



Young Surveyors Group Chairman's Message

Sr Michelle Chung YSG Committee Chairman



Time flies! Having served the Junior Organisation (JO) and now the Young Surveyors Group (YSG) for about ten years as the students' representative in the past and as Chairman this year, it has been my great honour and pleasure to have worked with all the past Chairmen and energetic younger members. I am also very delighted to have had such great

teammates included the Immediate Past Chairman, Sr Kenny Chan, the 25 committees, 18 co-opted members, and students' representatives from three universities during my term, which delivered on our commitment to provide a diversified platform for our younger members.

Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Over the past 12 months, we organised a total of 15 CPD events including seminars, forums, site visits, and study tours. They provided the latest information on the profession and market insights to consolidate members' professional development to match their industry needs. Some also touched on the market's hot topics, such as high land prices, and provided a platform for members to discuss the future development of the profession. Besides, site visits to a Holiday Inn Express, Innocentre, and Caritas Lok Mo Integrated VTC were made to let members gain real life experiences of the latest developments and some special areas related to the surveying profession. Once again, we

express our sincere thanks to all the internal and external speakers and organisations that offered such excellent learning opportunities to our members.



Pre-Qualification Structural Learning (PQSL) and APC Workshop

Apart from the CPD, we also worked with the other divisions to provide pre-qualification education and development for our probationers, including the BS APC Workshops with the BSD and a series of PQSL seminars with the QSD and LSD. There were a total of 23 events in which experienced speakers shared their knowledge and experiences on the

different aspects and areas related to the APC. These events helped the probationers stay on the right track to become professional surveyors. Every event was attended by nearly a full house and this turnout was due to the speakers, helpers, and participants.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters Scheme

One of YSG's biggest projects this year was the "Big Brother and Big Sister Scheme". We derived this scheme from a similar one in secondary schools that provides a casual platform to pair probationers and with young qualified members. We are very happy to have successfully paired over 160 members, with each big brother or sister taking on one to three probationers with whom to share their experiences on preparing for the APC, career development, technical knowledge, and even personal development. I sincerely thank the working group for its continued efforts and contributions on behalf of the scheme. There shall be more workshops and social events to help participants be more proactive with their assigned buddies.





Social & Charity Events

Work hard, play hard. We always encourage our younger members to actively participate in our social events to relieve pressure and meet new friends. We successfully held surveyors league, chocolate-tasting, macaron-making, oyster-shucking, and wine-tasting events. Our Dragon Boat team also paddled hard



from February to September and participated in three major competitions with good results.



Institutional Events

As YSG consists of members from the different divisions, we are always sending our core members to every institutional function. Our committee and helpers actively served the



HKIS in many events such as the Career Expo, Diploma Presentation Annual Dinner, Annual Conference, and Divisional Conferences. This year, our Hon. Secretary, Joanmi, and I represented the YSG on the Beijing visit cum National Reception Dinner at the Great Hall of the People co-organised by Sr Tony Tse, HKSAR LegCo Member of the Architectural, Surveying and Planning Functional Constituency and the China Liaison Office.



University Events

The first step to becoming a professional surveyor is holding a surveying. YSG spends a lot of time and effort sponsoring university events such as career talks, seminars, study tours, and social events every year. This year, we were invited by four students' societies from three universities to deliver seminars and sharing sessions regarding career prospects,

routes to membership; professional development; and the HKIS, its six divisions, and YSG. In addition, YSG also sponsors the four students' societies' co-organised joint university party to provide a chance for students from different universities to meet and enjoy themselves.





Joint Professional Events

To ensure the well-rounded professional and social development of our members, YSG closely works with various professional bodies and their young-oriented groups to provide a variety of seminars, forums, and social events for our members. This year, we mainly worked with three different groups of professionals, namely the Young Coalition Professional Group (YCPG) under the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Service (HKCPS), the One Day Seminar Working Group, and the Architectural, Surveying and Planning Functional Constituency, which covers the HKIA, HKIP, HKILA, HKIE, HKCPA, LSHK, HKBA, HKDA, HKMA, HKICS, CI Arb, CIBSE, ICE, and RICS. Throughout the year, we co-organised over 10 events and served as the supporting organisation for those events held by the young professional groups, which offered a great opportunity for our younger members to keep updated on the latest information on the different professions, our society, and even their own social networks.

Significant events included the Youth Forum, the One-Day Seminar on Contract Management, site visits to a zero carbon building, the revitalisation project on Mallory Street, study tours to Zhuhai and Guangzhou, visits to ethnic

minority neighbourhoods, drinking parties, and our own charity band shows. The highlight should be the YCPG's "Youth Forum," in which over 500 young professionals had the chance to join a dialogue with the HKSAR Chief Executive, the Hon. C.Y. Leung, and three reputable speakers from the health, financial, and construction sectors on the "Opportunities and Challenges for Young Professionals".



YSG Annual Dinner

We were so excited to be over-subscribed for the Annual Dinner this year with over 160 members and friends joining the funny animal party held at The Harbourview. We were honoured to have the presence of our President, Sr Stephen Lai; the OB, including Sr Simon Kwok and Sr Edward Au; the BSD Chairman, Sr Robin Leung; LegCo member and Past President, Sr Tony Tse; representatives from the China Liaison

Office; other young professional groups; and many of our past YSG chairmen. We will share the memorable night with you in the form of event photos on a separate page. I would like to thank all the sponsors for their generous support and the efforts of the working group led by our own Jenny Yuen for helping to make the event a success.

Upcoming Events

We have scheduled ongoing CPDs and Thai Boxing Classes in the coming months. Please pay attention to our news in the

CPD column and e-broadcast.

We Need You

We recorded an increase in our membership from 4,202 in 2012 to 4,302 in 2013. This includes 1932 qualified members at or under the age of 40. Since being renamed YSG in 2006, its younger members are no longer "juniors," but have their own thoughts and ideas for the surveying profession. The continuous development of the surveying profession and its social status requires your valuable comments and brilliant ideas. Don't hesitate to join our

committee or send your comments/suggestions related to our institutional and professional development to: ysg@hkis.org.hk.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for your continuous support over the past year. I hereby invite you to support our incoming Chairman and Committee because I believe they will continue the YSG spirit to strive for greater success. 



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