



Quantity Surveying Division Chairman's Message



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Secondary School Visits

The Council has always considered that arousing youngsters, particularly secondary school students from the higher forms, to gain an interest in the surveying profession is the foremost task it can carry out in order to attract more of them to the profession. In this connection, the Promotion Sub-committee has organised a series of school visits to introduce the surveying profession to students. We hope that students will gain an interest in the profession after going through a series of interactive activities during the visits. They can then select surveying as their course of study when they enroll in university.

Over the past few weeks, the Council arranged three visits to secondary schools to promote our profession. On 21 June 2013, Thomas Ho (Immediate Past Chairman), Steven Tang (Member of the Promotion Sub-committee), and William Lai (YSG) visited Munsang College. There were approximately 300 students from Forms 4 and 5 who attended the talk. Thomas delivered an interesting speech, which included an introduction to the Institute, the roles of our six surveying professions, and the routes to membership. Steven and William conducted a quiz. All of the students enjoyed the presentations and received souvenirs.

KC Chang and Francis Au, both of them old boys from St Paul's College, were invited by their alma mater to deliver a career talk on the surveying profession on 24 June 2013. Once again, the talk was well-received by the students and the school. The visit was probably the third in a row conducted by the Council. We hope to continue this exercise next year.

Our Vice Chairman, Paul Wong, and Raymond Kam (Chairman of BoE) visited Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School on its Career Day on 2 July 2013. This was the second year we were invited by the school to participate in the event. Besides introducing the Institute and its routes to membership, Paul and Raymond shared their experiences and rewards gained in their careers with the students.

On 9 July 2013, Thomas Ho, Gilbert Kwok (Past Chairman), Jesse Wong (Hon. Treasurer), and Steven Tang visited Pui Ching Middle School. We were so delighted to see the students jump up to answer our questions to get a prize – a QSD umbrella. The School thanked us for delivering an enjoyable presentation for the students and teachers while introducing our profession.





The Promotion Sub-committee has also contacted a few other secondary schools to propose similar visits. The feedback has been very positive. I take this opportunity to thank the Sub-committee for its efforts in arranging the visits and members who allocated some of their precious time to join the visits for the well-being of the Division. I trust that future visits to other schools will be just as successful.

Visit to Green Hotel

The Council had the pleasure to visit one of the latest green hotels in Hong Kong, Holiday Inn Express SoHo, on 5 July 2013. According to its owner, the hotel is the first commercial high-rise building in the world to achieve triple platinum status for green certificates: (1) BEAM Plus – New Building (the first BEAM Plus Platinum [Final] rating building), (2) LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environment Design) new construction by USGBC (US Green Building Council), and (3) BCA Green Mark Platinum Provisional.

The hotel incorporated a number of innovative ideas on Energy Optimization Solutions (EOS) and sustainable practices during its design and construction phases. In order to obtain platinum grading under the BEAM Plus assessment, the design and construction of the hotel had to be “green” and concerned about and oriented toward sustainability, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere optimization, material and resources considerations, indoor environmental quality performance and control, and innovative design. By

adopting the above green initiatives, the owner indicated that the hotel’s overall energy savings and reduction of CO2 emissions were substantial. It was worth spending additional capital to invest in the same at the outset of development.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ms Rosana Wong and Mr Antonio Chan, the Senior Management of the owner, and KC Tang for organizing the visit for the Council. Other members who attended the visit were Honby Chan, KL Wong, Thomas Ho, Jesse Wong, Raymond Kong, Anthony Lau, Thomas Tse, Tiffany Chan, Charles Lo, Veronica Chan, and Winnie Leung. 🇺🇸

