

## Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership (MMRM) between the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

The HKIS, on 2 July 2013, issued a letter to the RICS to terminate the MMRM, by which the termination will take effect on 2 January 2014.

The current MMRM between the HKIS and RICS was signed on 14 November 2005. This superseded an older agreement dating back to 30 November 1998. Members may be aware that the RICS and HKIS have a long history of cooperation. In fact, over 90 percent of HKIS members were also members of the RICS during the early stages of the agreement. The relationship somewhat diminished when the RICS temporarily retreated from Hong Kong after 1997. Since the RICS returned in early 2000, the difference between the two institutes had grown. Over the past two years, HKIS members have observed that the MMRM may no longer be meeting its original expectations and sought a review.

Over the past few years, there have been many structural changes in the division of the professions and admission routes, as well as the entry procedures for new RICS members, which have deviated from our expectations. Changes in the RICS's reciprocity policy have also caused concern for HKIS members. The Board of Membership (BOM) and the HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee, therefore, led a discussion on the operation of the MMRM. In fact, the above concerns of the HKIS were conveyed to the RICS during liaison meetings between the two organizations over the past two years, but no further response was received by the HKIS.

During this period, much debate had occurred between the Divisions and YSG. The HKIS General Council decided on a formal consultation between the six Divisions and YSG after a discussion during the annual retreat in February 2013. In April 2013, the six Divisions and YSG reached a consensus to terminate the MMRM. In its subsequent meeting, the HKIS General Council decided to start the consultation with the RICS to commence the termination. The HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee was asked to assume the consultation.

Following that, a discussion forum was organized on 24 June 2013 in the HKIS Surveyors Learning Centre for the proposed termination of the MMRM. The forum aimed to discuss the operation of the existing MMRM and collect views from members for the HKIS to finalize its views with regards to:

1. The MMRM being obsolete and the need to review it.
2. The impact of "alternative routes to membership".
3. The initial thoughts of the Executive Committee, Divisions, and Liaison Committee on dispensing with the current MMRM.

Attended by about 40 members, the forum was hosted by **Sr Wong Bay**, HKIS Past President and Chair of the HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee, who introduced the background and the previous discussions of the MMRM within the HKIS General Council, Divisions, and Board of Membership, as well as with the RICS during the Liaison Committee meetings.



Discussion forum was organized in the HKIS SLC on 24 June 2013 for members to express their views on the proposed termination of the MMRM

The forum discussed the following problems in regards to the MMRM:

1. Over the years, it has been apparent that there have been many structural changes in the division of RICS membership, resulting in a mismatch with the HKIS Divisions.
2. The RICS's new admission routes and procedures have deviated from the mutual expectations and is not acceptable by the HKIS as meeting its requirements. Examples are the RICS Academic Route, Eminent Membership, Professional Experience Route (PER), and Senior Professional Route.
3. Changes in the RICS's reciprocity policy have also been a cause for concern by the HKIS.
4. The BOM had set a policy to interview all RICS applicants who applied through the reciprocity arrangement since 2010. However, the interview results were disappointing. The admission rate for RICS Professional Members after being interviewed was less than 30%.

Key views collated from members in the forum with regards the termination of the MMRM are:

- That it no longer serves its original purpose and the expectations of the HKIS, so a review of the agreement and the existing arrangement are necessary.
- The fact that both organizations were no longer on par with each other, since the RICS had evolved from a Divisions and Faculties structure into a Professional Groups structure, whilst the HKIS has maintained its traditional structure of Divisions.
- The fact that some RICS candidates did not have the sufficient requisite experience and academic knowledge for admission into the respective HKIS Divisions due to the subdivision of professional areas by RICS.
- Concerns over a possible loss of "international recognition/status" if the MMRM is terminated.

- The need for the HKIS to leave a route for younger members. If the HKIS terminates the MMRM, it should consider providing an alternative route to admit RICS members or recognize their qualifications.
- Some concerns over the way forward of those candidates who undertake both the HKIS and RICS APC and have first obtained the RICS qualification.
- Respects the HKIS to conduct interviews for the admission of RICS members.
- The ability of the HKIS to maintain high standards.

The forum concluded with four directions towards the MMRM, namely:

- 1) Whether it should be dispensed with?
- 2) Whether the operation of the existing MMRM was smooth?
- 3) Whether the mismatch between the HKIS Divisions and RICS Pathways could be resolved? and
- 4) Whether the MMRM can still serve its original purpose and meet the HKIS's expectations?

Members at the forum generally agreed that the MMRM had already deviated from the HKIS's original expectations. Due to the fact that the RICS has evolved into many professional pathways, the operation of the MMRM, as seen from the act of admitting RICS members, has lately not been smooth. Having noted the background and current situation of the operation of the MMRM, members at the forum generally had no objection to terminating it.

Termination does not mean an end to the relationship between the HKIS and RICS, since it only deals with membership recognition. Cooperation between the two institutes will continue, as the majority of the members of the HKIS are also members of the RICS.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Members shall note that the existing MMRM would cease to have effect on 2 January 2014. Those who are interested in joining either of the institutes via the reciprocity arrangement under the MMRM shall submit their application for membership before 2 January 2014.

## The HKIS Dissertation/Thesis Award 2012 - Executive Summary of Winning Papers

### Analysis of factors affecting individual knowledge sharing behavior in construction teams in Hong Kong

PhD Category • Awardee : **Zhang Peihua**

Construction companies (or contractors) are project-based organizations. They organize project teams to execute and manage construction works on construction sites. Large amount of valuable knowledge is embedded in individuals working in the construction team, who actually create and apply knowledge in the construction process. Encouraging the individuals to share their knowledge is critical for improving project performances. A construction team constitutes professionals from different disciplines (e.g. engineering, quantity surveying). It is important for the professionals to share their diverse knowledge to obtain mutual understanding, achieve collaboration, jointly seek effective solutions, and improve work efficiency. This study aims to investigate factors affecting individual knowledge sharing behavior in construction teams in Hong Kong.

Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) and Social Exchange Theory (SET) are employed as theoretical lens to develop a preliminary research model and hypotheses. To validate the research model, a two-stage research design is formulated. In the first stage, an exploratory study with semi-structured interviews is conducted to evaluate the factors that affect knowledge sharing behaviour in construction team. The second stage involves an explanatory study with a questionnaire survey for collecting empirical data to test the hypotheses.

This study finds that professionals' knowledge sharing behavior is significantly determined by their intention to share knowledge, which in turn is substantially influenced by their attitude toward and perceived behavioral control over knowledge sharing. Research findings also reveal that professionals' perceptions of losing face negatively affects their attitude toward knowledge sharing, while the perceptions of knowledge feedback and knowledge self-efficacy positively affect their attitude toward knowledge sharing. Besides, it is discovered that professionals' perceived behavioral control over knowledge sharing is influenced by perceived space resource, including physical space resource, social space created by social activities, and virtual space facilitated by ICT support.

There are three main contributions in this study. Firstly, several new measures with adequate level of reliability and validity are developed. Secondly, this study is one of the first to employ existing social psychological theories to study knowledge sharing behavior in the construction domain. It provides a new direction for further research and advances knowledge by developing a holistic theoretical model to explain knowledge sharing behavior. Thirdly, this study advances methodology in knowledge sharing research by taking advantage of the robustness of a two-stage research design. Using context-specific factors explored from an exploratory study helps to enhance the validity of the research model.

### Investigating the Current Application and Exploring the Future Development of the Pay-for-Safety Scheme (PFSS) in Hong Kong's Construction Industry

MPhil Category • Awardee : **Choi Nga Yee, Tracy**

Intended to improve safety in Hong Kong's construction industry, the Pay-for-Safety Scheme (PFSS) was launched in the public sector to enhance safety awareness by exempting a contractor's pricing of safety items from the competitive bidding process. As PFSS has been one of the most widely-used safety measures in public sector works

projects since 1996, it is prudent to review its effectiveness and seek further improvements in its application.

An empirical questionnaire was given to various safety practitioners to gauge their opinions on the benefits, difficulties, and limitations of and recommendations for

implementing PFSS in Hong Kong. Industrial practitioners generally agree that PFSS is effective in Hong Kong's construction industry. All respondents ranked "increased safety training" and "enhanced safety awareness" as the two most significant benefits of PFSS. On the other hand, they ranked "plenty of paperwork required for certifying payment to contractor" and "complicated contract documents and lengthy assessment process" as its two most challenging difficulties.

Hence, improvements are needed to facilitate a smoother implementation of PFSS in the future. A series of eight structured face-to-face interviews were conducted with relevant senior safety practitioners from Hong Kong's leading main contractors. They were invited to illustrate those safety incentives or measures implemented at the subcontractor level, comment on the feasibility of extending PFSS to subcontractors, and recommend possible payable safety items for subcontractors.

The interviews revealed that monetary awards, peer recognition, and certificates of appreciation were the common safety incentives offered to frontline workers. Most interviewees were optimistic about extending PFSS to subcontractors and recommended some possible payable safety items. Additional safety measures for high-risk operations worth considering were identifying high-risk operations (e.g. major falsework erection, tower crane installation and operation, tunneling work, etc.) and providing corresponding safety measures, pre-task training in high risk processes. "double shackle" safety belts, elevator working platforms and welfare facilities.

The study's major contribution will be to fill the knowledge gap in applying PFSS to construction. With the key benefits and potential difficulties of PFSS identified by this study in mind, decision makers will have strong evidence to determine whether or not to adopt PFSS in future projects.

## Feasibility Study on Applications of Solar Chimney and Earth Tube Systems for BEAM Plus and LEED Assessments

MSc Category • Awardee : Zhou You, Joe

The Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM) Plus and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) assessments aim to promote better environmental performances for buildings during their life cycles. However, the high initial costs of the relevant facilities are a big barrier to implement these green building assessments. This study seeks innovative solutions to meet the requirement of the BEAM Plus and LEED assessments by two green systems 'Solar Chimney' and 'Earth Tube', of which performances are evaluated by employing a building energy numerical simulation program called 'Energy Plus'.

The findings show that natural ventilation by solar chimney can be improved by increasing the chimney's height and width or the air gap width. Second, solar chimney performance is significantly affected by different facing orientations. Third, most cases of solar chimney simulations in the study can provide sufficient natural ventilation during their working periods against the benchmark from ASHRAE 62.1-2007 (0.36 ACH at minimum in a living/bedroom/office). However, solar chimney cannot effectively improve thermal comfort for occupants. Moreover, in an air-conditioned apartment, solar chimney increases its cooling load because the

outdoor air temperature is higher than the room temperature during air conditioners' operation.

In an earth tube system, the inlet air temperature decreases as pipe lengths and buried depths increase and pipe radius decrease. Second, under a design flow rate of 0.08 m<sup>3</sup>/s, an earth tube system can provide sufficient fresh air ventilation against the benchmark from ASHRAE 62.1-2007. Furthermore, an earth tube can decrease cooling loads in an air-conditioned apartment (cooling set point 28 °C or above) for the summer design day 'July 21' in Hong Kong.

Following the simulation, a feasibility study on applications of solar chimney and earth tube systems shall be performed in order to determine if their performances can help meet credit requirements more efficiently in the Energy Use (EU) and Indoor Environment Quality (IEQ) sections of BEAM Plus and LEED assessments, respectively. Finally, the findings demonstrate that both green architectural applications can potentially help achieve credit requirements in some subsections of BEAM Plus and LEED assessments due to their energy-saving capabilities in thermal comfort or/and ventilation.

## Reports from HKIS Committees



### Community and Charity Services Committee

Chairman: **Sr Billy Wong**

The Committee was formed in 2007 with the aim of encouraging HKIS members to participate in volunteer services and to organize charity and community programs. The Committee held meetings on 26 February, 16 April, and 25 June 2013.

#### Project SPARKLE

Following the success of Project SPARKLE (Supporting Preteen Access to Resource, Knowledge, Love and Education) in past years, the Committee jointly implemented the project's Mentorship Program with the TWGH's Jockey Club Tin Shui Wai Integrated Services Centre again in 2013. First launched in 2010, Project SPARKLE is a mentorship program that aims to create a harmonious and healthy environment to facilitate the better development of children in Tin Shui Wai.

In 2013, the events 「童心迎新齊彈高」 and 「海下奇觀探索之旅」 were held on 13 April and 12 May, respectively. Future activities will be arranged in July and October 2013.



「童心迎新齊彈高」



A group photo of mentors and mentees



「海下奇觀探索之旅」



You can take a look at our Facebook page for photos of previous events, the latest updates on the kids, etc., at the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/too.sparkle.5>

Members of the Community and Charity Services Committee

Chairman:	Sr Billy Wong	YSG
Vice Chairman:	Sr Kenny Chan	BSD
Members:	Sr Arthur Cheung, Sr Jason Law Sr Cliff Tse, Sr Slayman Chan Sr Eric Chan, Sr Tommy Au Sr Dr Tony Leung, Sr Stephen Chan Sr Rebecca Mau, Sr Rebecca Lee Sr Raymond Leung Sr Hazel Tee, Ms Mandy Ko, Mr Mark Chan Sr Evangeline Chan	GPD LSD PDD PFMD QSD YSG co-opted



### Research Committee

Chairman: **Sr Prof Eddie Hui**

The Research Committee was formed to initiate and devise research projects for the General Council's consideration. The Committee vets research proposals from each Division and recommends some to the Executive Committee for formal approval.

With the Committee's recommendation, the Executive Committee recently endorsed a two-year research project by the Building Surveying Division titled, "Life Cycle of Building Element and Components".

The Committee also organized the "Outstanding Final Year Dissertation Awards" for final year students of the HKIS's accredited first degree courses and the "Dissertation/Thesis

Awards" for postgraduate students. The Awards for 2013 are being organized. Dissertations/theses nominated by their respective universities will be assessed by nominated assessors. The results will be announced in December 2013.

Members of the Research Committee

Chairman:	Sr Prof Eddie Hui	
Members:	Sr Dr Daniel Ho, Sr Louis Wong Sr S K Pang, Sr Jim Lam Sr Dr Conrad Tang, Sr Tong Kwan Yuen Sr Ben Chong, Sr Cyrus Mok Sr Charles Hung, Sr Dr Edmond Cheng Sr Dr Daisy Yeung, Sr Dr Mei-yung Leung Sr Gigi Mok	BSD GPD LSD PDD PFMD QSD YSG



## Finance Committee

Chairman: **Sr Gary Yeung**

2013 remains busy, as usual, for the Finance Committee. Its members met four times during the first half of the year on 4 February, 22 March, 12 April, and 14 June 2013.

With the wholehearted dedication of the Honorary Treasurers of the various Divisions and YSG, the Committee conducted the following activities:

1. formulated the HKIS budget for 2013;
2. reviewed the rental charges for the Surveyors Learning Centre by taking into account the relocation of the HKIS's office and its fitting-out costs;
3. studied the feasibility of a higher membership subscriptions for the MHKIS with seven-year standing, as recommended by the Board of Membership;
4. studied the feasibility of additional membership subscriptions for multiple divisional members, as recommended by the Board of Membership;
5. reviewed the need for a two-stage progressive surcharge for late subscription payments; and
6. reviewed the hourly charge for CPD helpers, as recommended by the Board of Professional Development.

Items 1 and 2 were earlier approved by the EC/GC. The Finance Committee did not submit a proposal for Items 3

and 4 to the EC/GC, as they were generally not supported by the Divisions/YSG. A proposal for Items 5 and 6 was approved by the EC in its June 2013 meeting. Subject to the approval of the GC, Item 5 will be implemented in 2014.

Members may recall that a questionnaire survey was carried out between February and March of this year in connection with members' claim status for a tax deduction from their membership subscriptions. In the more than 200 responses we received, more than half of our members claimed such a deduction. Hence, the HKIS could not enjoy the tax exemption under Section 24(2) of the IRO.

Last, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution made by the various Honorary Treasurers and Cindy Tang of the Administration Office.

Chairman	:	Sr Gary Yeung	-	Honorary Treasurer
Members	:	Sr Kenny Tse	-	BSD
		Sr Jason Chan	-	GPD
		Sr Penfield Lau	-	LSD
		Sr Cyrus Mok	-	PDD
		Sr Prof Eddie Hui	-	PFMD
		Sr Jesse Wong	-	QSD
		Sr Joanmi Li	-	YSG



## HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee

Chairman: **Sr Wong Bay**

The HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee was formed to maintain regular dialogue between the HKIS and the RICS.

In a meeting between the representatives from the HKIS Liaison Committee and those from the RICS Hong Kong Liaison Committee held on 30 May 2012, both parties agreed that their Institutes would revisit the Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership (MMRM), signed between the HKIS and the RICS on 14 November 2005 with a view to revising any outdated terms or conditions.

Two meetings were held by the HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee thereafter and the Divisional and YSG (Young Surveyors Group) representatives referred back to their respective Councils/Committees to comment on the issues that affected them, including the continuation of the mutual recognition arrangement.

The initial findings by the Committee showed that whilst there were concerns over the difference in structure and the level of professional standards between the HKIS and the RICS, the Committee concluded that the MMRM should be maintained. It also recommended that the admission

requirements be strengthened and that the individual Divisions should identify their own pathways for mutual recognition.

At the annual HKIS Retreat held in February 2013, the General Council discussed the Institute's relationship with the RICS in view of increasing concerns by members over the changes in the reciprocity policy and its impact on the mutual recognition of membership between the two Institutes. The General Council directed the HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee to conduct further consultations with the Divisions and YSG and reconsider the relationship and possible termination of mutual recognition with the RICS.

After the consultations were made, the Divisions and YSG arrived at a majority agreement to terminate the MMRM, since it no longer served its original purpose and the expectations of the HKIS, and the RICS was no longer considered on par with the HKIS.

The HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee and the Executive Committee met on 15 March 2013 to devise a strategy and action plan for proceeding with the matter. A meeting with

the RICS's Hong Kong Chairman was arranged on 30 April 2013 to explain the current situation and notify the RICS of the HKIS's intention to terminate the MMRM.

A members' forum was organised by the HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee on 24 June 2013 to discuss the future of the mutual recognition of membership between the HKIS and the RICS and for HKIS members to express their views on the proposed termination of the MMRM. A brief summary of the Discussion Forum is given under HKIS news on page 5.

In view of the structural changes in the division of professions, membership admission routes, and the reciprocity policy by the RICS and after careful deliberations and consultations with members, the HKIS General Council

resolved to terminate the MMRM. A letter stating this was issued to the RICS on 2 July 2013 and the termination will take effect on 2 January 2014.

#### Members of HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee:

Chairman:	Sr Wong Bay	
Members:	Sr Andrew Kung	BSD
	Sr Joseph Ho	GPD
	Sr Ken Ching	LSD
	Sr Cyrus Mok	PDD
	Sr Dick Kwok	PFMD
	Sr Keith Yim	QSD
	Sr Tzena Wong	QSD
	Sr Mandy Lam	YSG



## The Working Group on Office Premises

Chairman: **Sr Tony Tse**

It has now been over six months since the HKIS Secretariat relocated from its old office premises at Jardine House to its new premises in Rooms 1205-1207, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong. The General Council, upon perusal of the submission of the Working Group, agreed to lease office space at the Wing On Centre, which, unlike Jardine House, is a Grade B office building located at the fringes of Central District, for a three-year term with an option to renew for a further three years.

The Working Group, which was formed in 2011, had the task of identifying suitable office premises and making recommendations of a design and project management consultant and quantity surveying consultant for providing the respective services from the design and fitting out of the new premises to the reinstatement of the old premises. It also had to implement and monitor the fitting-out works to ensure a smooth transition to the new premises and allow the Secretariat to seamlessly resume its operations in accordance with the relocation schedule.

The Secretariat, consisting of the General Office and the Surveyors Learning Centre (SLC), resumed operations at the new premises on 28 January 2013. A housewarming party to officially open the premises was held on 18 March 2013 with the Secretary for Development, Mr Paul Chan, as the Guest of Honour.

The facilities at the new SLC consist of a multi-function room, which has the flexibility to become a Lecture Room for CPD events with a seating capacity for 155 members. It can also be turned into smaller seminar or meeting rooms. There is also a Library, Board Room, and meeting room. It is pleasing to know that the occupancy rates for the new facilities are high.

For members who have not yet visited the new premises, you are most welcome to come to the General Office in Room 1205, and the SLC in Room 1207.

After the relocation to the Wing On Centre, the Working Group has continued to monitor the outstanding works, which included the reinstatement of the premises at Jardine House, the rectification of all defects and variation works, and making observations of the post design and fitting-out works. It observed that the ventilation and air-conditioning in the Lecture Room were inadequate when it is fully occupied. Proposed works to improve the air-conditioning and circulation were considered and approved by the Executive Committee and the works shall be carried out shortly. I expect that the works assigned to the Working Group will be fully discharged by the end of the summer season.

I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Working Group for their contributions and unfailing support during the past months and look forward to their continued support in the months ahead.

Below are the members of the Working Group on Office Premises:

Chairman : Sr Tony Tse		
Members : Sr Wong Bay		
Sr Raymond Chan		
Sr Nathan Lee, Sr Andrew Kung	(BSD representatives)	
Sr Jason CS Chan, Sr Cliff Tse	(GPD representatives)	
Sr Victor Ng, Sr Ng Yeung-sang	(LSD representatives)	
Sr Dr Tony Leung, Sr Edwin Tsang	(PDD representatives)	
Sr Edmond Cheng, Sr Gary Yeung	(PFMD representatives)	
Sr Amelia Fok, Sr Tzena Wong	(QSD representatives)	
Sr Kason Cheung, Sr David So, Sr Jeffrey Wong	(YSG representatives)	



## CEPA Committee

Chairman: **Sr Stephen Lai**

The CEPA Committee was formed to consolidate each division's requests on CEPA-related issues and raise our concerns to Hong Kong and Mainland government bodies or officials. The Committee also pushes each division to establish and maintain close dialogue with its mainland counterpart. For those divisions that mutually recognize their mainland counterparts, the Committee monitors and observes members' concerns over the registration and practice issues under the CEPA.

The HKIS had made several replies in writing to the Development Bureau in response to a list of enquiries in relation to its stance on the exemption of examination

papers/subjects for Hong Kong professionals and the recognition of the continued professional development (CPD) milestones they achieved in Hong Kong.

### Members of the CEPA Committee

Chairman: Sr Stephen Lai

Members: Sr Robin Leung, Sr Nathan Lee  
 Sr Charles Chan, Sr KK Chiu  
 Sr Koo Tak Ming, Sr Lesly Lam  
 Sr Edwin Tsang, Sr Dr Tony Leung  
 Sr Dick Kwok, Sr Kenneth Chan  
 Sr Arthur Shia, Sr Honby Chan

President  
 BSD  
 GPD  
 LSD  
 PDD  
 PFMD  
 QSD



## Mainland Forum - Shanghai

Chairman: **Sr Iris Lee**

Two CPD events were organized in Shanghai in recent months. The first was a project visit to the Kerry Centre in Jingan District on 16 March. The Kerry Centre is a comprehensive development with a GFA of about 450,000m<sup>2</sup> owned by Kerry Properties. About 25 HKIS members joined the event. The second event was a seminar on naked Stables in Moganshan held on 4 July. It is the first LEED Platinum resort in China to be awarded by the USGBC. The owner cum architect, Ms. Delphine Yip, gave a talk on the "design, build and operation" of the resort and how she engaged the local community and used local construction techniques to build it. About 20 HKIS members joined the event.

On 5 June, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Hon C.Y. Leung, visited Shanghai. I was honoured to be invited along as the HKIS representative to accompany the CE and expressed the Institute's major concerns over working in



China to him. We have maintained a close relationship with SHETO (the government's Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai) and other professional organizations here for the benefit of our members who work in Shanghai.



## Mainland Affairs Committee

Chairman: Sr Cheung Hau Wai, Albert

As the supporting committee of the event, the Chairman, Sr Cheung Hau-wai, members of the Mainland Affairs Committee (MAC), went with the President Sr Stephen Lai and Chairman, Sr Raymond Chan and members of the Planning & Development Division to visit 同濟大學, 海外聯誼會, 市規土局, 建交委 and 市房地產行業協會 in Shanghai in April 2013.

The delegation explored with the university and government officials on the feasibility of establishing of 'Building Development Consultant' as a profession in the university and in the Shanghai construction and building development industry. The idea was well received by government officials.

The delegation also met HKIS members working in Shanghai and informed them of the latest professional development in Hong Kong. After the meetings the delegation visited and

studied the latest development at ex-world Expo site and 老碼頭地區.

To prepare for the annual Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Forum to be held at Ningbo in October 2013, the President and Chairman of MAC attended several Forum Organising Committee meetings at the Development Bureau. The President will speak at the Forum. MAC will also take the opportunity to organize a meeting between HKIS members working in the Ningbo and the vicinity including mainland members qualified through mutual recognition.

MAC plans to visit two cities in the mainland in 2013 to meet Mainland HKIS members to exchange with them the latest professional development in Hong Kong and in the Mainland and to seek their views on how HKIS may better serve them.

## Council Members Reaching Out

1 July 2013	Flag Raising Ceremony cum Reception of the 16th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China organised by Home Affairs Department	Sr Stephen Lai Sr Dick Kwok
3 July 2013	Workshops on "Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance" organised by Sales of first-hand Residential Properties Authority	Sr Vincent Ho
10-12 July 2013	Australian and New Zealand International Conference 2013	Sr Francis Ng Sr Edward Au
15 July 2013	Panel on Development on "Issues related to the redevelopment of civil servants' quarters developed under the Civil Servants Co-operative Building Society Scheme" organised by Legislative Council Secretariat	Sr Dr Lawrence Poon
17 July 2013	16th Anniversary Dinner cum Celebrate Lo pan Patron's Day rganized by Hong Kong Construction Industry Employees General Union	Sr Stephen Lai
18 July 2013	"Mediate First" Pledge Reception hosted by the Secretary for Justice of the HKSAR	Sr Stephen Lai Sr Vincent Ho
18 July 2013	Joint Institutes' Dinner hosted by the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors	Sr Stephen Lai Sr Simon Kwok Sr Vincent Ho Sr Edward Au
19 July 2013	Sports and Recreation Club Night organised by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants	Sr Lesly Lam
19 July 2013	Lo Pan Patron's Day Celebration Dinner organised by the Hong Kong Construction Association Ltd.	Sr Stephen Lai
23 July 2013	Meeting on "建築工程質量管理條例" organised by Development Bureau	Sr Stephen Lai
24 July 2013	Hong Kong Building Modelling (BIM) Awards 2013 organised by Autodesk	Sr Koo Tak Ming Sr Keith Yim
25 July 2013	Panel on Development on the "North East New Territories New Development Areas Project" organised by Legislative Council Secretariat	Sr Lau Chun Kong
26 July 2013	8th Annual General Meeting of Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association Ltd	Sr Stephen Lai

**The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors  
Extraordinary General Meeting  
Proposed Amendments to the HKIS Bye-Laws  
Alternative Routes to Membership**

**Date :** Wednesday, 11 September 2013

**Time :** 7:00 pm

**Venue :** Lecture Room, Surveyors Learning Centre  
Room 1207, 12/F, Wing On Centre  
111 Connaught Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong

**Agenda**

1. Briefing and discussion on the proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws.
2. Voting on the Resolution.
3. Announcement of results of voting.
4. Any other business.

Notice of the EGM and full details of the proposed amendments will be sent to all Corporate Members by post.  
For further enquiries, please contact 2526 3679 or email to [egm@hkis.org.hk](mailto:egm@hkis.org.hk).

## C 活動日誌 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2013</b>			
<b>Aug</b> 22	HKIS Executive Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Sep</b> 14	HKIS Annual Conference 2013	HKIS	Conrad Hong Kong
26	HKIS General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
26	HKIS Executive Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Oct</b> 24	HKIS Executive Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Nov</b> 4	HKIS Annual Dinner 2013	HKIS	Grand Hyatt Hong Kong
28	HKIS General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
28	HKIS Executive Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Dec</b> 13	HKIS Annual General Meeting	HKIS	SLC, HKIS

For details, please visit [www.hkis.org.hk](http://www.hkis.org.hk) or contact the HKIS Secretariat on 2526 3679. Board Room, HKIS = Board Room, Room 1207, 12/F., Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong. SLC, HKIS = Surveyors Learning Centre, Room 1207, 12/F., Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong.