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Out of a total number of over 40,000 buildings in Hong Kong, over 20,000 are more than 30 years old. Extensive media coverage has drawn public attention to the problems regarding ageing buildings, as well as maintenance and repair works for the aged buildings. Many owners have complained about the astronomical costs demanded by contractors, and manipulated tenders. For the safety of residents, and in fulfillment of the government's mandatory building inspection requirements, regular inspection and repair and maintenance to the aged buildings are necessary. However, under the current system, owners find it difficult to organise repairs effectively and economically. HKIS has proposed establishing a Building Repair and Maintenance Works Authority (the "Authority") in 2014, only to receive a relatively lukewarm response from the government. In June, we suggested forming a committee as an initial step and transitional measure leading to establishment of the Authority, as it would not involve the complicated legislative procedures. In this month's cover story, we aim to promote a greater understanding of the need to take a concrete step forward to establish a committee or authority to regulate building repairs.

This month's High Flyer Surveyor is Sr Kan Fook-ye, the Founding President of HKIS. Kan's professional career has gone beyond surveying. Apart from his successful practice, he held many positions in public office and later became a barrister. Kan's experience demonstrates how surveying can be integrated with other professions. Our profile describes how an outstanding surveyor took the lead in establishing HKIS and then explored career development in other arena.

In early October, I joined a trade delegation to Yangon, Myanmar, representing HKIS jointly organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Development Bureau. We saw the latest developments of the city's property market and infrastructure first-hand, and identified the city's needs for professional surveying services. The country features prominently in China's "One Belt, One Road" strategy as host to the proposed land transportation routes cut across the country. The visit was highly valuable, as we met with Yangon's high-level officials and got in-depth information on the city's development. We will work on further research on the city and communicate crucial information to our members.

The Planning and Development Division has held the Conference on 10 October on topic "Green Building and Environmental Planning Design" which revolved around green buildings. It was supported by the Secretary for the Environment of HKSAR, Wong Kam-sing, JP, other distinguished speakers and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Green Building Council, Conrad Wong, BBS, JP and other speakers expertised on this subject. The conference helped enhance our members' understanding that green building and sustainable development are our future.

I'm delighted to deliver a welcoming speech at this year's annual Building Surveyors Conference held on 17 October in the theme of "Building Surveying without Boundary". The Conference Guest of Honor, Mr Hui Siu-wai, JP, Director of Buildings shared Buildings Department's experience in exploring new frontiers to promote building safety. The other distinguished speakers have prompted us to rethink how we should define the direction of our surveying services development on the ground of the traditional core competency of building surveyors and surveyors as a whole. The speakers had also brought us to be aware that we could get out of our comfort zone to diversify in order to contribute more to the society. I think getting out of our comfort zone to find ways to expand our surveying services coverage is equally applicable to all surveyors.

The Development Bureau held the Land Supply Forum, together with five relevant professional organisations, including HKIS. Our heavyweight surveyors shared their views on the challenges of land supply and recommended very practical

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strategies in the resolving the land supply shortage issue. The forum enjoyed enthusiastic participation by surveyors both on the stage and the floor expressing our professional views aloud.

On behalf of HKIS, I signed the second "Supplemental Reciprocity Agreement" between the Quantity Surveying Division and the China Engineering Cost Association (CECA) in Beijing on 15 October. This agreement signifies the continued co-operation of the QSD and CECA in promotion of professional quantity surveying services in Mainland China. The efforts by the QS Division and CECA have paid off, and I look forward to the successful completion of the third round of reciprocal training and assessment exercise and the turn out of the third batch of QS members acquiring the "Cost Engineer"(造價工程師) qualification.

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全港共有逾四萬棟樓宇，當中超過兩萬棟的樓齡達30年以上。在傳媒廣泛報道下，樓宇老化及舊樓維修問題備受關注。不少業主投訴承建商漫天要價，操控投標過程。為居民安全起見，舊樓應接受定期檢驗及維修，以落實政府的強制驗樓規定。然而，在現行制度下，業主很難有效安排驗樓工作，而又合乎經濟效益。2014年，香港測量師學會曾倡議成立「樓宇維修工程監管局」（「監管局」），可惜政府反應頗為冷淡。今年6月，本會建議先成立委員會，此舉不涉及複雜的立法程序，可作為成立監管局之前的過渡措施。今期的封面故事旨在呼籲更多人意識到，社會需採取切實行動，成立一個規管樓宇維修工程的委員會或監管局。

今期傑出人物是香港測量師學會創會會長簡福銓測量師。簡會長不單是傑出的測量師，更曾擔任多項公職，再成為大律師。由此可見，測量與其他行業是相輔相成的。今期專欄講述了簡會長如何帶頭創立香港測量師學會，並發展其他範疇的事業。

今年10月初，我代表香港測量師學會參與由香港貿易發展局與發展局組成的經貿代表團，前往緬甸仰光，一睹這座城市的物業市場及基建的最新發展，認識到它對專業測量服務的需求。在「一帶一路」戰略中，中國提倡開拓陸上交通線，貫通緬甸，令緬甸地位舉足輕重。此行獲益良多，有幸結識了仰光的高層官員，深入了解這座城市的發展步伐。我們將會對這座城市展開進一步研究，與會員分享重要的資訊。

規劃及發展組於10月10日舉行了以綠色建築為主題的「綠色建築與環境規劃設計」研討會，有幸邀得環境局局長黃錦星太平紳士、香港綠色建築議會主席黃天祥銅紫荊星章太平紳士，以及其他熟悉綠色建築的專家講者。是次研討會有助會員了解，綠色建築及可持續發展將會是未來的大勢所趨。

我很榮幸獲邀在本年度的建築測量師研討會致歡迎辭，會議於10月17日舉行，題為「建築測量無疆界」。研討會邀得屋宇署署長許少偉太平紳士擔任主禮嘉賓，分享屋宇署另闢新徑，推廣建築安全的經驗。一眾演講嘉賓引導我們反思，如何藉著建築測量師及測量師整體的傳統核心競爭力，確立測量服務的發展方向。講者亦呼籲與會者不要故步自封，才能夠多元發展，為社會多出一分力。我認為，所有測量師同樣可以打破常規，擴闊測量服務的範圍。

發展局與香港測量師學會等五個相關專業團體合辦了「土地供應論壇」，由學會資深測量師分享他們對土地供應問題的見解，並就解決土地短缺問題提出非常務實的策略。本屆論壇贏得台上台下的熱烈參與，在場同業無不暢所欲言，發表專業意見。

10月15日，我代表香港測量師學會在北京簽署了由工料測量組與中國建設工程造價管理協會（「中價協」）達成的第二份「專業資格互認補充協議」。這份協議象徵著工料測量組與中價協將繼續合作，提升內地的專業工料測量服務。隨著工料測量組與中價協的共同努力漸見成效，我亦希望第三屆測量專業資格互認培訓與評核能夠圓滿進行，讓第三批工料測量師會員順利取得「造價工程師」資格。

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