conference "Surveyors in Olympics" on 26 July 2008

The annual conference was successfully held on 26 July 2008 at Conrad Hong Kong Hotel. It was my pleasure to be appointed as the Chairman of the Organising Committee. The theme this year was "Surveyors in Olympics" as the conference was scheduled right before the opening of Beijing Olympics. Eight speakers were invited from all over the world to share their views with us. Our members were inspired by the interesting speeches and were surprised by the huge contributions of surveyors in the Olympics.

Once again, we would like to thank our OC members, guest speakers, guest of honour Mrs Carrie Lam, our President Mr YU Kam-hung, our moderators, Mr Francis Leung and Mr Stephen Yip and our MC Mr Y C Mak.

Joint Professional Seminar Junk Trip on 11 August 2008

The joint professional seminar junk trip was held on 11 August 2008. 21 participants from HKIE, HKICE, HKIBSE, CIArb and HKIS joined the trip. The junk left the Hong Kong Central Pier No. 9 at 7.00 pm. We first held a committee meeting on our way to Repulse Bay. Upon arrival, we enjoyed our delicious junk meals, played interesting games and took some photos with the Repulse Bay panorama night view as the backdrop. It was a wonderful gathering of members of different professionals. We will organise more joint professional activities in the near future.



Vote at the Legislative Council Election on 7 September 2008

The election of a Legco Member for our functional constituency - Architectural, Surveying and Planning Functional Constituency (ASPFC) will be held on 7 September 2008. Please vote for your desired candidate who represents our functional constituency to sit in the Legislative Council. For your information, a total of 5 nominations were received as follows:

•	Mr YU Kam-hung	Surveyor
•	Mr CHAN Yiu-fai	Architect
•	Mr LAU Sau-Shing	Architect
•	Mr CHAN Tsan-fai	Architect
•	Mr NG Wing-fai	Town Planne

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How Land Surveyors work with Engineers for the success of civil and infrastructure projects?

Anthony Yu

Committee Member & CPD Convenor of YSG (LSD)

The CPD event was successfully held on 27 June 2008. This CPD event was co-organised with the Young Members Committee of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. The speakers of this CPD were Mr Y C Chan and Mr Lesly Lam, both of them very experienced in land boundary surveying and engineering surveying.

The main theme of the CPD was to introduce the change of the role of land surveyors in civil engineering projects from providing measurements to providing a wide variety of services to the client, such as, designing road alignments, creating 3D models, animations and photomontages.

During the first part of the CPD, Lesly introduced the work of the Survey Division of CEDD with a wonderful video. He then shared with the audience the latest technology used in hydrographic surveying, and how land surveyors used these technologies in the construction, maintenance and monitoring of marine facilities.

In the second part, Y C shared his experience of being a land surveyor in engineering works, in particular, in district

and maintenance of road works. He introduced some cases showing how land surveyors using the latest technology, solved problems relating to civil engineering works, such as, using laser scanning equipment to give a clear picture to the engineer, the shape and size of a landslide scar and to compute the volume of soil fallen from a landslide incident. He also shared some interesting cases showing how land surveyors made use of their expertise, and to working closely with engineers to handle complaint cases from the general public.







Application of Value Management in the Briefing Process

Joanna Kwok

YSG Committee Member

On 29 July 2008, we were pleased to have invited Dr Ann Yu from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Mr Jacky Chung, who are both members of the Hong Kong Institute of Value Management (HKIVM), to deliver a CPD talk for the Young Surveyors Group on the topic "Application of Value Management in the Briefing Process" at the Surveyors Learning Centre. The presentation was divided into two sessions: the first session was on "Introduction to Value Management" by Mr Chung, and the other on "Application of Value Management in the Briefing Process" by Dr Yu.

In the first session, Jacky gave a brief introduction about value management, which is defined as a structured and analytical process that seeks to achieve value for money by providing all the necessary functions at the lowest cost consistent with required levels of quality and performance. He went on to discuss the concepts of "value" and "functions" in value management. Jacky then illustrated to us the "Job Plan" used in Value Management Workshops. The "Job Plan" includes six phases, namely, Information Phase,

Analysis Phase, Creativity Phase, Evaluation Phase, Development Phase and Presentation Phase. After the workshops, a report will be prepared with value improvement options and action plan to be implemented.

In the second session, Dr Yu discussed with us her research findings on value management. Two types of briefing, strategic briefing and project briefing, were introduced. Advantages of application of value management for briefing were also illustrated. In conclusion, value management would help to improve communication between client and stakeholders, which subsequently make the project more successful.

We would like to take this opportunity to convey our sincere gratitude to the speakers for delivering such a fruitful seminar to our members.



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HKIS Annual Conference 2008

Surveyors share valuable experience at Beijing Olympic Games with industry professionals

The HKIS hosted its annual conference on 26 July 2008 at the Conrad Hong Kong. The theme for the conference was "Surveyors in Olympics". 13 days before the official opening of the Beijing Olympic Games, the conference targeted to showcase contributions of surveyors during the preparation period of the Beijing Olympic Games and also to encourage innovation and participation in national matters and

society with the professional advices and know-how of all industry practitioners.

We were much honoured to have invited Mrs Carrie LAM Cheng Yuet-ngor,



JP, Secretary for Development of the HKSARG to officiate the event and to present an Opening Speech. Participants



shared with many renowned speakers from Mainland China and other parts of the world on experience and insights about constructions related to the Beijing Olympics.

Mr YU Kam-hung, President of HKIS said, "Olympic Games is a large-scale sports program and the Beijing Olympics is undoubtedly a major event for all Chinese. The theme for



the Beijing Olympics is 'One World, One Dream'. To have this dream become a reality, the Chinese Government has invested huge capital in the construction of arenas, infrastructures, transportation and logistics network in



order to meet with the international Olympics standard and also to reach out to the rest of the world. With such need, the professional expertise of surveyors has been widely applied during different stages of the preparation process."

According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the 2008 Beijing Olympics will bring along 0.3% to 0.4% increase to the national GDP of China in the upcoming seven years. Mr Yu said, "Construction of large-scale infrastructures usually leads to further economic and property market developments. Surveyors from Hong Kong have contributed much professional advices to the overall town planning, related facilities, project management, building design and functions during the preparation stage of the development to help make the dream come true for all Chinese."

Topics covered by the conference included pre and post Olympic Games real estate market in Beijing, Beijing Olympics engineering projects, effective risk and opportunity management, cost management, Beijing Olympics Nation-



For more details and the conference proceedings, please visit the HKIS website http://www.hkis.org.hk.



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Speech by the Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam

President Yu Kam-hung, distinguished speakers, ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to speak at the HKIS Annual Conference for a second consecutive year. Last year, I congratulated the HKIS for its foresight in picking the theme "Heritage" for the 2007 Annual Conference held on 13 October, which coincided with the emphasis this subject was given in the Chief Executive's 2007 Policy Address delivered three days prior to the event on 10 October. A year down the road, I am pleased to report that the Development Bureau, tasked with the mission to press ahead with heritage conservation work in Hong Kong, has made good progress on various fronts. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the HKIS for speaking up in support of these initiatives, particularly on the proposed land exchange to preserve King Ying Lei which has now been formally declared a monument and our collaboration with the Hong Kong Jockey Club in preserving and revitalizing the Central Police Station with a decision to go ahead announced last week.

With less than two weeks to go, all eyes of the world will be on China, with Beijing hosting the Olympics and the Paralympics, the first ever of this international sports event on Chinese soil. Hong Kong is honoured to co-host the Equestrian Events, thus joining the league of Olympic Cities. I am sure in this Olympic-themed Annual Conference of the HKIS, surveyors who have played a role in development of the various Beijing Olympics facilities will have much to share with the audience. Their involvement has highlighted not only professional collaboration across the boundary but more importantly, the contribution of Hong Kong professionals to a major national event. The combined strength of professionalism and nationalism is no doubt the driving force behind tough work and challenges in the last few years.

When I was brought back from my London job in March 2006 as Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs, indeed one of the first assignments on my desk is preparatory work on the Olympics and Paralympics Equestrian Events. At that point, sports were a new portfolio that I have never done throughout my years in the public service and preparing for an Olympic event was simply daunting. In those 15 months as PSHA, through many trips to Beijing and meetings with BOCOG officials, I was greatly moved by the efforts put in by everyone and the national pride the Olympics has brought to the people. Back home, although Hong Kong was several years behind in putting together the venues, the task was made possible by unrivalled professionalism and competence of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the selfless support of our elite athletes who are temporarily relocated from the Hong Kong Sports Institute to the YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village to make way for renovation of their training institute into the main Equestrian venue and the dedication of the Hong Kong Equestrian Company and many other parties involved. I am confident that Hong Kong will put up one of the best Equestrian Events in the Olympic history. I have no doubt surveyors who have played a part in the Beijing developments are driven by the same passion and commitment.

Now, if you would bear with me for a while, I would like to turn to another subject that requires no less passion and commitment - that is, urban renewal. Last week, I formally launched the first ever comprehensive review of the Urban Renewal Strategy (URS). As survey-

ors have a key role to play in urban renewal, it would be unforgivable if I were to give this important initiative a miss at the HKIS's Annual Conference. I sincerely invite you to take part in the public engagement process and to share with us your views.

The URS was published in November 2001 after extensive public consultations. In accordance with the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Ordinance, the URS provides a broad policy framework to guide the work of URA.

Urban regeneration is an important development issue with social and economic dimensions and involving numerous stakeholders. Its aim is to tackle the problem of urban decay and improve quality of life for people living in dilapidated buildings as well as the local community at large. However, in practice, in both Hong Kong and elsewhere, urban renewal efforts are also confronted with problems and tensions as owners and tenants are relocated and buildings and districts redeveloped. For example, instead of perceiving redevelopment as an effective means to comprehensively revamp an old area by upgrading the street design and community amenities as well as to better utilise the scarce land resources, there are growing concerns that wholesale redevelopment will destroy the old Hong Kong relics, disrupt the social network of occupants and affect the local economic activities.

That said, as Hong Kong's building stock ages, many challenges remain. And on a continuous basis, difficult acts and decisions are often called for in urban renewal in trying to balance -

- the interests and needs of individual owners/tenants versus the public:
- financial prudence and sustainability versus compensation demands; and
- development versus preservation.

Based on experience in the past seven years, we consider it timely to launch a major review of the URS in order to reflect changing circumstances and public aspirations. An updated URS following this major review will enable us to take forward future urban renewal work in Hong Kong.

We aim to conduct a root-and-branch review and will adopt an open mind in conducting the review. We will examine together with the community different aspects of urban regeneration. There will be no pre-determined agenda and we will invite relevant stakeholders and the public to assist in setting the agenda of the review.

To invite ideas and views, let me just outline what has been practiced or achieved by URA under key aspects of the URS. More details of URA's work could be found in the dedicated website we have created for the Review. And I would invite you to pick up a copy of the pamphlet for reference.

On **redevelopment**, over the past seven years, URA together with its strategic partner, the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS), have com-

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menced ten new redevelopment projects under the URA Ordinance plus another 25 redevelopment projects inherited from the former Land Development Corporation (LDC). Upon completion, these 35 redevelopment projects would have improved the living conditions of some 18,000 people. With this pace of redevelopment, no doubt reflecting the statutory planning processes and the time needed to resolve difference and acquire/resume properties, it is necessary to examine whether the original target of commencing 225 redevelopment projects (including 25 ex-LDC projects) in 20 years as envisaged in the URS is realistic or desirable.

On rehabilitation, URA has proactively assisted eligible owners to renovate their buildings on a voluntary basis, through the provision of material and technology assistance, loans and special grants under its various rehabilitation assistance schemes. About 36,000 residential units in over 450 buildings have benefited from support of URA through these schemes. URA's rehabilitation initiatives form an integral part of Government's and HKHS' effort to address the problem of aging building stock, a sizable problem given that about 15,000 private buildings are now aged over 30 years, and the number will increase to 22,000 buildings in ten years' time. Given the scale of aged buildings, rehabilitation, in lieu of redevelopment, may be a more viable urban renewal approach. In this connection, I notice that the Hong Kong Housing Authority has also recently pronounced a policy to rehabilitate its old public housing estates such as the Wah Fu Estate. Rehabilitation is also more in line with the emphasis we now place on reduction in construction waste. Accordingly, the Government is committed to enhancing the statutory framework to prevent building decays with the recent legislative amendment to introduce a minor works regime and our coming efforts to mandate building and window inspection. The URS Review is therefore timely to address the potential impact of rehabilitation and the scope for synergy and enhanced cooperation amongst URA, HKHS and Government in the provision of various forms of assistance to owners in building rehabilitation.

Amongst the 4Rs adopted by URA, nothing is more dramatic than the emerged social awareness of heritage **preservation** and the related theme of **revitalization** in response to which we have formulated a more robust heritage policy and committed more public resources. URA has so far preserved about 25 buildings with historical significance in its projects. As part of the Government's priority placed on heritage conservation, the Chief Executive has, in his 2007-08 Policy Address, requested URA to preserve more pre-war buildings. URA has announced a strategy to preserve 48 pre-war verandah type shop houses with an earmarked commitment of some \$1.5 billion.

When putting the preserved buildings to adaptive re-use, it has not been easy to apply the modern building safety standard to historical building structures while striving to meet the conservation requirements. Adaptive re-use of the five preserved shop houses in the Johnston Road project for fine dining has successfully attracted a lot of interests in the community and has acted as a catalyst to revive business activities in the neighbourhood. Nonetheless, restoration costs involved have been very high and the difficulties in identifying a financially sustainable re-use generally acceptable to the community should not be under-estimated. There are rising public aspirations to preserve not only the buildings but also the surrounding neighbourhood and social fabrics.

The URS envisages URA action in target areas. To allow a more focused 4R approach (i.e. redevelopment, rehabilitation, revitalisation

and preservation), URA has drawn up smaller action areas within the Target Areas. In practice, the urban renewal projects planned in the URS are site specific. Change in land use zoning in land parcels within and outside the target areas as well as transfer of development potential between sites for integrated planning are beyond what is currently envisaged in the URS.

For surveyors who have been involved in private sector urban redevelopment, the biggest hurdle naturally lies in acquisition. Although URA may seek the Secretary for Development's support for land resumption, this power should not be easily invoked. URA's acquisition policy is based on the decision of the Finance Committee of Legislative Council in March 2001 on compensation for Government land resumption, plus some additional incentives. Over the years, URA has devised a number of compensation arrangements, such as the "Expression of Interest in Purchasing Arrangement" whereby affected residential owners may register their interests and be given priority to purchase a new flat in the new development. In the 18 redevelopment projects with resumption completed or almost finished, 81% of all the interests were acquired by URA before resumption whereas 19% were resumed by the Government. Only 30 out of some 2,650 interests appealed to the Land Tribunal.

The acquisition and clearance process is getting more and more difficult and protracted. Operators and owners of some trades, especially those causing environmental nuisance but are tolerated in older districts, may have difficulties in finding new locations to restart their businesses. The current problems arising from the resistance of shop owners/operators and occupants of illegal structures were not foreseen when the compensation package was discussed in 2001.

While URA has adopted a people-centered approach to engage the public, public involvement has never been regarded as adequate. Intensive community development efforts have been made by URA throughout the implementation process from planning to acquisition stage. Different channels are employed, including the District Councils, URA's District Advisory Committees, the Social Service Teams and direct engagement with the stakeholders. Inevitably, there will be occupants within and outside the project boundary objecting to redevelopment due to various reasons. Some shop operators and heritage conservation groups have staged strong protest against redeveloping certain project sites. How and where to draw a line to proceed with a commenced redevelopment project with less than 100% support remains debatable.

The HKSAR Government upholds "market leads, Government facilitates" as well as "big market, small government". Adopting the same philosophy, Government-initiated and quasi-Government URA urban renewal projects are only justified where the market could not effectively performs. As surveyors are crucial delivery agents in private sector urban redevelopment, your views on the future of urban renewal in Hong Kong and the respective roles of government, URA and private sector are essential. As the URS Review public engagement is expected to last two years, perhaps next year's HKIS Annual Conference could consider adopting the theme "surveyors in urban regeneration". Assuming I would have the honour to be invited to speak for a third consecutive year, I look forward to that opportunity to provide an update on the Review.

I wish the Conference every success and look forward to enjoy watching the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics with you all.

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New Supplement to Code of Measuring Practice



The Saleable Area Working Group and Executive Committee of the HKIS have reviewed the Code of Measuring Practice (1st Edition, March 1999) relating to Saleable Area. In particular, a review was made on whether Utility Platform, Air-conditioning Plant Room, and Air-conditioning Platform should be categorised as Saleable Area. Details have been issued as a new Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice.

A Press Conference was organised on 18 August 2008 to announce the release of the new Supplement.

In the new Supplement, Utility Platform is categorised as Saleable Area; while Air-conditioning Plant Room is categorised as Ancillary Accommodation. For Air-conditioning Platform, it is neither Saleable Area nor Ancillary Accommodation.

The purpose of the new Supplement is to make the Code clearer whilst the current measuring methods as stipulated by the Code remain unchanged.



For a copy of the new Supplement and Press Release, please visit the HKIS website at www.hkis.org.hk.

Mutual Recognition of Qualification with Mainland Counterparts - Achievement of Quantity Surveying Division



A Press Conference was organised on 21 August 2008 to announce the recent achievement of the mutual recognition of qualification with Mainland counterparts.

Upon signing the Reciprocity Agreement with China Engineering Cost Association (CECA) in May 2005 and organising relevant training and interviews in December 2005, 173 QS members qualified to become a member of CECA.



In the past few months, the Quantity Surveying Division (QSD) has had lengthy negotiations with the relevant coun-

terparts to streamline the procedures for registration as Cost Engineer. The QSD invited qualified members to submit their application for registration as Cost Engineer in June 2008. The HKIS was happy to learn that in July, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Department (MOHURD) had

approved the applications and 65 QS members have successfully registered as Cost Engineer. Registration Certificates and Stamps will be distributed to those successful applicants in due



course. Those QS members who have obtained the qualification of Cost Engineer can establish their business in the Mainland.

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The General Practice Division (GPD) and Building Surveying Division (BSD) have also signed Reciprocity Agreements with the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA) and China Association of Engineering Consultants (CAEC) in November 2003 and June 2006 respectively. Training and interviews have also been arranged, with 97 GP members and 228 BS members obtaining the relevant qualifications. The GPD and BSD are now negotiating with the Mainland counterparts to sort out technical issues regarding the registration as Real Estate Appraiser and Engineering Consultant respectively.

As to the Land Surveying Division, Planning & Development Division and Property & Facility Management Division, the relevant contacts for establishing further negotiation regarding the mutual recognition of qualification have been obtained.

For a copy of the Press Release, please visit the HKIS website at www.hkis.org.hk.

ISPRS2008 Beijing 3-11 July 2008



The XXI Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing



Silk Road for Information from Imagery *Reported by T N Wong*

Pre-Opening Activities



Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang met representatives of ISPRS Congress participants, ISPRS council members and leaders of sister societies and national mapping agencies at Ziguangge, Zhongnanhai, before the

opening of the Congress. The minister of Land and Resources Mr Xu Shaoshi was also present at the meeting.





Prot Dowman speaks at the Opening Ceremony

Mr Lu Xinshe opened the Congress by welcoming delegates and participants to the ISPRS 2008 and to Beijing where they would exchange the latest achievements in geospatial science and discuss new developments in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and contribute to the peaceful use of geographic information for the benefit of modern civilization. He quoted the Chinese Vice-Premier Li Keqiang "The development of photogrammetry and remote sensing allows the global community to better understand our environment, assist in disaster management and more generally, improve our quality of life".

Message from ISPRS President Prof Ian Dowman: The Achievements

ISPRS Council is not only looking at ways to react to global warming but also taking up the challenge on how to use our science to benefit society through collaboration with others to do more. This can be achieved by ways of talking to scientists in other disciplines and decision makers; and to tell them what and how information from imagery can do and help their society.

The President also outlined some of the key developments influencing the works of ISPRS today. These include (a) the launch of new Earth Observation Satellite and the processing and applications of the captured data; (b) Geo-visualisation and feature extraction in helping to advance 3D city modeling; (c) server-based GIS for more people to access, use and data

delivery using open source software, research into ontologies, context based indexing, querying, data mining and information retrieval.

Congress Reception



Sharing a light moment!

General Assembly Plans Ahead



General Assembly



Mr Xu and Prof Yang Kai



HKIS delegate with Prof Dowman



HKIS delegate

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Casting of votes

HKIS delegate with ISPRS President

New ISPRS Council 2009 - 2012

Delegates gathered at the General Assembly to elect the 2009 to 2012 presidents of the eight technical commissions and the New ISPRS Council for 2009 - 2012. The results are as follows:



President: Prof. Orhan Altan - Turkey Secretary General: Prof. Chen Jun - China 1st Vice President: Prof. Ian Dowman - UK 2nd Vice President: Prof. Ammatzia Peled - Israel

ISPRS 2012 Congress Director: Prof. Cliff Ogleby - Australia

Treasurer: Prof. Mike Renslow - USA

Message by Incoming President Prof Orhan Altan: Vision and the Road Ahead

Further to its current works and activities, ISPRS should give high priority to environmental monitoring and sustainable development, disaster management, shelter and food security, greater involvement in and realization of the actions duly discussed in the report of Business Council for Sustainable Development and hence making contributions towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Prof Altan further emphasised that ISPRS should not only publish scientific papers but also compile documents of its scientific achievements for the general population as well as for collaboration with and eliciting feedback from other NGOs. He hopes that Spatial Information Sciences can benefit societies in preserving cultural heritage, improving human health and easing the stress of daily life.

New Presidents for the Eight Technical Commissions



Commission I: Canada - Naser El-sheimy

Commission II: Hong Kong, China - John Shi Wenzhong

Commission III: France - Nicolas Paparoditis Commission IV: USA - Marguerite Madden

Commission V: United Kingdom - Jonathan Philips Mills Commission VI: The Netherlands - Martien Molenaar

Commission VII: Austria - Wolfgang Wagner Commission VIII: Japan - Haruhisa Shimoda

Plenary and Technical Sessions shall be reported in the next issue of the Surveyors Times.

Exhibition Opens



Mr Lu Xinshe touring exhibitions



Hong Kong delegate at exhibition

Mr Lu Xinshe, Vice-Minister of Land and Resources & Director General of the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping of China, officially opened the ISPRS XXI Congress Exhibition, a four-day exhibition, a showcase of the latest and greatest in geospatial technology of over 100 international technology providers and local mapping agencies from 25 countries, comprising of two areas, a Commercial and Technical Exhibition and a National and Scientific Exhibition and was open to all Congress participants and the public totaling about 10,000.

ISPRS 2008 Congress Director Prof CHEN Jun: Congress Success Quantified



Prof Chen reported that over 2,700 individuals were registered, with more than 1,500 international registrations coming from 76 countries; over 2,600 technical presentations, and 120 delegates from 41 countries attended the General Assembly; a First Congress Book con-

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taining 34 contributions from 62 active ISPRS researchers was published; 500 people attended the youth forum where 15 presentations were given; 40 local students and 37 foreign students from 12 different countries attended the four-day summer school in Nanjing.

ronmentally-friendly facilities of any convention centre in the world.

See you all in Melbourne, Australia in 2012

Catching up with the Youth Forum



Since its establishment at the 2004 Congress, the ISPRS Student Consortium has travelled the Silk Road from Istanbul to Beijing, building up knowledge, experience and energy for the Beijing Congress. The youth forum is a gateway for young scientists to exchange ideas and build up network with other leading scientists from around the world. It is aimed at postgraduate students and young professionals. "Our mission is to nurture young minds. We aim to continue the traditions and build on the knowledge, technical developments and inventions of our industry," said ISPRS Student Consortium Chair Cemal Ozgur Kivilcim.

It's Closing Time and time for passing the baton to Melbourne 2012



Chairman of LOC ISPRS2008 and Congress Director ISPRS2012 Chairman of the Local Organising Committee Mr Song Chaozhi delivered his closing message by praising the Chinese Government's support and

the great efforts of our international peers for having made

XXI ISPRS Congress a fruitful and successful event.

We are pleased to announce that Beijing will pass the baton to Melbourne in 2012, with warm blessings and best wishes.



ISPRS 2012 Melbourne

What is so great about Melbourne?

According to the team who put together the Melbourne bid, Melbourne is an exciting, vibrant and cosmopolitan city, with a long history of hosting successful international conferences. What's more, the conference will be held in a brand new building boasting the most up-to-date and envi-

Council members reaching out

7 August 2008

Initiatives in Maintaining Local Character and Vibrancy Peel Street / Graham Street (H18) Development Scheme organised by Urban Renewal Authority

Mr Ben Chong

12 August 2008

Meeting with Development Bureau on 5.12 Construction Forum

Mr Yu Kam Hung, Mr Stephen Yip

14 August 2008

廣東省房地產估價師與房地產經紀人學會與香港測量師學會 會面

Mr Yu Kam Hung, Mr Stephen Yip Ms Serena Lau, Mr Liu King Tong

URA - 馬頭角北帝街/木廠街及土瓜灣浙江街/下鄉道兩個發展項目抽籤程序

Mr Francis Leung

18 August 2008

Press Conference on Supplement to Code of Measuring

Dr Lawrence Poon, Mr Stephen Yip

21 August 2008

Press Conference on HKIS's Achievement on Mutual Recognition of Qualification with Mainland Counterparts Mr Yu Kam Hung, Mr Stephen Lai, Mr Stephen Yip Mr Raymond Chan, Mr Edwin Tsang

26 August 2008

Saleable Area - Briefing Session with Housing Bureau, Housing Department, Lands Department (LACO & LA), Rating and Valuation Department, Consumer Council, Estate Agents Authority, Government Property Agency, Hong Kong Housing Society, Urban Renewal Authority, the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the Law Society of Hong Kong Dr Lawrence Poon, Mr Stephen Yip

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE ELECTED AS

HKIS MEMBERS ON 24 JULY 2008

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LYNCH, SIMON DOMINIC TANG PING KWONG

MEMBERS (42) **BS DIVISION**

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WONG SHING SUM (REINSTATEMENT)

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QS DIVISION

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Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch)

特許仲裁學會(東亞分會)

East Asia Branch CIArb

Entry Course

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch) is accepting applications from suitably qualified professionals for a 2-day course leading to entry to the Institute as an Associate (which is the first grade). Applicants should hold recognised professional or industry qualifications appropriate to their profession.

Subjects covered include: Powers & Jurisdiction of the Arbitrator; Preliminary Meetings; Submission to the Arbitrator; Procedure at a Hearing; Awards; Costs & Interest and International Arbitration, concluding with a written examination.

The examination consists of two elements:

a pre-course assignment which must be handed

- 20% marks

in on the 1st day of the course a 2-hour written paper

- 80% marks

The course will be held at Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre on Saturday 22 and 29 November 2008 from 9:00am to 5:00pm followed by an examination on Saturday afternoon 2:15pm to 4:30pm 6 December 2008.

The cost of the full course will be HK\$3,400.00 including course materials, a VCD and the examination fee. The closing date for application is Friday 19 September 2008.

Please send your applications giving (1) name and ID No. (2) occupation, details of education and professional or industry qualifications (3) address, (4) email address and (5) day telephone number, along with a cheque for HK\$3,400.00 made payable to the "Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch)", c/o Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, 38/F Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong. Cheques will be returned for unsuccessful applications.

In the event of any queries please contact Paul Barrett by telephone (2292 2192) or by email paul.barrett@hellerehrman.com.



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Union Hospital (沙田仁安醫院)

Health check-up packages are offered to all HKIS members at a privilege offer of HK\$2,990 for male (original price HK\$4,640) and HK\$3,390 for female (original price HK\$5,205). Plan inclusive of Physical Examination & Medical History (weight, height, blood pressure & pulse); Medical Report & TWO Doctors' Consultations; Complete Blood Count; Diabetic Screening (blood sugar level); Lipid Profile (Cholesterol, Triglyceride, HDL & LDL); Hepatitis Profile B (HbsAg & HbsAb); Liver Function Test (ALT, AST); Renal Function Test (urea, creatinine); Thyroid Screening Test (T4); Gout Screening (Uric Acid); Urinalysis; Stool & Occult Blood; Resting ECG; Dental Check-up; Prostrate Specific Antigen, Chest X-Ray and Kidneys, Urethra & Bladder X-Ray for male; Pelvic Examination including Pap Smear and Mammogram/Ultrasound for female. Offer valid until 31 December 2009. For enquiries, please call **2608 3170** or **visit www.union.org**.

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