



Young Surveyors Group Chairman's Message

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

CYPG Seminar – Sustainable City in 2030

After organizing the first joint-professional event by The Coalition Young Professional Group (CYPG) of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services (HKCPS), we were nearly overwhelmed by the number of people who registered and recorded the attendance of 140 members from the various professional institutes on 13 April at the Zero Carbon Building (ZCB) in Kowloon Bay.

“What kind of the World do you want to live in by 2030? If we don’t start creating a better world, who would?” This seminar provided an excellent platform for attendees to share ideas and views on sustainable development in Hong Kong from an environmental and business perspective. We were very pleased to have had three distinguished guest speakers – Ms. Christine Loh (JP, OBE, Under Secretary for the Environment, Government of the HKSAR), Ir Conrad Wong (JP, Chairman of Hong Kong Green Building Council), and Ms. Susanna Chiu (President of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants) – to deliver inspiring speeches to the young professionals promoting the common goal of sustainability. A guided tour of the ZCB after the seminars demonstrated the development’s green and sustainable elements during its construction and operation.



One-Day Seminar on Contract Management

The One-Day Seminar was successfully held on 20 April at PolyU’s Chiang Chen Studio Theatre. The Young Surveyors Group has been organizing this event since 2004 with the young groups of five other professional institutions, namely the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (East Asia Branch), the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (Hong Kong Branch), the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, the Institution of Civil Engineers (Hong Kong Association), and the Law Society of Hong Kong. More than 250 arbitrators, engineers, lawyers, and surveyors attend the event every year.

This year, we prepared the topics in view of contract management issues at different contractual stages with a focus on our young professionals’ communication skills, as well as their knowledge of contract management. The topics included the tendering process, a choice of diversifying forms of contract, how to prepare a building contract claim, dispute resolution in Hong Kong, and communication and networking.

We want to thank the speakers, the organizing committee, helpers, and all participants for their support for this event and look forward to seeing everyone next year. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Kenny Chan, Rex Ying, Alison Lo, and Frank Poon for serving in the OC.





Career Talk for the City University of Hong Kong

On 19 April, we were invited by CityU's 27th Building and Construction Society to deliver a career talk to its surveying students. The talk was held successfully with about 80 students attending. As many of the attendees were from the associate degree programme, they were concerned about their career path and the route to becoming qualified members of the HKIS. On behalf of YSG, I showed them the HKIS's introduction video and followed that by presenting the history, structure, and duties of the HKIS and YSG. Our young qualified committee members introduced the roles of surveyors, the APC procedures, and the career prospects for surveyors in the BS, QS, and GP fields. They also shared their experiences with the APC, job opportunities, and career paths and answered all the students' questions. All students found the experience sharing helpful and had a good chat well into the evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alison Lo, Mark Chan, Anthea Shum, Gigi Mok, Rex Ying, Colin Wong, and Frank Poon for sharing their valuable experiences with the students.



Stanley International Dragon Boat Championship 2013

Our strong dragon boat team practices hard every Sunday at Stanley Beach. With more new members joining, the practices by our experienced trainers and paddlers are very extensive. Although we already have enough members for two full boats, we are still recruiting strong and energetic newcomers, especially for the cheering team and drummer! Race day this year is on 12 June during the Tuen Ng Festival. Please note that on your diaries and come to support us!

Apart from the Stanley International DB race, we will schedule another Stanley Dragon Boat Short Course Invitational with the other professional bodies, including the LSHK, HKDA, HKMA, HKIA, and HKICPA, on 30 June.

For those interested, please contact Ryan Wong or Kenneth Wan by e-mail at ysg@hkis.org.hk.



Joint Universities Party 2013

Sponsored by YSG, the joint universities party was successfully held on 5th April at Katherine House in Tsim Sha Tsui. Over 80 participants from YSG, PolyU, CityU, and HKU joined the function. Throughout the exciting game sessions and lucky draw, all participants enjoyed a fun and relaxing night. We look forward to seeing you all next year! I would like to thank our university conveners, Kenneth, Johnny and Simon, as well as the student representative, for their work during the event.





COMING EVENTS

APC Workshop with the BSD and QSD

Starting in late May, we will schedule a series of PQSL seminars as the APC workshop for the probationers from the BS and QS with the support of the divisional councils. Please refer to the separate flyer of the QS series for details. The one for the BS series will be published soon.

Site Visits

Apart from sitting in a seminar, the most efficient way to learn is to experience an actual project in progress or one that has just been completed. This year, YSG organized a series of site visits for the interest of the different divisions. For May and June, we have organized three visits, including one to Innocentre in Kowloon Tong to demonstrate external wall surveying and repairing works, Caritas Lok Mo Integrated Vocational Training Centre for special design considerations and requirements, and the Central Police Station for its conservation and revitalisation

project. Seats are limited and please pay attention to our e-mail broadcasts and the CPD schedule in Surveyors Times.

CPD Seminar

The upcoming seminars include:

10 May: Principles, Practices and Procedures of the Tendering Process by Sr KC Tang

13 May: Satellite positioning infrastructure and its applications by Sr Simon Kwok, co-organized with the LSD.

August: Youth Forum by CYPG

Social Events

18 May: Pottery Making Workshop

March to June: Dragon Boat Training

June: Glass Art Making Workshop

June: Joint Professional Networking Drinks

July: Oyster Opening and Wine tasting Class

September/November: Study Tour

Contacting YSG

If you have any ideas, advice, and comments on our events or if you are interested in joining us, kindly e-mail us at ysg@hkis.org.hk. You are also welcome to attend our monthly meetings, which are held on the second Monday

of each month. The next meeting will be on 13 May 2013 at 7PM. Please remember that we have moved to our new office at 12/F, Wing On Centre, Sheung Wan (Exit E3 of the Sheung Wan MTR). 

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