

The 2015-2016 Budget

Amid the discussions after Financial Secretary John Tsang's delivery of The 2015 - 2016 Budget Speech, our attention is naturally drawn to the availability of sufficient financial resources to support the necessary land development and housing construction to meet Hong Kong's pressing needs. The Institute issued a prompt response to the announced budget immediately on 25 February after the speech.

Representatives of the HKIS and I attended a luncheon on 27 March organised by The Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services with Mr Tsang as the guest speaker. The topic of the luncheon was "How to Generate Sufficient Revenue to Meet Hong Kong's Long-term Needs". The FS has answered the question by reference to honing the physical capabilities of his fencing team. He said that without an outstanding physique, a fencer cannot perform well. He also suggested that if Hong Kong was to maintain a good physique, it should be able to create and generate sufficient to meet its needs. I dwelled on this point and asked Mr FS if he was prepared to allocate specific and dedicated financial resources to building professional institutes like the HKIS to allow them to enhance the training of young professionals and to strengthen their "physique" to meet the ever-escalating demands and expectations of society.



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Engagement of Hong Kong Consultant for a Foreign Aid Construction Project (香港顧問諮詢企業試點承擔援外監理任務)

After almost two years of liaising and negotiating with the Ministry of Commerce, one of the HKIS's member building surveying firms, Fruit Design and Build Ltd, successfully won one of the pilot project supervision services consultancy contracts for two foreign aid construction projects put out by the MOC. I am very proud of an HKIS member firm's success in getting the appointment and having the opportunity to help the Chinese Government reach out. I want to see HKIS members to have more opportunities to participate in similar projects in the future.

Talk during the Building Safety Week 2015

It was my great honour to be invited to deliver a seminar talk during the closing ceremony of the Building Safety Week 2015 organised by the Buildings Department from 14-20 March.



A lack of proper building maintenance may only be one of the reasons for the current building safety problems that Hong Kong faces. I attempted to re-think the root causes of “building safety” problems in my talk from a holistic perspective. Inherent defects in a building’s original design, the use of improper or non-durable materials, unsatisfactory workmanship, misuse by building owners or users, and mismanagement may probably have also led to various building problems in Hong Kong. To minimise or, ideally, prevent similar safety problems for newer buildings, it is high time for us to critically re-think and review how we can design and construct our buildings in a better way.

The HKIS Facebook Page

The HKIS Facebook page formally launched on 31 March. I hope you have already given us a “like”. Otherwise, I invite you to do so. You may simply click on the link given in my earlier broadcast message to you. If you don’t have a Facebook account, it would be a good time to obtain one, since you would be able to receive more timely information, activity highlights, and information sharing via the HKIS’s Facebook page.

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President

2015-2016 財政預算案

在財政司司長曾俊華發表了《2015-2016 年度政府財政預算案》後，我們很自然地將關注放在是否有足夠的財政資源來支持土地開發和房屋建設，以滿足香港的迫切需要。學會亦在 2 月 25 日財政預算案公佈後迅速就學會的建議和意見作出回應。

於 3 月 27 日，我和學會代表出席了由香港專業聯盟舉辦的財政司司長午餐演講會，演講題目為「如何創造足夠的收入以滿足香港的長遠需求」。財政司司長以自己喜好的劍擊作比喻，認為劍擊手如沒有出色的體魄，表現亦不會良好。司長以此道出香港要保持良好體魄，才能維持經濟發展，創造足夠收入滿足需要。就這一點，我向財政司司長提出，在未來分配財政資源上，可否考慮投放特定資源予有關房地產及建築界相關的專業學會，

如香港測量師學會，以支持投身建築及測量專業的年輕人得到更多提昇專業技能的培訓，以配合未來城市及房屋發展對專業人才的龐大需求。

香港顧問諮詢企業試點承擔援外監理任務

經過近兩年與商務部的磋商，學會其中一家建築測量會員公司，豐展設計及營造有限公司，成功取得由商務部推動的引入香港顧問諮詢企業試點承擔援外監理任務，兩試點項目中，其中一個援外建設工程監理工作。我對會員成功承接援外監理任務，有機會與內地企業合作，引以為傲，我期望學會會員將有更多機會參與其他援外項目。

樓宇安全週 2015

我很榮幸，獲邀出席屋宇署於 3 月 14-20 日舉辦的樓宇安全週 2015，並於閉幕典禮上擔任講者。

缺乏妥善的樓宇保養可能只是香港當前面對的樓宇安全問題之一。我嘗試在演講中全面地重新思考「建築安全」的根源問題。在原有樓宇設計的缺陷、使用不適當或不耐用的材料、未達標準的做工，不適當使用及管理不善，都可能是導致香港樓宇安全問題的根源。為令新建的樓宇減少甚至避免出現類似的安全問題，現在是時候為重新思考，怎樣設計和建造更好的樓宇，為香港建造更安心的居所。

香港測量師學會官方 Facebook 專頁

於 3 月 31 日，香港測量師學會正式推出 Facebook 專頁。我希望你已經「讚好」了學會專頁，如仍然未按「讚」，我在此邀請你積極參與並「讚好」學會官方專頁吧，您可以直接點擊我早前發出的電郵之連結。如果你仍未開設 Facebook 帳戶，我相信現在是很好的機會，因你將能夠透過學會 Facebook 專頁，獲得最新消息、學會活動焦點及分享最新行業資訊。

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