



# Building Surveying Division Chairman's Message



*Sr Robin Leung BSD Council Chairman*

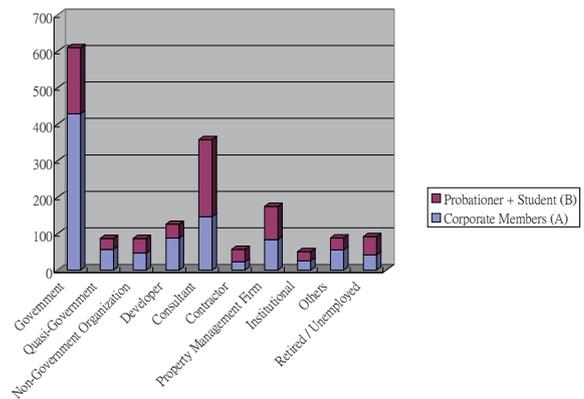
## Number of Qualified Professional Building Surveyors

I am pleased to inform you that the number of qualified building surveyors recently exceeded 1,000. This is a remarkable milestone, and with the booming property market in Hong Kong, I am sure that the demand for qualified professional building surveyors will be strong for years to come. We welcome young people to join

our profession and intend to work together with them to strengthen our professional standing in Hong Kong. Furthermore, as my previous reports might have indicated, there are great opportunities to work with our Mainland and overseas counterparts.

## Employment Profile

The BSD conducted a members' survey in April, and the employment distribution is shown below for members' reference. More than half of our qualified members are working in the public sector, but probationers and students are mainly trained in the private sector. This meant that the private building surveying sector provides more training opportunities for our probationers, but the public sector for professional members in terms of money and other perks may be more attractive after members attain their professional qualifications.



**BSD Members' Statistics**

| Category                    | Corporate Members (A) | %           | Probationer + Student (B) | %           | Total (A) + (B) | %           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Government                  | 429                   | 43%         | 181                       | 25%         | 610             | 35%         |
| Quasi-Government            | 57                    | 6%          | 30                        | 4%          | 87              | 5%          |
| Non-Government Organization | 47                    | 5%          | 40                        | 5%          | 87              | 5%          |
| Developer                   | 88                    | 9%          | 38                        | 5%          | 126             | 7%          |
| Consultant                  | 147                   | 15%         | 211                       | 29%         | 358             | 21%         |
| Contractor                  | 23                    | 2%          | 34                        | 5%          | 57              | 3%          |
| Property Management Firm    | 84                    | 8%          | 91                        | 12%         | 175             | 10%         |
| Institutional               | 26                    | 3%          | 25                        | 3%          | 51              | 3%          |
| Others                      | 56                    | 6%          | 32                        | 4%          | 88              | 5%          |
| Retired / Unemployed        | 42                    | 4%          | 50                        | 7%          | 92              | 5%          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>999</b>            | <b>100%</b> | <b>732</b>                | <b>100%</b> | <b>1731</b>     | <b>100%</b> |

\* Data retrieved on 15 April 2013

## Fire Safety Expert Panel

To broaden our professional skills, a Fire Safety Expert Panel was formed and I appeal to all interested members to join this new panel so that we can keep abreast of new developments in this area. Interested members may contact Sr Eddy Cheung at ykeddycheung@hkhs.com. The BSD Council is now arranging a CPD seminar for Fire Safety

Submission under the Buildings Ordinance, which will be presented by our immediate Past Chairman, Sr Vincent HO, who is also a member of the Fire Safety Committee of the Buildings Department. Do not miss this very updated and informative seminar.



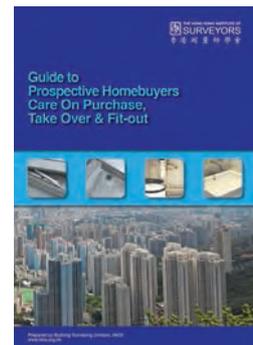
## APC Assessors

From time to time, the BSD has to organize Interviews/ Assessment Panels for our APC Final Assessment and Practical Task. New assessors are required to share the workload and, more importantly, maintain the energy level of the Assessment Panels. In this regard, may I invite

nominations for members with over five years of post-qualification experience to join as new assessors? Separate e-mails to qualified members shall be issued or interested members can seek current assessors for possible nomination.

## Flat Inspection Guide

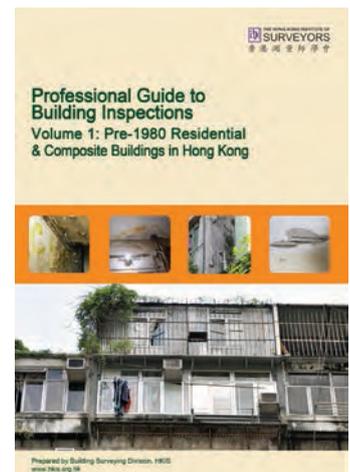
The new edition of the Flat Inspection Guide (準業主收樓指南) has been completed and can be downloaded from our website: [http://www.hkis.org.hk/en/publication\\_sales.php](http://www.hkis.org.hk/en/publication_sales.php). Thanks go to Sr Daniel Chang for his dedicated efforts in finalizing this new edition.



## Professional Guide to Building Inspection Volume 1: Pre-1980 Residential and Composite Buildings in Hong Kong

The BSD has commissioned a study to formulate the professional guide to building inspection and Volume 1 of it has just been completed and will be published in the near future. This guide is prepared for professional building surveyors to facilitate their building inspections. It is for reference and is not limited to mandatory inspections, as required under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme of

the Buildings Ordinance. A layman's guide will also be written to help the general public understand the required standards of a mandatory building inspection.



## Direct Communication with the BSD Chairman

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