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A recent survey conducted by the HKIS indicates that over 70 per cent of the responding surveying firms faced shortage of surveying professionals in the past year. In light of a slew of new policies concerning land supply, urban renewal and building safety, in addition to a number of infrastructure projects in the development pipeline, some 70 per cent of the respondents said they expect an increase in workload over the next six months.

The shortage of surveying professionals will be exacerbated when construction of major resorts in Macau is in full swing and China's real estate development picks up speed shortly. As a result of a stronger demand from Hong Kong as well as our neighbouring regions for surveying professionals, about 75 per cent of the respondents said they would hire more staff in the upcoming six months, such as entry-level staff of assistant surveyor grade and more experienced surveyors with three to five years' experience.

Based on the findings, it is undoubtedly that surveyors will now find more work opportunities not only in Hong Kong but also Macau and the Mainland. But it also suggests that we need to set out plans to boost the supply of surveyors by training up more young surveyors as well as encouraging more young people to join this profession. In fact, encouraging young people to join the surveying profession and giving them support in the early stage of their career have always been the main objectives of the HKIS, which are crucial in maintaining an adequate supply of talent in the industry. One way of doing it is offering scholarships to outstanding surveying students.

On 31 May 2013, I attended the QS scholarship presentation ceremony as the President of the HKIS. I congratulated the awardees again and thanked the guests, sponsors, and

our Quantity Surveying Division for making the scholarship presentation ceremony a successful one. I look forward to offering more scholarships and awards to students in order to encourage talented and committed students to pursue a career in the surveying profession.

The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) conducts independent valuations of properties in each and every redevelopment project to ensure the objectivity. In order to provide a more broad-based, objective, and credible valuation of the HPA, the URA has adopted a new method for appointing consultant companies for valuations. It has recently selected seven of them by administering ballots by independent third parties.

The HKIS was invited to attend the balloting process as well as to assess the unit rate of the notional seven-year old replacement flat (the "Notional Unit Rate") for calculating the HPA for the Kowloon Road/Kiu Yam Street and Tung Chau Street/Kweilin Street Demand-Led Redevelopment Project. The balloting was conducted on 24 April 2013, and I attended it on behalf of the HKIS. Seven valuers were chosen and their names were made public.



On 16 May 2013, I represented the HKIS at the first meeting on the "Alliance for Sustainable Development", together with the representatives from The Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Institute of

Architects, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, Hong Kong Construction Association, the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical & Mechanical Contractors and Hong Kong Green Building Council. During the meeting, we shared our views and suggestions about the opportunities and challenges about sustainable development.

The 8th Beijing Hong Kong Macau Geomatics Conference was successfully held from 23 to 24 May 2013 at the Chiang Chen Studio Theatre, Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The conference was organised by the HKIS, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyors and Hong Kong Polytechnic University; and co-organised by the Department of Cartography and Cadastral Survey Services of the Government of the Macau SAR and the Beijing Institute of Surveying and Mapping.



The theme of the conference this year was "New Surveying Technology and Building a Smart City", which focused on the latest surveying technologies demanded from the ever-changing and growing building, construction and development community. It was a very important event that allowed us to share our experiences and strengthen our relationships with our counterparts and neighbouring cities on the mainland. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Organising Committee of the Conference.

The 17th PAQS Congress was held in Xi'an on 20-21 May 2013 at Renmin Square Hotels in Xi'an. The event this year was organised by China Engineering Cost Association (CECA), which is also a full member of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) and the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC). A group of delegates representing the HKIS, including Sr TT Cheung, past HKIS President, Sr Keith Yim, QSD Council Chairman, and myself, attended the two-day conference. The event was made a success by the active participation of all attendees and that somehow exerts pressure on us as the host next year to be able to deliver another remarkable industry-wide event to mark our 30th anniversary.



Prior to the opening of the 17th PAQS Congress, Mr Chen Zhong, Chief Engineer, The Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, met with the Chairmen of the PAQS member Institutes (including the HKIS) and had a cordial conversation with them.

在亞太區工料測量師協會第十七屆年會開幕前，住房和城鄉建設部總工程師陳重先生接見了出席本屆亞太區工料測量師協會的各成員國（包括香港測量師學會）主席，並與他們進行了親切交談。



Finally, I would like to mention our Annual Conference 2013, of which the topic is "Evolving Hong Kong – Infrastructure and Property Development". It is scheduled on 14 September 2013, and all members are encouraged to attend.

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香港測量師學會最近的一項調查顯示，在過去一年，超過百分之七十的受訪測量師行出現人手短缺的情況。然而，政府近年推出了多項關於土地供應、市區重建和樓宇安全的新政策，再加上多項進行中的基建項目，有百分之七十的受訪測量師行預計在未來六個月的工作量將有所增加。

另一方面，隨著澳門多個主要大型度假酒店項目和內地房地產開發步伐提速，測量行業之人手將更見短缺。由此可見，香港和鄰近地區對測量專才的需求殷切，因此，約有百分之七十五的受訪測量師行表示將於未來六個月增聘人手，以助理級測量師及擁有三至五年經驗的測量師為主。

香港和鄰近地區的建造及房地產業興旺，專業測量師工作機會處處，但調查結果亦顯示出學會有需要加大力度，更積極培訓新晉測量師，以及鼓勵更多的年青人加入測量專業，從而推動測量專業人才之持續供應。而事實上，鼓勵年青人加入測量專業以至在他們事業初期給予支持，既是學會主要目標之一，也確保了行業有充足的人才供應。學會其中一個鼓勵年青人加入測量專業的方法之一，便是頒授獎學金予表現出色的測量學系學生。

在 2013 年 5 月 31 日，我以學會主席身份出席了工料測量組獎學金頒獎典禮。在此，我再次祝賀所有獲獎者並感謝各位嘉賓、贊助商、以及工料測量組的參與，令活動得以成功。我期待有更多的獎學金活動，吸引人才及有志投身之學生加入測量專業。

市建局在進行重建前，都會聘用獨立估值師，獨立為每個受重建影響之項目進行估值，以確保客觀公正。為使重建項目估值更具客觀性、基礎更闊和更具公信力，市建局最近還優化了現有估值師的聘任機制，改以抽籤方式，從認可估值服務供應商名單中，隨機抽出獨立估值師。於 2013 年 4 月 24 日，我便代表了香港測量師學會出席了市建局為九龍道 / 僑蔭街及通州街 / 桂林街需求主導重建項目進行的抽籤儀式，見證市建局以公平公正的抽籤方式，選出了七間獨立測量師行。此外，學會還獲市建局邀請為該項目「同區七年樓齡的單位價格」進行評估，而獲委任的七間測量師行名稱亦已於較早前公佈。

2013 年 5 月 16 日，我代表了香港測量師學會出席有關「可持續發展聯盟」的會議。出席會議的專業團體包括香港建築師學會、香港工程師學會、香港園境師學會、香港建造商會、香港機電工程商聯會、香港顧問工程師協會及香港綠色建築議會之代表等。在會議上，我們就可持續發展的所帶來的機遇和挑戰，交流了多項意見和建議。

第八屆京港澳測繪技術交流會於 2013 年 5 月 23 至 24 日香港理工大學蔣震劇院成功舉辦。香港測量師學會、香港工程師學會和香港理工大學土地測量及地理資訊學系為今屆會議主辦單位，並且由北京測繪學會和澳門特別行政區政府地圖繪製暨地籍局協辦。本屆會議的主題是「測繪新科技與智慧城市建設」，建造及房地產開發行業發展迅速，技術要求不斷提昇，故會議的焦點便落在最新的測繪技術上。這個交流會意義重大，使我們能夠彼此分享彼此的經驗，並加強我們與同行及中國鄰近城市的關係。我想藉此機會感謝交流會的籌委會。

亞太區工料測量師協會第 17 屆年會 (PAQS) 於第 2013 年 5 月 20 至 21 日西安市索菲特西安人民大廈舉行。今年會議由亞太區工料測量師協會和國際成本工程理事會 (ICEC) 的正式成員、中國建設工程造價管理協會主辦，而香港測量師學會代表團，包括前會長張達棠測量師、工料測量組主席嚴少忠測量師及本人，代表學會出席為期兩天之會議。今屆的亞太區工料測量師協會年會獲出席者踴躍參與，舉辦得相當成功。學會作為下屆主辦單位，亦感受到一定壓力，本人很希望下屆年會同樣能辦得有聲有色，為學會成立三十周年誌慶，錦上添花。

最後，值得一提的是，本年度學會的周年研討會將於 2013 年 9 月 14 日舉行，並以「蛻變中的香港：基建及物業發展」為主題，我在此鼓勵各會員積極參與。

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