



Building Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Sr Robin Leung BSD Council Chairman

We celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival this month and I believed that you all enjoyed your time with your families and beloved during this wonderful moment, especially when Super Typhoon Usagi was around the corner. As a whole, Hong Kong was not seriously affected by Usagi, but we all know that we should well-prepare for something of this magnitude before it is too late. Similarly, there were events organised by the BSD for members to sharpen their tools to face future challenges.

On 28.8.2013, the BSD's Past Chairman, Sr Vincent HO, shared with us his experiences on "Fire Safety Assessment

from Design Perspective," which received such a record-high subscription that the CPD talk will be held again on 30.10.2013. A series of PQSL talks held its final lesson on 12.9.2013. I think our probationers could have better-equipped themselves and prepared for their APCs. The most important event in September was the BS Conference, which was held on 28.9.2013 with the theme, "Quality Living for Next Generation". The BS Conference has been fully subscribed and I want to thank the hard work of the organising committee and the support of members who attended this annual event.

Regular Column in Capital Weekly

With the assistance of our PR consultant, we secured a regular column in Capital Weekly. If you would like to contribute or have any idea that you want me to discuss in

this column, please send me an e-mail and I will further liaise with you.

New tendering arrangement for OBB building contractors proposed by the URA and HKHS

On 18.9.2013, the Urban Renewal Authority and Hong Kong Housing Society jointly announced a new tendering arrangement for building contractors under the Operation Building Bright (OBB) with an aim to providing an open and fair tendering platform free from interference. We noticed that a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) would be involved in the tendering procedures (i.e., the entire process starting from collecting, opening and recording the Expression of Interest [EOI], distributing the tender documents to collecting and opening the returned tenders) and the certification.

ensure an open and fair tendering system while, at the same time, addressing the problems that stem from unsatisfactory supervision by consultants in building repair and rehabilitation projects. In this regard, a press release has been sent on 25.9.2013 to introduce our proposed concept of listing recognised consultant firms and contractors for building repair and rehabilitation works. The framework of our proposal has been uploaded to the HKIS's website at the attached link:

<http://www.hkis.org.hk/ufiles/PR-20130925.pdf>

We understand the rationale behind this new arrangement, but we believe that there is a more effective way to



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As reported in the June issue, the professional guide has been completed along with all the editorial works. Corporate members of the BSD can use the attached coupon in this issue to redeem a free copy of the printed guide.

Other members can purchase it through Surveyors Services Limited. This guide can also be downloaded for review, but copying and printing are not allowed.

Volunteers Wanted

The BSD has a lot of new initiatives that require volunteers. If you would like to contribute your time to these activities,

please e-mail me and I will liaise with you for a task that suits your interests.

Direct Communication with the BSD Chairman

If you have any idea or comment that you want to communicate to me, please e-mail me at: bsd.chairman@gmail.com. 



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