



## Quantity Surveying Division Chairman's Message



*Sr Keith Yim QSD Council Chairman*

### 2013 Assessment of Professional Competence (APC)

The 2013 Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) has been finished. I am pleased to announce the results as follows:-

**Written Assessment**

**Interview for Associate /Full Membership**

	<u>No. of Candidates</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Passing Rate</u>	<u>No. of Candidates</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Passing Rate</u>
<b>Part I</b>	72	62	86%	4	4	100%
<b>Part II</b>	228	98	43%	98	75	77%

In December 2013, 30 referred candidates repeated their professional interviews. Twenty-five of them passed, which represented a passing rate of 83%. All candidates were notified of the results.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those candidates who passed the APC and Part I of the APC and

to welcome them as our Members and Associate Members, respectively.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the Divisional Education Committee, the APC Panel, the APC Assessors, and the interviewers for their unfailing support for this assessment exercise.

### Newly-Qualified Members' Welcome Party

The Welcome Party will be held on 21 March 2014 in the Surveyors' Learning Centre. New members who qualified between March 2013 and February 2014 have been invited to join the event. The Council considers that qualifying as a professional quantity surveyor is one of the greatest

milestones for any member. Hence, we encourage those who would like to join the event to be accompanied by their friends and/or family members. Other members who want to meet the newly-qualified members may also join the event by registering with the Institute at [cpd@hkis.org.hk](mailto:cpd@hkis.org.hk).



## Scholarship Presentation

The Promotion Sub-committee has decided to hold the Scholarship Presentation in the Surveyors' Learning Centre on 28 March 2014. All nominations have been received from the universities and the IVE. A Working Group comprising office bearers and council members will be set up soon to screen the nominations, proceed with the interviews of the candidates, if applicable, and recommend the successful ones to the Council for endorsement.

As of last year, 15 scholarships would be presented to students reading for bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, and higher diplomas in quantity surveying-related courses. We hope that the recipients will further pursue their studies and career in quantity surveying so as to become the new blood of the profession.

## New Engineering Contract (NEC)

The QSD Task Force met with the Task Group on NEC Collaborative Contracts of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) on 12 February 2014 at Pinsent Masons' Office. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange views on the draft frequently asked questions (FAQs) issued by the CIC's Task Group. The meeting was convened after we issued our comments on the draft FAQ to the CIC in December 2013.

While the NEC was custom-drafted for engineering works, the QSD Task Force expressed concern over the applicability and suitability of using it on building works projects given the

substantial differences in the scope and nature of the works between these two sectors.

As we were given to understand that the Development Bureau has issued a directive to all Works Departments (including the Architectural Services Department) that all works contracts to be tendered in 2015 shall use the NEC as much as possible, the QSD shall maintain close dialogue with them to express its comments and views in relation to the implementation of the NEC on a regular basis.

## 2014 Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) Congress, Hong Kong

The Secretary for Development, Mr Paul Chan, has accepted to be the Guest of Honour of the Congress. Key note speakers include eminent academia from the United Kingdom, Government officials from Hong Kong and senior executive from statutory organization.

The call for registration to attend the Congress will commence in March 2014. Members who are interested in attending the event must register as soon as possible to take advantage of the early bird rate. Since Hong Kong

will host the PAQS Congress, I encourage more members to submit papers for presentation to overseas delegates. This is our opportunity to show them that our research is at the forefront of the region.

Abstracts of papers could be submitted via the website of PAQS ([www.paqs2014.com](http://www.paqs2014.com)). For local papers, the submission deadline will be extended. However, members are urged to submit their drafts as soon as possible. ■