



Young Surveyors Group
Sr Lizzy To YSG Committee Chairman

HKTDC Education and Careers Expo 2016

The HKTDC Education and Careers Expo 2016 was successfully held from 28-31 January. YSG participates in this event every year with the aim to introduce the HKIS and surveying profession to the public. This year, YSG hired over 38 helpers for this event. During the four-day exhibition, our helpers provided information on the surveying profession, the route to HKIS membership, and career prospects for surveyors to secondary school students, university graduates, teachers, parents, job seekers, employers, and employees.

Thanks go to our President, Sr CK Lau; SVP Sr Thomas Ho; HS Billy Wong; and Sr Clara Cheung for visiting our booth and showing support for our helpers during the Expo. The Chairman of the BOE, Sr Prof Lawrence Poon, kindly delivered a seminar to inform attendees of the career prospects for surveyors.

I want to express my gratitude to Sr David Muk, who coordinated the arrangements for these four days. YSG committee members including Sr Simon Wong; Sr Rex Ying; Sr Chris Mook; Sr Refeal Leung; Sr Joanmi Li; Sr Victor Ng; Sr Icy Choi; Sr Alice Ko; Rock Man; Gigi Mok; Ivan Choy; and Vera Fan; as well as student helpers from HKU, PolyU BRESS, and PolyU LSGI also contributed to making the Expo successful!



Summary on the Briefing Session for Facilitating the Provision of Pedestrian Links by the Private Sector on 18 February 2016 (by Gigi Mok)

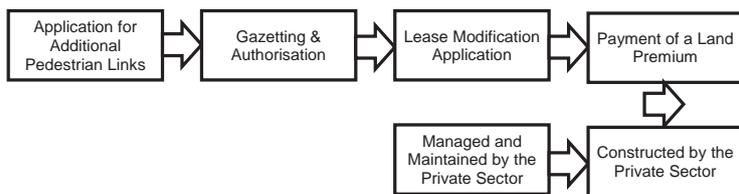
In 2012, the multi-disciplinary Energising Kowloon East Office (EKEO) was inaugurated to steer, supervise, oversee, and monitor the development of Kowloon East (KE), which comprised the former Kai Tak Airport and the Kwun Tong and Kowloon Bay business districts. Among the four key strategies of the policy initiative, as shown in the latest EKE Conceptual Master Plan, connectivity is the most important one for the success of the complex urban transformation process of KE.

In its 2016 Policy Address, the Government announced new policies for KE, including a pilot scheme to waive the land premium for a lease modification to encourage landowners to construct, at their own cost and in accordance with the planned pedestrian network, footbridges or subways to form part of a safe, comfortable, and convenient network that separates pedestrians from vehicles and facilitates the transformation of KE into a second core business district (CBD2).

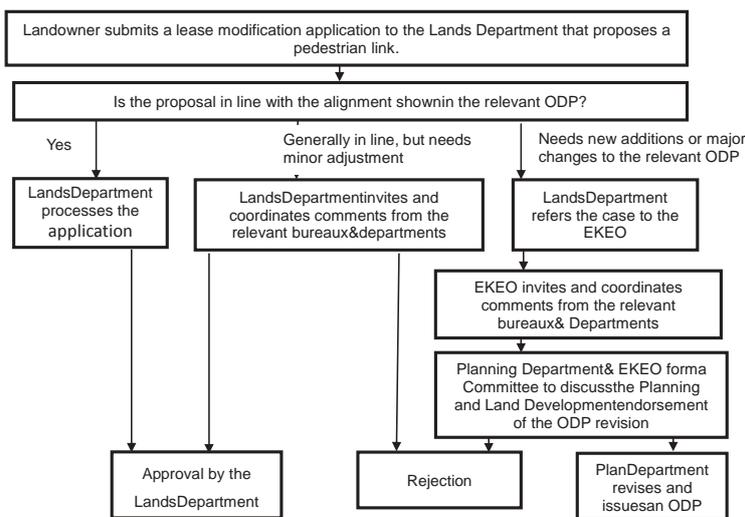


YSG was invited to the briefing session for Facilitating the Provision of Pedestrian Links by the Private Sector, which was arranged by the EKEO on 18 February to explain the new policy with the following details:

Existing Mechanism for Private Pedestrian Links



New Mechanism for Private Pedestrian Links



The EKEO advised that the proposals would be considered on a case-by-case basis if a landowner has a good proposal that is supported by a comprehensive pedestrian traffic study.

The tentative commencement period will be Q3 2016. Under the new policy, the EKEO will first finalise the comprehensive pedestrian network in KE, which would then be incorporated into the relevant ODP. Finally, applications for waiving the land premium could be made by the private sector.

Site Visit to the Wo Lee Ping Che Warehouse (30 January 2016)

Over 60 years since its establishment in 1954, the Wo Lee Steel Company Limited (Wo Lee) has become a reputable supplier of a wide range of steel materials like piles, H-columns, channels, hollow sections, angles, squares, rounds, flats, and deformed bars to the construction industry. It also supplies in bulk shaped bars, plates, galvanised sheets and coils, etc., to the manufacturing sector and has even diversified its offerings to include a product innovation and processing centre to keep pace with the needs of an ever-demanding worldwide market.

YSG arranged a site visit to Wo Lee's warehouse training centre in Ping Che, which was equipped with various kinds of processing machinery. The center supervisor, Mr Donald Choi, introduced various steel products to the visitors and explained the fabrication of materials using plasma cutters, drills, and other fabrication procedures, as well as a JAS rainwater drainage system.

Thanks go to Gigi Mok, Sr Frank Poon, Sr Rex Ying, Sana Shek, Rock Man, and Winnie Mak for arranging this fruitful site visit.



Chinese New Years' Tea Gathering

President Sr CK Lau arranged a gathering between the HKIS and the Lands Department to discuss land administration issues in a relaxed environment. YSG representatives including Sr David Mui, Sr Kendy Cheuk, Sr Victor Ng, Sr Kirsten Lam, and Gigi Mok were happy for this opportunity to exchange views with senior officials of the Lands Department, especially on the topic of recruiting and retaining young professionals by the government.



Upcoming CPD – Planning and Lease Modification Applications

YSG is happy to have Ms Johanna Cheng, MHKIP, Senior Town Planner of the Planning Department, and Sr Edward Au, Senior Estate Surveyor of the Lands Department, to come share the principles and workflow of and tips for the planning and lease modification applications to the Planning and Lands Departments, respectively, on 5 March 2016.

Whisky-Tasting Class

A whisky-tasting class was successfully arranged for 24 February, during which our accredited "Whisky Ambassador," Sr Lesly LAM, introduced the history, mystery, and production of Scottish Malt and world whiskies. During the fabulous nosing and tasting session, 40 participants recognised the individual whisky regions and their typical characteristics, which were essential for enjoying and understanding whisky. At the end of the session, everyone took a practical taste test of 3-4 whiskies.

