



Building Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Sr Robin Leung BSD Council Chairman

This is the last Chairman's message for 2012-13. My Chairman's Report presented to the BSD AGM on 22.11.2013 is attached and your comments and advice are welcomed so as to help me prepare a yearly plan for my duties in 2013-14.

BSD Annual General Meeting

The AGM held on 22.11.2013 saw the election of a new BSD Council:

Chairman	Leung Chi-tim, Robin
Vice-Chairman	Kung Sui-lun, Andrew
Vice-Chairman	Chang Wai-ip, Daniel
Honorary Secretary	Lo Mei-tak, Rebecca
Honorary Treasurer	Tse Chi-kin, Kenny
Immediate Past Chairman	Ho Kui Yip, Vincent
Council Members	Chan Ka-man, Margaret Chan Mei-kuen, Idi Cheuk Cheung-kei, Cheuky Cheung Man-to, Arthur Cheung Yan-kwai, Eddy Dy Wai-fung, Peter Law Chin-keung, Jason Lee Hoi-tat, Nathan Li Kwok-wah, Edgar Tang Chi-wang Tse Chi-ming, Philip Wang Man-wah, Conny Wong Ka Chi, Louis Wong Kam-wah Wong Kin-yee, Billy



The New BSD OBs 2013-14



The New BSD Council 2013-14

2013 BSD Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held immediately after the AGM. Similar to the HKIS AGM, members were so busy chit-chatting with friends that the funny game could not draw

as much of the crowd as in previous years. However, it was still really exciting for those who participated with attractive awards handed out.



Winner of the game



Sr Daniel PONG sings a song with his little schoolmate before getting his lucky draw price



Photo with newly qualified BS



BSD Chairman's Report presented at the AGM

I am delighted to report on the following activities we organised or participated in over the last 12 months.

1. Keeping up with the Qianhai Development project in order to utilise the expertise of building surveyors

We are actively involved with the Shenzhen Project Management Engineers Association (深圳市監理工程師協會) in discussions with the Qianhai Authorities. We signed a framework agreement on 9 December 2012 with the Association to promote the joint implementation of professional services by both organisations for the development of Qianhai District.

Several meetings with the Authorities and the Association were held to discuss the future of project management for building projects in the Qianhai District. It was understood that the Qianhai Authorities will appoint a local GP Surveying firm to deal with land disposal matters in order to ensure cooperation between Hong Kong's professionals and their counterparts in Shenzhen.

2. Implementation of APC Reforms for AMHKIS

Although no AMHKIS candidate sat for the 2013 Practical Task, the task was designed to cater to technical and professional assessments. With the experience gained this year, the task will be further fine-tuned to suit the first batch of AMHKIS candidates who will be assessed in 2014.

3. Launch of the Professional Guide for the Detection and Diagnosis of Water Seepage in Residential Buildings

The main contents of the study were completed and its steering committee is now reviewing the presentation of the guide, which will be launched in the near future.

4. Finalisation of the Professional Guide for Building Inspection

With the dedicated efforts of the research team and the steering committee, the Professional Guide to Building Inspection Volume 1: Pre-1980 Residential and Composite Buildings in Hong Kong was published in September. Corporate Members can get a free copy from our administration office.

5. HKIS Building Surveying Scholarship and Eddie Lee Memorial Education Foundation for Secondary School Students

Out of the ten awardees of the 2012 Scholarship, one is now studying surveying at HKU. This awardee's second stage scholarship is now being arranged. The 2013 Scholarship received another record-breaking round of applications and the working group is now conducting the necessary assessments. We hope that the presentation of the scholarships can be arranged by the end of December 2013 or early January 2014.

6. The List of Experts (Water Leakage)

The Panel worked very hard to finalise the list back in October. Once the recommended fee scale is also finalised, both items will be uploaded to the HKIS Website.

7. Promotional activities via our appointed PR consultant

With the arrangement of our PR consultant, we now have a regular column in the Capital Weekly. The PR consultant also helped us arrange a workshop in June for secondary school students to draw their attention to the problem of unauthorised building works (UBWs), particularly those in sub-divided units. The service agreement with the PR consultant will soon expire and the BSD Council will review its effectiveness while considering how to proceed in its future promotional activities.

8. Monitoring of the renovation work of the new HKIS Beijing Office

Apart from contributing to the monitoring of the renovation work of our new office in Sheung Wan, our fellow building surveyors stationed in Beijing helped renovate our Beijing Office, which opened on 13.11.2013.

9. Regular gatherings with Building Surveyors and the Discussion Forum

Although the first gathering in February 2013 received a very warm response, the proposed second one for August



was cancelled in view of the low number of enrollees. On the other hand, we held a free CPD seminar on 6 August 2013 to facilitate a discussion on the handling of UBWs. Various topics were discussed in the forum convened by the Buildings Department.

10. Enhancing Building Surveyors' expertise in Heritage and Fire Safety

A series of CPD seminars and visits were arranged to enhance members' knowledge of heritage buildings and their conservation. A working group was formed to promote the maintenance of heritage buildings. Concerning fire safety, a panel was also formed after a CPD seminar on fire safety assessment. We hope that our expertise in these areas will be enhanced with the effective operation of the working group and panel.

11. Press Conference and Press Release

We held two press conferences in January and June on UBW-related issues. We proposed a long term strategy in handling UBWs in January and short and medium term strategies in June. Apart from the two press conferences, we issued press releases to announce the publication of the "Guide to Prospective Homebuyers Care on Purchase, Take Over & Fit-out (Second Edition, 2013)" on 22 May 2013. Another press release was issued on 25 September 2013 to express our concern over the new tendering arrangement proposed by the URA.

12. Voluntary Services

The BSD will participate in the Voluntary Service for the Housing Society's Elderly Safe Living Scheme. We will help provide voluntary professional advice on the feasibility and design, as well as supervise and monitor the improvement works in the homes of the elderly.

The BSD will also participate in the Pilot Scheme on the Provision of Professional Advice on the Appointment of APs offered by the Home Affairs Department. The HKIA is another organisation that will join this scheme. We hope that we can assist those owners corporations on their AP appointments for refurbishment work on their buildings.

13. China's Overseas Aid Projects

The BSD met with officers of China's Ministry of Commerce. It was understood that pilot projects will soon be offered to Hong Kong professionals so that they can provide project management cum supervision services in China's overseas aid projects.

I want to tender my sincere thanks to all BSD Council Members, co-opted members, supporters, and administrative staff of Surveyors Service Limited for successfully organising those difficult tasks performed by the various working groups, panels, and committees.

Volunteers Wanted

The BSD has a lot of new initiatives that require volunteers. If you want to contribute your time to the BS profession,

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

Direct Communication with the BSD Chairman

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