



Building Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Sr Robin Leung BSD Council Chairman

Kung Hei Fat Choy! At the time I wrote this article, Hong Kong people were still enjoying the Chinese New Year holidays with their families, loved ones, and friends. In keeping with the festivities, I would like, on behalf of the Building Surveying Division, to wish readers a Happy & Prosperous Chinese New Year.

February 2013 is a month for celebrating Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day, as well as a time for commencing the operations of our institute's business in our new office.

Indeed, on 23 February, we held a presentation ceremony in the new Surveyors Learning Centre to present Scholarship Certificates to five winners of the HKIS Building Surveying Scholarship and Eddie Lee Memorial Education Foundation for Secondary School Students 2012. We also held our first "regular gathering" on 21 February to celebrate Chinese New Year with our fellow building surveyors. Our spokesmen were also very busy in providing media releases, especially upon the news that a major developer in Hong Kong had begun to sell its hotel rooms to the general public.

The HKIS Building Surveying Scholarship and Eddie Lee Memorial Education Foundation for Secondary School Students 2012

A presentation ceremony was held on 23 February for five winners of this scholarship. The awardees were accompanied by their families and school principals or teachers. We shared with them the core competences and career prospects of building surveyors. Apart from the Chairman's of the scholarship scheme, Sr Dr Daniel Ho and the Convenor, Sr Jason Law, we also had the support of the Board of Membership Chairman, Sr Prof Barnabas Chung, and BSD Council Members, Sr Idi Chan and Sr Peter Dy, to receive our guests in the first official function held at the new Surveyors Learning Centre. Although we could not ensure that all awardees will consider building surveying as their future careers, I trust that they realized the important role building surveyors play in society. The five awardees who attended the ceremony were:

1. CHAN Yuet-man (S.K.H. Lam Kau Mow Secondary School)

2. LAI Chi-yau (St. Francis' Canossian College)
3. LI Ho-yin (The Church of Christ in China Chuen Yuen College)
4. TSUI Yan-ki (Good Hope School)
5. WONG Yan-yee (Wong Shiu Chi Secondary School)



It was delighted to have presentations of the Scholarship to the five outstanding students, the pillars of our future society.

Professional Service for the Development of Qianhai

We held the second working group meeting with the Shenzhen Project Management Engineers Association (深圳市監理工程師協會) on 29 January. Our partner in Shenzhen drafted a set of proposed regulations to provide Project Management Services for development projects in the Qianhai area, and we discussed it in detail in order to have a set of fair and justified regulations in place for Hong

Kong professionals to work with their counterparts on the Mainland to develop Qianhai. We had the benefit of advice given by senior officials of the Qianhai Development Authority and, in this regard, a second draft of the proposed regulations is required. We shall organize a third working group meeting in the near future to review the second draft of the proposed regulations.



The first BS Regular Gathering cum celebration of Chinese New Year

The first regular gathering was held on 21 February in the newly-opened bar of a hotel in Mongkok. With the presence of over 30 building surveyors, including the Director of Architectural Services, Sr KK Leung, the gathering proved to be very successful. Thanks to the hard work of Sr Arthur Cheung, members viewed that such a gathering should be organized more frequently – perhaps at least once every two months. This gathering served as a very good platform for building surveyors in the different sectors to communicate and share ideas. Please keep in view our announcement of

the second gathering and join us in unwinding after our busy work schedules conclude.



Our buddy surveyors were busy flying to and fro, chatting and sharing with friends under this relaxing and cheerful environment.

Authorized Person (Surveyor) Group

An AP(S) group has been formed to help the BSD identify suitable APs to sit in various committees, panels, and working groups. This group will also serve as a communications forum for professional practitioners under the Buildings Ordinance. It will consolidate the problems raised by our fellow APs in their work and, if necessary, submit

the grievances to the Buildings Department's Discussion Forum for discussion with senior officials in the Buildings Department.

The first sharing session of the AP(S) group was held on 25 February.

The possible new rating tool under BEAM Plus

Members should take note of the implementation of the Feasibility Study on BEAM Plus Communities/Neighbourhood Development by the Hong Kong Green Building Council. The BEAM Plus Communities/Neighbourhood Development

is a new rating tool under the BEAM Plus scheme that future assessments under BEAM Plus may also include, apart from the prevailing BEAM Plus V1.2 for New Buildings and Existing Buildings.

The BS Conference 2013

This year's BS Conference will be held on 28 September. Please mark it in your diaries and wait for further

announcements on this important BSD event.

Helpers wanted

There are many tasks on which the BSD Council would like to have input from our members. If you can offer us help, please write to me at my e-mail address: bsd.chairman@gmail.com. 

Correction

The title of the Chairman of the Committee of List of Experts (Water Leakage), Sr CHAN Wah-wai, David was misquoted in the last issue. I apologize for any inconvenience so caused.