



Quantity Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Sr Keith Yim QSD Council Chairman

Meeting with The Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International (AACEI)

Dr Alexia Nalewaik, the Vice Chairperson of the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) and Director of External Affairs of the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International (AACEI), visited the Institute on 26 September 2013. The Office Bearers of the Institute, Sr Simon Kwok, Senior Vice President, and Sr Edward Au, the Hon Secretary, took time out of their busy schedules to greet the guest, who had come all the way from the United States.

During the meeting, we explored the possibility of collaboration between the two Institutes. Both Institutes considered that the provision of training to members is one area in which the AACEI and HKIS could collaborate. In addition, each Institute could help the other promote its CPD events, seminars, conferences, etc., for the mutual benefits of both Institutes' members. The Council opined that there are new areas of knowledge in which the AACEI was strong and into which the HKIS could tap.

Both Institutes intended to explore the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding for further collaboration on the aforementioned matters. I shall keep members informed of the latest developments. Many thanks go to Council Members, T.T. Cheung, Daniel Ho, Thomas Ho, Antony Man, K.L. Wong, S.C. Tse, Dr Sandy Tang, and Evelyn Kwok, who kindly spared time to attend the meeting with Dr Nalewaik.





The 27th International Project Management Association (IPMA) World Congress 2013 in parallel with 2nd ICEC/IPMA Global Congress

T.T. Cheung, the Past President of the Institute, and I represented the QSD Council to attend the above Congress, which was co-organised by the IPMA and ICEC. It was held from 30 September to 3 October 2013 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The theme of the Congress was "Finding Balance & Moving Forward". More than 700 delegates from all over the world were in attendance. In order to cater to a large number of delegates and parallel sessions, the Congress was held at three different hotels, namely the Hotel Valamar Lacroma (the Main Conference Hotel), Hotel Valamar President, and Hotel Royal Princess. All three hotels are located in the midst of the greenery at the Babin Kuk Resort, which is within walking distance of the Main Conference Hotel for any delegate who wanted to join a parallel session. There were six keynote speakers and 12 parallel sessions, including some that were related to quantity surveying/cost engineering. In addition, there were several workshops and panel discussions on interesting topics in respect of project management and cost engineering.

T.T. Cheung presented a paper entitled, "Planning and Control of Construction Cost for Public Rental Housing Development in Hong Kong". Apart from being a presenter, he also acted as facilitator for a parallel session on cost engineering. Delegates from other ICEC member countries, like Australia, Egypt, the United States, Denmark, Norway, Brazil, Hungary, the Netherlands, Turkey, Bosnia, and the United Kingdom, also shared their experiences with the cost management of construction projects.

During the Congress, Samson Wong, Chairman of Project Management Committee of the Institute, T.T. Cheung, and I took the opportunity to meet with the President of the IPMA, Professor Mladen Radujkovic, to understand more about the organisation's structure. As for ICEC, the IPMA comprises member from Association of different countries / regions. It was noted that more professional quantity surveyors have taken up the role of project managers in the Mainland and Hong Kong. The opportunities are there for the HKIS to explore if we need an international platform for our members to keep abreast with the international project management practices and trend as well as sharing our unique experiences in managing complex and fast-tracked projects that are common in Hong Kong.



Keynote Speech



Cultural Show at Opening Ceremony



Exhibition Area



TT Cheung presenting paper



Dr Nalewaik presenting paper



TT Cheung as facilitator



Gala Dinner



IPMA President and Young Crews, Chairlady of Croatia



Main Conference Hotel Foyer



Farewell Dinner at Old City



Some of the ICEC Delegates



Gala Dinner with other ICEC delegates



IPMA President



IPMA Vice President (Membership)

APC Assessors' Briefing Session

The Council organised a briefing session for Assessors of the APC on 11 October 2013 at the World Trade Centre Club. More than 110 Assessors and Council Members attended the briefing session, which aimed at discussing the marking scheme, suggested answers, common mistakes, and frequently asked questions. Following the briefing session, a buffet dinner was served to the Assessors. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to our Divisional

Education Committee Chairman, Sr Raymond Kong, and other DEC Members for their unfailing efforts in preparing the papers for the APC and the Assessors' Notes.

I also deeply appreciate the contributions of the Assessors, who sacrificed their precious family time to mark the papers for the Institute.

2013 Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Industry Forum

I represented the Council to attend the 2013 Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Forum organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Ningbo Municipal Peoples' Government, and the Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government, from 20-22 October 2013 in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province. The delegation from the

Institute was led by our President, Sr Stephen Lai, who also delivered a talk on "How to Improve the Current Practice of Cost Management on Construction Projects". The theme of the forum was "發展高質創新建造、推動企業「走出去」". Distinguished speakers from the Mainland and Hong Kong shared their experiences on this topic. 🇨🇳

