



Quantity Surveying Division
Sr Paul Wong QSD Council Chairman

International Construction Measurement Standards Coalition's Standards Setting Committee Meeting at the EU Commission in Brussels

After the first gathering at the International Monetary Fund's headquarters in Washington, DC in June 2015, when 17 organisations agreed to form a coalition, The International Construction Measurement Standards Coalition (ICMSC) and over 30 professional and non-profit organisations from around the world, including the HKIS, have now joined to develop and implement international standards for benchmarking, measuring, and reporting construction project costs. Their website is <http://icms-coalition.org/>. The HKIS's Sr TT Cheung of the QSD is one of this new organisation's Trustees and Sr KC Tang of the QSD is a member of the Standards Setting Committee under the Coalition, as well as the Chairman of a sub-group under the Committee responsible for classifying building costs. (Another sub-group will oversee the classification of civil engineering costs.)

Regular biweekly teleconferences have been conducted between members in different time zones since December 2015. A very good opportunity was secured for 14-16 members of the Standards Setting Committee to meet face-to-face from 3-4 March in Brussels, Belgium. The first-day meeting was hosted by the European Commission and attended by their officials and Sr KC Tang. The meetings proved to be very productive and successful, with one of the successes being the forging of a common theme of classification framework for building and civil engineering works. The two aforementioned sub-groups will continue to develop and fine-tune the classification details. As of this writing, the building cost classification is almost done, while the civil engineering cost

classification still needs more time because of the many project types. The drafting of the Standards after devising the classifications will follow in April and will be followed by consultations and formal releases later this year.



The QSD's New Members Welcoming Party was held at the Surveyors Learning Centre on 21 March.

This year, over 100 participants (including new members, their friends and families, HKIS GC members, QSD Council members, and QSD Past Chairmen) joined the party. The QSD Council gladly met with the freshest faces during this jovial and casual event. It was our great honour for the President, Sr CK Lau, to attend this event and give an impressive speech to the newly-qualified members. I had the great pleasure to represent the QSD Council in introducing to our newest members the functions

of its various sub-committees and organising committees so that they would inspire more of our younger surveyors to participate in the Council's important activities. In order to sustain the QSD Council's development, we need the young and talented members to come and share their dreams and visions with us so that we could work together for a promising future and sustainable professional for them. The party provided us with a platform to promote the Council's work and, hence, encouraged members to contribute to it.

The creative games played during the party gave it a cheerful atmosphere. Everybody joined in and enjoyed the experience. Participants were also encouraged to visit the HKIS QSD Facebook page to obtain first-hand news on the QSD. Before the party ended, I had the honour of conducting the lucky draw.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman, Sr Rex Ying, and the OC members of the New Members Welcoming Party Organising Committee for their great efforts in organising such a successful event.

2016 HKIS Quantity Surveying Division Scholarship Programme

Following the success of the HKIS Quantity Surveying Division Scholarship Programme since its 2011 launch, it has been extended. Its objectives are to help promising students who aspire to pursue quantity surveying in their future careers, as evidenced by their electives and outstanding performances in key quantity surveying-related subjects, and to promote quantity surveying as a highly-valued profession in the construction industry.

Eighteen scholarships will be presented to students to study for the following bachelor's and associate's degrees or higher diplomas in quantity surveying-related programmes.

1. The University of Hong Kong – Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Surveying
2. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University – Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Surveying
3. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University – Higher Diploma in Building Technology and Management (Surveying)
4. City University of Hong Kong – Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Surveying
5. City University of Hong Kong – Associate of Science in Surveying (Quantity Surveying)
6. The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education – Higher Diploma in Surveying

We have received sponsorships from nine quantity surveying firms this year. These firms, in alphabetical order, are: Arcadis Asia Ltd; Beria Consultants Ltd; Currie & Brown Holdings Ltd; KC Tang Consultants Ltd; MJ Consultants Ltd; Northcroft Hong Kong Ltd; Rider Levett Bucknall Ltd; TLS & Associates Ltd; and WT Partnership (HK) Ltd. I take this opportunity to thank the sponsors for their generous contributions to and support for this scholarship programme.



Nominations for all 18 scholarships have been received from each university and the IVE. A vetting committee comprising QSD Office Bearers and Council Members has been set up to screen the nominations and recommend the successful ones to the QSD Council for endorsement.

The QSD Promotion Sub-committee has decided to hold the scholarship presentation at the Surveyors Learning Centre on 18 April 2016. On behalf of the QSD Council, I have sent invitations to the awardees, department heads of each university and the IVE, corporate sponsors, HKIS GC Members, and members of the QSD Council to join this ceremony. I look forward to meeting everyone there.

2016 QSD Annual Dinner

You are cordially invited to join the 2016 QSD Annual Dinner, which is scheduled for 3 June 2016 (Friday) in the Grand Ballroom of the Royal Plaza Hotel. Please mark this important event in your diary.

Last year, we had a full house with 33 tables. This year, it is our pleasure to have Mr Paul Chan Mo-po, MH, JP, Secretary for Development of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as our Guest of Honour. On behalf of the QSD, I have also invited other honourable guests, sponsors, the HKIS President, QSD Past Chairpersons, and fellow members to join the dinner.

In order to allow participants to enjoy the dinner, we have invited some famous artists to serve as our MC and performers. I can confidently predict that everyone will be able to reunite with their old friends from the surveying profession, other professional institutions, and government officials, as well as to make new friends. Please check the link below to download the Standard Reservation Form for the QSD Annual Dinner and register.

http://www.hkis.org.hk/qsd/en/newsroom_event_details.php?id=3749

I look forward to meeting you and your guests there.

QSD APC Workshops

After the introduction of the new APC System in July 2011, the QSD revised the Divisional Rules and Guides for the APC assessment and the new system took effect in May 2012. As a reminder, the old APC system, which coexisted with the new APC system until 2014, has ended.

The current APC system has reshuffled its core and elective competencies. The critical analysis adopted by the old APC system is no longer required. Candidates should refer to the new Rules and Guidelines, which may be downloaded from the HKIS website at <http://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/papers/qsd/APCQS-RuleNGuide.pdf>, for more details.

In order to help candidates familiarise themselves with the QSD APC Parts I and II, the QSD will conduct two Part I workshops on 23 April and 7 May 2016 and two Part II workshops on 30 April and 28 May 2016. During the Part I workshop, candidates will learn about the requirements for and assessment criteria of Part I. To supplement the introduction, the instructor will review the questions and expected answers of the Part I written assessments performed from 2012-2015. Probationers who plan to take the Part I assessment are encouraged to attend a Part I workshop.

The Part II workshop should help candidates gain a better understanding of the requirements and techniques required to solve the written practical problems of the Part II assessment using critical and analytical thinking. It will focus on the ways to identify the key issues in different types of questions, the expected answers from previous papers, interviews, diaries or logbooks, and PQSL. Associate members and probationers who plan to take the Part II

assessment are encouraged to attend a Part II workshop.

During each APC workshop, a forum will be provided for candidates to discuss and ask questions about the assessors' expectations. The discussions will be held in small groups, each of which will be led by an experienced assessor, and interaction is expected between assessors and candidates. Topics will include both pre- and post-contract issues.

The 10th International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) Congress 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (9-12 October 2016) – Second Call for Abstracts

The 10th ICEC Congress 2016 aims to bring together an international congregation of industry representatives, academics, and graduate researchers to discuss issues of common interest in order to promote exchanges and international friendship in the pursuit

of excellence in professional practices within the engineering and construction environments. It will provide a platform to highlight the vision of bringing together total cost management professionals who are committed to working for a brighter future in a changing environment and consolidate cost engineering.

Participants who wish to present at this event are invited to submit

their abstracts by 25 April 2016. Please check the link below for more details on submitting the abstract and registration.

<http://www.icec2016.com/wp-content/themes/icec/images/banners/second-announcement.pdf>

澳門工料測量入門課程第四期、第五期結業禮暨聯歡酒會

澳門建築業關注小組與六會（即澳門建築師協會、澳門工程師學會、澳門工程顧問商會、澳門建築置業商會、澳門建造商會、澳門建築機械工程商會）於澳門合辦的工料測量入門課程已經成功完成了五期。六會於3月11日假澳門旅遊塔會展舉行「工料測量入門課程第四期、第五期結業禮暨聯歡酒會」。

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