

Land Administration: Challenges for Professionals and Laymen Alike

Reported by Sr Tony Wan & Sr Sindy Chan

A luncheon talk titled, "Land Administration: Challenges for Professionals and Laymen Alike," was successfully held on 21 February 2014 with more than 100 participants at the World Trade Centre Club Hong Kong. This was the second in a series of six luncheon talks organised as part of the activities to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the HKIS.

The GPD was greatly honoured to have the presence of Ms Bernadette Linn, JP., Director of Lands, as the speaker at this surveyors' luncheon. In her speech, Ms Linn highlighted the challenges encountered by the Lands Department concerning land administration issues and effective communication to the general public.

Ms Linn also commented on the Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium proposed during the Chief Executive's recent Policy Address. It is a new government initiative intended to facilitate early agreements on land premiums, so as to speed up the development process and housing supply.

Arbitration on land premium involves a lot of complicated issues. Ms Linn briefed the attendees on the feasibility of introducing an arbitration mechanism and the various comments made to the proposed scheme from the public.

Ms Linn mentioned that the framework is currently being worked out and intended to announce its details in the middle of this year. Its contents include whether the scheme would be voluntary or mandatory, the threshold of a premium for which a dispute should go to arbitration, the number and selection of arbitrators, etc. On top of that, Ms Linn encouraged surveyors to provide more professional opinions on this subject.

At the end of the luncheon, we had a harmonic and enthusiastic Q&A session to express our views on the land administration policy to Ms Linn. Attendees appreciated this kind of lively interaction and communication between the government and the HKIS. ■



Tram Party

A tram party was organised on 17 February 2014 as one of the activities for celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the HKIS.

A total of 45 members including the President, Sr Simon Kwok, Vice President Sr Edward Au and Honorary Secretary, Sr Thomas Ho, joined in the two-hour event which began at 7.00 pm from Whitty Street Tram Depot in Western District, Hong Kong.

The cold and unsettled weather in the past few days gave way to a fine and warm evening, which was most suitable for experiencing a ride on a vintage open-top "Ding-Ding" tram. Senior and young members took in the sights of Hong Kong on two antique trams and enjoyed a 360-degree panoramic view along the route from Sheung Wan to Causeway Bay and then all the way back to Whitty Street.

It was a unique and memorable experience for everyone, and as you can see from the photos all members had a very enjoyable time. ■



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Sr Francis Ng
Past President (1999-2000)
Interview by Jason CW Chan (Hon Secretary of GPD)

What Francis said

I am honoured to have the opportunity to 'wrap up' my thought about the Institute after I left the post in late 2000.

Over the past 13 years, I constantly received feedback on the streamlined process initiated by the administrative office and effect of decisions made during my tenure. I heard appreciation from some past presidents that meetings were conducted in an amicable, effective, and smooth manner.

I recall that thorny issues that popped up then were no less than in recent years. For example, at that time, the government was setting up a 'housing managers registration' system. There were constant dialogues with the then-Housing Bureau on the HKIS involvement. On the accommodation aspect, the Institute's lease at Prince's Building was coming to the end. Consideration was being given to seek alternative premises or purchase accommodation on an "one-off" basis. The Institute eventually decided to rent an office nearby. Also, we helped to secure a ten-year tenancy for the "Professional Learning Centre" at the LDC site, The Centre.

My presidency was a few years after the change of sovereignty. Frequent contacts with the Mainland counter-parts were made. I had ample opportunities to give talks to universities and elaborated on the Institute's mission to the relevant bureau/departments.

Some past presidents may agree that the monthly message was not easy to write, given our various work commitments and time constraints. However, I did enjoy writing essays at the back page of *Surveyors*

Times on topics I liked (e.g. Chinese poems, Putonghua pronunciation, playing around with words, rationing certificates, used bus/train tickets, travel stories, etc.).

HKIS has been successful in taking a leading role in the Hong Kong property market. Our efforts and contributions are well-respected by the general public. The Institute maintains high professional standards as various divisions work together smoothly. There is, however, always room for improvement. Promotion of the surveyor's role to the general public is a never-ending task. We need to give constructive advice on consultation documents and maintain various standards. We should be open-minded and forward-looking. I also hope that new-comers will gain more knowledge and skills from their predecessors and be aware of the importance of upholding ethics, be considerate, modest, and be responsible professionals who are prepared to serve.

Biography of Francis Ng BBS, FHKIS, FRICS, RSP (GP)

Francis joined the then-Crown Lands & Survey Office (now the Lands Department) as a Student Estate Surveyor in December 1971. He qualified as a professional surveyor in mid-1973. He remained working with the Lands Department until 2009, when he got retired as the Deputy Director/Specialist.

Presently, he is an Adjunct Professor at the City University of Hong Kong and also works as the Principal Consultant in Lawson David & Sung Surveyors Ltd.

For information, Francis was the President of the HKIS from 1999 to 2000. He was Chairman of the General Practice Division from 2009 to 2013. ■

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Interview with The Hon. P. C. Lau (劉炳章) LegCo Member



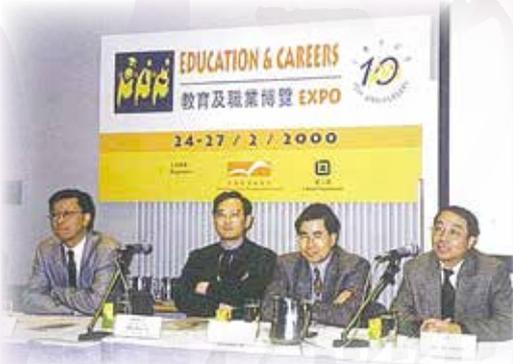
The President, Sr Francis Ng, as Chairman of a Morning Session, presented a souvenir to Mr Luo Zhan Sheung, Deputy Chief Construction Committee, Hunan Province.



The guest of honour Dr Cheng Hon-kwan receives a souvenir from the President, Sr Francis Ng



HKIS President, Sr Francis Ng (3rd from right) and GPD Chairman Sr Tony Tse (2nd from right) presenting a souvenir and HKIS publications to Madam Wu Sai Zhen of Shanghai Real Estate Appraisers Association.



From right to left : Sr Francis Ng, President, Sr Stephen Liu, Senior Vice President, Sr Tony Tse, GPD Chairman and Sr Richard Chung, BSD Chairman, at a briefing during the Education and Careers Expo 2000.

測量師學會會長吳恆廣認為功能界別有保留需要

測量界選民力爭達七成

【本報訊】測量師學會會長吳恆廣日前表示，功能界別在立法會選舉中，應有保留需要，以確保專業界別的聲音能充分反映在立法會中。他認為，功能界別選民應力爭達到七成，以確保其代表性。

吳恆廣在接受訪問時表示，功能界別在立法會中扮演著重要的角色，特別是在專業界別方面。他指出，功能界別選民應積極參與選舉，以確保其利益得到充分保障。他呼籲測量師學會的會員應踴躍投票，以支持功能界別的發展。

此外，吳恆廣還談到了測量師學會的未來發展。他表示，學會將繼續致力於提高測量師的專業水平，並加強與國際測量師協會的聯繫。他還提到，學會將繼續關注社會發展，並為社會提供高質量的測量服務。

在立法會選舉方面，吳恆廣表示，測量師學會將全力支持功能界別的發展。他認為，功能界別應在立法會中佔有足夠的席位，以確保專業界別的聲音能充分反映在立法會中。他呼籲測量師學會的會員應踴躍投票，以支持功能界別的發展。

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香港測量師學會舉辦 特刊

千禧年研討會：樓宇保存與發展面面觀

業界翹楚 研討會上與眾探討 香港樓宇保存問題及展望發展

香港測量師學會於今日(三月四日)舉行「千禧年研討會」，探討樓宇保存與發展問題。研討會吸引了眾多業界人士參加，並邀請了多位專家學者進行專題演講。

研討會的主題是「樓宇保存與發展面面觀」。與會者就如何平衡樓宇保存與發展的問題進行了深入探討。多位專家學者分享了他們的觀點和經驗，並就如何提高樓宇保存的質量和效率提出了建議。

研討會還包括了一個專題演講，由測量師學會會長吳恆廣主講。他強調了樓宇保存的重要性，並呼籲社會各界共同努力，為香港的樓宇保存事業做出貢獻。

此外，研討會還包括了一個專題研討會，由多位專家學者就樓宇保存與發展的問題進行了深入探討。與會者就如何平衡樓宇保存與發展的問題進行了深入探討，並就如何提高樓宇保存的質量和效率提出了建議。