



Young Surveyors Group Chairman's Message

Sr Michelle Chung YSG Committee Chairman



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Big Brother and Big Sister Scheme

We are very pleased to report that we have a total of 79 big brothers/sisters and 80 probationers registered for this scheme by the 15 August deadline. Our working group is now engaged in the random pairing-up exercise and will inform you of the results during the launch ceremony on 18 September 2013 at the Surveyors Learning Centre. It should be a great opportunity for probationers to meet their big brothers/sisters and set the goals that they want to achieve over the next year. Food and drinks will be served. Please register for the ceremony by returning to us the reply slip attached to the notification e-mail. We look forward to seeing you there.

Youth Forum by the YCPG – Opportunities and Challenges for Young Professionals

A record attendance of nearly 500 (including 81 HKIS members) representing the young groups of the 11 professional institutes participated in the Youth Forum on 3 August. It was our pleasure to invite the HKSAR Chief Executive and founding Chairman of the HKCPS, the Hon. C.Y. Leung, as the Guest of Honor. He recounted the history of the HKCPS and the opportunities for young professionals through CEPA. After the CE's speech, the 11 representatives from the YCPG, including me, went on stage to hold a dialogue with him. We discussed the opportunities and prospects for young professionals in construction, healthcare, and the financial services. The CE encouraged all young professionals to understand more about our motherland of China and explore every single opportunity in that huge market.

During the forum, we were very pleased to have invited three key speakers for the various sectors: Dr. Leong Che Hung (梁智鴻醫生) for healthcare, Mr. Vincent Lo Hong Shui (羅康瑞先生) for construction, and Mr. Peter Wong (王冬勝先生) for finance. Mr Lo, the Chairman of the Shui On Group, shared his experiences on how a Hong Kong developer expands its commercial opportunities throughout China. He also showed us one of his company's very impressive and successful projects, the "Tiandi" series, and how he selected the city to develop. After his speech, we were delighted to have our HKIS President, Sr. Stephen Lai, along with Mr Bryant Lu and

Mr. Derrick Pang, serve as panelists for a Q&A session. They encouraged all young professionals to be more proactive and hardworking in order to compete with their Mainland counterparts.

For such a successful event, we thank the CE, all the speakers, panelists, and especially the Chairman of the HKCPS, Hon. P.C. Lau; the Chairman of the YCPG, Mr Albert Au; the Chairman of the OC; Dr. Jeffrey Pong from the HKMA; and all OC members and helpers from the 11 professional institutes for helping to organise the forum. Special thanks go to our own Kenny, Lesly, Lizz Joanmi, Sylvia, Rock, Yasmin, Michael, Wilson, and May for being YSG's helpers at the event.





Oyster-Shucking and Wine-Tasting Class

A total of 14 members took part in our oyster-shucking and wine-tasting class on 3 August 2013. Our members were delighted to explore the techniques of shucking oysters and selecting the right wine to go with them. It was great to taste some mouth-watering oysters and wash them down with fine wine.



Heritage Preservation & Revitalisation Project at Mallory St/ Burrows Street

Invited by the HKIP's Young Planners Group, six representatives from our YSG committee visited the captioned revitalisation project under the Urban Renewal Authority. Comprising a cluster of ten pre-war, Grade 2 historical buildings, this project preserved some of its key elements such as balconies, tiled-pitched roofs, timber French doors, and internal timber staircases. It also modernised part of the façade with aluminum cladding. The building will be used as a Comix Home Base for exchange and interaction within the comic industry both locally and overseas. YSG is now trying to organise another trip solely for our members. Please stay tuned for our CPD updates.





COMIING EVENTS

Study Tour 2013 – Xiamen

With reference to our flyer in the CPD section, the tour will be held from 10-13 October. We have already received 18 registrations for this event. As it is held only once a year and our quota is limited, please take this opportunity to earn 10 CPD hours by going on this informative tour to Xiamen. We have already confirmed the visit to a government department with the cooperation of the China Liaison Office and a private development. We have also arranged a guided tour to heritage places in Tolou (土樓) and Gulangyu Island (鼓浪嶼). Please register now to avoid missing out on it.

Joint Professional Zhuhai Visit

A two-day, one-night visit to Zhuhai, which is jointly organised by the HKIA, HKIP, HKILA, and HKIS and co-organised by Zhuhai Xiangzhou Overseas Friendship Association (珠海海外聯誼會) and the Hong Kong ZhuHai Youth Exchange Promotion Association (珠港青年交流促進會), will be held on 19-20 October. The visit aims to help younger professionals understand the planning direction and development of the Zhuhai Development District. It will also serve as a platform for Hong Kong professionals to share their experiences and explore new opportunities with their Zhuhai counterparts. Please refer to our future e-broadcast for more details.

YSG Annual Dinner

One of our biggest annual events, the YSG annual dinner, will be held at the Harbour Restaurant on 16 November

(Saturday) from 7 PM. The theme this year is "Animal". You can go dressed like an animal or in animal print clothing. You can even bring your animal toys. Games and a lucky draw will be conducted by the OC team and a buffet and unlimited drinks will be served. Please keep your eyes peeled for the flyer in our next issue of Surveyors Times and register as soon as possible. Seats are limited, so don't miss out on the chance to mingle with your fellow young surveyors and students!

CPD/PQSL/Site Visits

Upcoming seminars include:

- 10/10–13/10: YSG Study Tour to Xiamen
- 15/10 : "High Land Cost Environment - its causes, Pros and Cons" by Mr Shih Wing Ching
- 19/10–20/10: Joint Professional Zhuhai Visit
- BS APC Workshop
- QSD/YSG PQSL

Social Events

- October: Indoor Climbing
- November: YSG Annual Dinner
- December: Make-up Class

Contacting YSG

If you have any idea, advice, or comment 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 is scheduled for 9 September at 7 PM. Please remember that we have moved to our new office at 12/F, Wing On Centre, Sheung Wan (Exit E3 from the Sheung Wan MTR Station).