



## Quantity Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Sr Keith Yim QSD Council Chairman

### Visit by the President of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors

The President of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES), Mr. Alan Barrow, visited the Institute on 21 March 2013. This was the first time our newly renovated office received guests from overseas. Mr. Barrow was accompanied by a delegation of nine persons from the Hong Kong Region. The QSD had the pleasure to attend the meeting with the presence of Sr Stephen Lai (President), Sr Gary Yeung (Hon Treasurer) and Sr T.M. Koo (Chairman of LSD). Other members, including Mr. K.L. Wong, Mr. Thomas Ho, Dr. Daniel Ho, Mr. Sunny Chan, and Mr. Franki Yeung, also kindly spared some of their precious time to join the meeting.

Mr. Barrow mentioned that ICES had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the RICS. He briefed us on the background of the MoU, which essentially deals with the recognition of the professional standing of the ICES and RICS in their respective sectors of the industry. During the meeting, we also took the opportunity to introduce the latest developments of our Institutes in the Region. After the meeting, ICES kindly hosted a dinner for the Institute.



### Signing of the Reciprocity Agreement between the HKIS and ICES

The Reciprocity Agreement between the HKIS (QSD) and ICES has been renewed for three more years. The Agreement was signed by the respective Presidents of the Institutes at the Annual Dinner of the Hong Kong Region of ICES. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Enoch Lam, the

Deputy Secretary for Development (Works), and other guests. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Franki Yeung and other Council Members for helping to make the event a successful one.

### Visit to the City University of Hong Kong

The Promotion Sub-committee organized a visit to the City University of Hong Kong on 5 April 2013. More than 40 Final Year students reading for the Bachelor of Science in Surveying attended the event. In order to let students gain a more thorough understanding of what Quantity Surveyors do, we spared some time to share our experiences at a session that was hosted by a number of QSD Council Members from different backgrounds. The students were

actively involved in the session and tremendously enjoyed the rest of their visit.

It is also encouraging to note that nearly all the Final Year students already have job offers. Many thanks go to our members, Mr. K.L. Wong, Mr. Jesse Wong, Mr. Thomas Ho, Mr. T.T. Cheung, Mr. Steven Tang, Mr. Thomas Tse, and Mr. Jacob Lam for their kind support to the event. I would also



like to thank Dr. Daisy Yeung and Joseph Chong for their kind assistance in organizing the visit for the QSD.

The Promotion Sub-committee will organize a visit to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the University of Hong Kong in due course.



## Opening Ceremony of the Student Halls of Residence (Homantin) cum Donors' Reception at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

I had the pleasure to represent QSD at the ceremony. Members may recall that the QSD Scholarship for surveying students reading at local universities was set up in 2011. Since then, a number of students from different universities have been awarded the scholarship. Indeed, the QSD believes that the scheme will benefit the students in their

studies and career development in surveying.

The next QSD Scholarship presentation will be held on 31 May 2013 at the Institute's Surveyors' Learning Centre. All members are encouraged to attend the event.

## Annual Dinner 2013

I would like to announce that the QSD Annual Dinner 2013 will be held on 7 June 2013 (Friday) at the Junior Ballroom of the Royal Plaza Hotel. This year, we are happy to have Mr. Paul Chan Mo-po, MH, JP, and Secretary for Development, as our Guest of Honour. Of course, we also intend to invite other officials and guests from the different government departments and professional institutions to join us.

In order to allow the participants to enjoy the Dinner, we will engage artists to be our MCs and performers. We intend to hold other performances and games during the Dinner. I

must add that one of the purposes of the Dinner is to let members mingle with one another in a relaxing atmosphere. Taking this opportunity, I would like to appeal for your support for and participation in this meaningful event. Please don't miss this good chance to meet your learned friends and new friends from the surveying profession, government officials, and members of other professional institutions.

For those members who are interested in joining the event, please click on the following link, <http://www.hkis.org.hk/qsd/en/> to register. 