



## Quantity Surveying Division Chairman's Message



*Sr Keith Yim QSD Council Chairman*

### Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) 2013

The Assessment of Professional Competence was held on 16-18 September 2013 at the Kowloon International Trade and Exhibition Centre (KITEC), Kowloon Bay. Sixty-nine candidates sat for the Part I Paper while another five candidates attempted both the Part I and Part II Papers of the new APC Scheme. As far as the old APC Scheme was concerned, approximately 200 candidates sat for the assessment papers, all of which were distributed to assessors to be marked in due course. To ensure fairness to all candidates, all papers will be marked by at least three assessors. I am pleased to announce that there were, altogether, over 300 members who have joined the panel of assessors. With respect, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to those members who kindly accepted our invitation to be assessors to mark the papers.

You might have noticed that those candidates who pass the written papers are required to attend an interview with a panel of three interviewers. The Divisional Education Sub-committee (DEC) has tentatively fixed a date for conducting interviews for 18 January 2014 (Saturday). Last year all interviews were completed in one day. By adopting this practice, the sub-committee should be able to reduce the assessment time and, hence, allow us to announce the results earlier. Every year there is tremendous demand for interviewers to interview candidates. May I appeal to members who can spare half a day of their precious time to participate in this meaningful exercise? Of course, it is even better if a member can spare the whole day. This is the moment for us to have face-to-face discussions with the new blood of the profession.

### Site/Factory Visits

Over the past nine months, the CPD Sub-committee has organised quite a number of CPD events. The events include delivering talks by guest speakers, conducting training sessions and workshops, and carrying out site/factory visits. Due to the overwhelming response of our members, we consider that the quality and contents of the CPD events satisfied our members, who should note that many site/factory visits had been organised by the Sub-committee over the past few years. We believe that members gain more knowledge of the latest developments in construction technology through site/factory visits than from readings or lectures. This would further enhance members' continuing education and, indeed, has been proven useful in the workplace.

It is a pity that only a handful of members had the opportunity to join the site/factory visits. Let me take this opportunity to highlight some of those we have carried out:

- Site visit to the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge
- Site visit to Mei Ho House (Grade II Historic Building)
- Visit to factory with a gypsum block wall system production line in Guangzhou
- Visit to a glass factory in Huizhou and aluminum window/door/curtain wall factory in Shenzhen

- Visit to a factory that made pre-cast concrete elements, steel molds, Starfon, GRC and GRG, and to the BIM Centre in Huizhou





### Introduction Session for Master Degree Students, the University of Hong Kong (HKU)

On 7 September 2013, Joseph Chong represented the QSD at an introduction session organised by professional organisations for MSc students at the University of Hong Kong. This was part of the first lecture to MSc(RE) and MSc(CPM) students held in the Knowles Building. Joseph briefed the students on the structure of the HKIS and on how to become a qualified quantity surveyor. Also, he mentioned to them that there was a huge demand for QS due to the

recent implementation of infrastructure and housing projects. According to a recent survey conducted by the HKIS, there was a shortage of surveyors in the market. Some students were interested in knowing if their current work experiences could count as professional experience towards the APC. Other students expressed that they would consider joining the QS profession after graduation because of its attractive remuneration. ■



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## QSD NGONG PING ECO-HIKING TOUR

<p><b>Event Details活動詳情:</b></p> <p><b>Date日期:</b> November 23, 2013</p> <p><b>Max no of participants參加人數:</b> 50</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Ngong Ping Village, Big Buddha, Heart Sutra Ngong Ping 360 Rescue Trail 昂坪市集, 天壇大佛, 心經簡林, 昂坪360 救援徑</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> HK \$ 150 (Member) HK \$ 288 per person (non-members)</p> <p><b>Costs includes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) professional eco-guides</li> <li>2) outbound buses,</li> <li>3) cable car fare (one-way),</li> <li>4) vegetarian lunch and</li> <li>5) insurance</li> </ol>	<p><b>活動流程:</b></p> <p><b>時間地點:</b></p> <p>08:30 於指定地點集合</p> <p>08:45 出發往纜車站</p> <p>09:30 乘搭昂坪360 纜車往昂坪</p> <p>10:00 自由活動或昂坪生態導賞</p> <p>12:30 素食午膳</p> <p>13:30 出發沿昂坪360 救援徑往逸東村</p> <p>17:00 逸東村解散</p> <p>* 以上行程會視乎當天潮汐漲退及天氣情況作出調動，一切會以參加者安全為依歸。</p>
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**Rundown:**

**Time and place**

08:30 bus pick up at designated location

08:45 departure to the cable car station

09:30 Ngong Ping 360 cable car to Ngong Ping

10:00 Free time or Ngong Ping eco-tours

12:30 Vegetarian Lunch

13:30 along Ngong Ping 360 Rescue path to Yat Tung Estate

17:00 Dismiss at Yat Tung Estate

\* The above itinerary will be subject to change based on weather conditions

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