



## Young Surveyors Group Chairman's Message

Sr Michelle Chung YSG Committee Chairman



### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

#### Launch Ceremony for the Big Brother & Big Sister Scheme

With a record 100 attendees, the big project, "YSG Big Brother & Sister Scheme," kicked off during the launch ceremony held on 18 September. On behalf of the working group, I hope all probationers appreciate the big brother/sister assigned to them and will take the initiative to consult their opinions on any APC and professional-related query and arrange regular gatherings with them to maintain a close relationship.

To the big brothers and sisters, please share your valuable experiences with your younger counterparts and guide them to become our qualified members in the near future. To continue the success of the programme, I want to thank the whole working group, especially Colin Wong and Rock Ma and the two voluntary MCs, Travis Tai and Michelle Wong, from BRESS of PolyU. Last, but not least, thanks to all the registered young qualified members and probationers. Without your participation, the scheme would not have been successful. To share in our happiness over the launch ceremony, please refer to the back cover of Surveyors Times.

#### Guangzhou Visit (青年專才廣州考察團)

Organised by the Hon. Tony Tse, Legislative Council member for our functional group, around 30 young professionals from the HKIS, HKIA, HKIP, and HKILA visited Guangzhou from 30 August to 1 September. They met with representatives from the 廣東省人民政府港澳事務辦公室、廣州市人民政府港澳事務辦公室、中央人民政府駐香港特別行政區聯絡辦公室教育科技部、廣州市城鄉建設委員會、廣州市規劃局、荔灣區外辦、天河區外辦、廣州圖書館.



Everyone enjoyed the trip and gained a better understanding of how architectural and urban planning work in Guangzhou. They also had a chance to meet other young members from our affiliated professional institutes.

#### PQSL Series 2013 jointly co-organised by the BSD and QSD

Thanks to all the probationers' support, the PQSL series in Building Surveying and Quantity Surveying were successfully held. There were over 20 seminars and all attracted nearly a full house. Details of the seminars are available in the reports by our conveners on a later page. I would like to thank the conveners, Sr Peter Dy from the BSD and Sr Sunny Chan from the QSD, for their efforts in co-organising the seminars with our YSG conveners.



## COMING EVENTS

### YSG Annual Dinner & Annual General Meeting

We are now starting the registration for our annual dinner at The Harbourview on 16 November. For more details, please refer to our separate flyer. Seats are very limited, so please make your reservation as soon as possible. Don't miss the chance to meet your counterparts from the different divisions. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 29 November. Please mark this important date on your calendars, as we will get to witness the birth of a new council. Further announcements on this event will be made by letter.

### CPD/PQSL/Site Visits

Upcoming seminars include:

- 10/10–13/10: YSG Study Tour to Xiamen

- 15/10: Views on the High Land Cost Environment by Mr Shih Wing Ching
- 19/10–20/10: Joint Professional Zhuhai Visit
- 1/11: Effectiveness of the series of anti-speculative measures on the property market by Mr Yu Kam Hung
- End October/November: Site visit to the Revitalisation Project on Mallory St/Burrows Street

### Social Events

As there are still a few months to go in 2013, we have scheduled some social events such as a Thai Boxing Class (eight lessons per session), makeup class (one-off or four-lesson class), and logical game. Please stay tuned for our updates in our e-broadcasts and on our Facebook page.

## Contacting YSG

If you have any suggestion for our events or if you are interested in joining us, kindly e-mail us at [ysg@hkis.org.hk](mailto: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 7 October 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). 



### QSD/YSG PQSL Series 2013

*Sr Chris Mook, YSG Committee*

The QSD/YSG PQSL Series 2013 has ended successfully. Great responses were given and each of the seminars received over 160 registrations. We were pleased to have 11 experienced practitioners share their knowledge in 13 seminars that covered the various areas in which a Professional QS should have experience.

#### Project Procurement Methods

Sr Daniel Ho gave a seminar on “Contractual Arrangement” in which he critically appraised various forms of procurement and analyzed the underlying principles for the selection of appropriate procurement systems.

#### Standard Forms of Contract

Sr Stephen Lam, Sr Kenneth Poon, Sr KC Chang, Dr Paul Ho, and Sr Enmale Kwok gave seminars on various contract issues including nomination, post-contract cost monitoring, payment valuation, variations, final accounts settlement, LD, EOT, and L&E. Our younger surveyors boosted their knowledge of interpreting contractual procedures, rights, and obligations in relation to the clauses stipulated in construction contracts.

#### Standard Methods of Measurement

Sr KC Tang gave a seminar on “Measurement and Pricing,” which enabled our younger surveyors to apply the industry standard methods of measurement (e.g. SMM4, measurement principle, preambles) to their works.

#### Preparation of Relevant Documentation during the Project Procurement Process

Sr KC Tang’s seminar “Measurement and Pricing” also enabled our younger surveyors to organize and supervise the measurement, billing, editing, checking, printing, and dispatch processes. In addition, in another seminar, “Drafting Letters, Emails and Documents,” Sr KC shared the techniques of drafting letters and e-mails for daily contract administration works.

#### Cost Data Relevant to the Construction Industry

Sr Steven Tang gave a seminar on “Cost Planning and Control”. Our younger surveyors learned how to use existing cost data to prepare and update cost plans. Also, they learned the concepts of preparing cost data for future use.

#### Other Areas Encountered During the Project Procurement Process

Sr TT Cheung, Sr Joseph Chong, and Sr Joe Wu gave seminars on “Dispute Resolution,” “Risk and Quality Management,” and “Insurance, Bond, and Liquidation,” respectively. Our younger surveyors gained a basic knowledge of these subject areas.

We believe that the valuable knowledge and experiences shared by these experienced practitioners would help our younger surveyors become better QS professionals. We sincerely thank all speakers and helpers for the great successes of these seminars.





## BSD/YSG APC Workshop 2013

By Refeal Leung, YSG Committee

The BSD/YSG PQSL series 2013 has just finished. Thus far in September, we have successfully held three seminars for probationers to help them prepare for the APC. Each of these PQSLs recorded full house attendance of more than 130 members.

### Mandatory Building Inspection and Its Implication on Existing Building Controls

It was our pleasure to have Sr Patrick Tsui, the Chief Building Surveyor of the Buildings Department, come share with us the newly-imposed mandatory building inspection and mandatory window inspection schemes. His generous sharing of his knowledge of the topic informed practitioners of the intentions, considerations, mechanisms, and operations of the scheme. Attendants should gain a greater understanding of the scheme, which can help them optimise their fieldwork.

### Application of the Fire Safety Code

Every practitioner in the building surveying profession should know that the 2011 Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings must be applied frequently to his or her daily work. During this seminar, we were pleased to have the Senior Building Surveyor from the Buildings Department, Sr Junkers Lam, introduce this Code of Practice and its applications to the our probationers. As a result of Sr Lam's informative presentation, the probationers became more familiar with the concept and underlying principles of applying the Code.

### Experience-Sharing in Practical Tasks

The last seminar of this year's APC series invited a very experienced assessor of APC, Sr Peter Wong, and two of the top scorers of the practical task last year, Ms Caren Shek and Mr Leung Tak Shun, to share their experiences and provide advice to incoming candidates. Ms Shek and Mr Leung recounted their work to prepare for the practical task, as well as that for their proposed layouts and key considerations. Sr Wong later talked about the candidates' essential techniques and technical knowledge to fulfill assessors' requirements. He also shared his observations and remarks given by the

assessors in general. This experience-sharing session should be very helpful for probationers who are preparing for their practical tasks.

As all the BSD/YSG PQSL series 2013 has finished, we want to express our gratitude to all speakers; the conveyor, Sr Peter Dy from the BSD; and helpers Gigi, Rock, Yasmin, and Winnie from the YSG. See you next year! 🍷





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## YOUNG SURVEYORS GROUP ANNUAL DINNER 2013

Date : 16.11.2013

Time : 19:00 – 22:30

Theme : Animal Party

Venue : The Harbourview

Location : 4 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Admission Fee : \$150 (*include free flow of drinks,  
buffet dinner and lucky draw*)

Deadline : 10.11.2013

Please complete the CPD Reservation Form and return together with the payment to HKIS Office. For more information, kindly contact Ms. Donna Yu / Ms. Jenny Yuen at 2526 3679 / 6124 1642 or email to [cpd@hkis.org.hk](mailto:cpd@hkis.org.hk) / [ysg@hkis.org.hk](mailto:ysg@hkis.org.hk)