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I would like to extend my congratulations to our newest batch of qualified surveyors and dissertation award winners. It was my great pleasure to attend the Diploma cum Dissertation Award Presentation Ceremony on 13 July 2012 and share in the joyful moments together with the honorees' family members and friends. From July 2011 to June 2012, we had 161 probationers successfully pass the APC and become our corporate members. Certainly, bringing in newly-qualified members is one of the keys to keep the Institute growing. Our future development, however, is not only limited to expanding our membership, but also to increasing the inputs of new ideas and proactive participation from our new members.

The topics of the awarded dissertations covered a wide range of areas. The Grand Prize and Top Award for Undergraduate was won by Ms Jiao Lidan, who explored Innovative Facilities Management for Enhancing the Quality of Life of Elders in Care and Attention Homes and Public/Subsidized Housing in Hong Kong. Housing for the elderly has become the talk of the town. Surveyors, particularly our younger generation, should keep an eye on the matter and address it by formulating feasible solutions. We need to conduct more studies on various surveying-related topics so that we can offer better scientific, prudent, and objective opinions to our clients and the public. Participation in conferences and forums is another great channel for exchanging and formulating our views. Our Annual Conference, with the very timely topic of "Development, Supply, and Utilization of Land in Hong Kong" shall be held on 15 September 2012.

Members should be aware that the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance was gazetted on 6 July 2012. Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank the working group, with Sr Dr Lawrence Poon as convenor, for spending valuable time and effort to convey our comments to the government. There are a number of follow-up issues on which the public and clients expect the Institute to advise. For example, we need to review from time to time our guidelines on the "saleable area"(SA) of a residential property to cover innovative architectural designs and, hence, newly-introduced descriptions of areas. We shall arrange for CPD events to keep members updated on the newest practices and guidelines. Sr Dr Lawrence Poon is requested to activate the Standing Committee to review and update the Code of Measuring Practice and, if necessary, the guidelines for the SA.

With the inauguration of the Fourth Term Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government on 1 July 2012, we saw new faces in the new administration, including the Chief Executive and most of the Principal Officials. In support of

the government and Hong Kong, our role is to offer timely, impartial, and professional advice and comments on the policies and ways forward that are related to real estate and construction. We shall soon arrange to meet with the newly-appointed Secretaries of the construction and real estate-related bureaus to exchange our views on current policies and identify areas in which surveyors can tender their expertise to assist society to develop a better built environment. Again, members are welcome to share their views with their respective divisional councils or participate in various working groups that we shall form ad hoc from time to time on crucial topics. We trust that our collective wisdom will help formulate balanced and practical solutions to the real estate and construction challenges Hong Kong faces.

The Legislative Council Election will be held on 9 September 2012. Members who are eligible to vote in the coming election are encouraged to do so, as "Hong Kong is our Home".

Sr Serena Lau
President

我謹此恭賀我們新一屆的新會員，以及各畢業論文的得獎者。對於能夠出席 2012 年 7 月 13 日的文憑頒授暨畢業論文頒獎典禮，並與一眾新會員及得獎者的親友分享這值得欣喜的時刻，實在感到非常高興。由 2011 年 7 月至 2012 年 6 月，我們共有 161 名見習測量師成功通過專業評核試，成為學會會員。誠然，更多新合資格的會員加入是其中一個讓學會得以擴展的主要因素。然而，學會未來的發展並不侷限於會員人數的增長，亦需要新會員為我們帶來更多新意念，並積極參與學會事務。

這一年的得獎畢業論文的主題覆蓋多個範疇，而香港測量師學會最佳論文獎大獎及頭獎得主為焦麗丹小姐，她探討的題目是「Innovative Facilities Management for Enhancing the Quality of Life of Elders in Care and Attention Homes and Public/Subsidized Housing in Hong Kong」。長者房屋議題已漸成城中熱話，我們， 特別是年輕一代， 都必須加倍關注並制訂有效應對策略。我們需要對多個與測量專業有關的題目進行更多的研究，從而我們可以提供更科學、審慎及客觀的意見予我們的客戶及公眾。我們的意見可以透過參與會議及研討會得以交流及制定。本年度學會的週年會議將於 2012 年 9 月 15 日舉行，並以「香港土地之發展、供應與使用」為題目，我在此鼓勵各位會員積極參與。

會員應該注意到《一手住宅物業銷售條例》已於 2012 年 7 月 6 日刊憲。我藉此機會感謝以潘永祥博士測量師為召集人的工作小組，利用他們的時間及努力，將我們的意見向政府反映。公眾及客戶仍期望學會對多個條例有關事項作出建議。例如：學會需要不時審視住宅物業實用面積指引，以包涵一些創新的建築設計而引致面積描述有所更新。學會將安排持續進修活動 ，將最新實務指引的資訊帶給會員。學會已邀請潘永祥博士測量師啟動有關常務委員會檢視並更新量度作業守則，若有需要的話，亦會檢視及更新實用面積的指引。

2012 年 7 月 1 日，第四屆香港特別行政區政府正式就職。我們看見新政府出現多張新面孔，其中包括特首及多個主要官員。學會將一如既往，為政府及香港在房地產及建築相關的政策及發展上，提供適時、不偏不倚，以及專業的建議及意見。我們將於不久的將來與建築及房地產相關的政策局的新任命局長進行會面，以交流雙方對現行政策的看法，並探討測量師在哪些範疇可作出貢獻，以共建更佳的建築環境。我在此再一次向各位會員呼籲：歡迎各位透過組別理事會或透過參與就重要議題成立的工作小組分享意見。我們相信，集合各人的智慧，可制定更平衡及實用的方案，以面對香港房地產及建築方面的挑戰。

2012 年 9 月 9 日為立法會選舉。我在此鼓勵合資格投票的會員，請於選舉中投票。

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會長