

Surveyor's Honour

Outside their roles as seasoned professionals, three HKIS members regularly don their neckerchiefs and woggles and further contribute to society as adult members of the scouting community.

Kit M Yip



2



5



3



6



1



4



7

Photo: SCMP and interviewees

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sr Nathan Lee, Sr James Tsui and Sr Nelson Cheng (L to R) serve the scouting community with passion 2. Sr Nathan Lee and his friends of scouting 3. 10,000 Miles Friendship Trek Flag Presentation Ceremony 4. Sr Nelson Cheng at a camp site | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Sr James Tsui joins scout training programme together with his wife Macy 6. Sr Nathan Lee and friends build a raft together 7. Sr Nelson Cheng at the Island Scout Day 2015 |
|---|--|

They might all wear similar uniforms, but look closer and you can see the different badges, emblems and long-service medals that symbolise the respective awards and achievements of three HKIS members who have taken their commitment to society beyond office hours and into the scouting community.

As a cub, and then scout, in primary and secondary school, building surveyor Sr James Tsui Siu-lung, Managing Director of KKP Construction, was happy to reconnect with the scouting community in 1999 when he was invited to become a committee member of the government's "Hong Kong, Our Home – Youth Jamboree". Since then, he has taken on a range of roles within the scouting community, including Assistant Regional Commissioner (Estate) of New Territories East Region, Long Range Planning Committee Chairman at Tung Tsz Scout Centre in Tai Po, District Commissioner, and Deputy Regional Commissioner overseeing eight districts in New Territories East.



Sr James Tsui Siu-lung

Today, he is the Assistant Chief Commissioner (Mainland Affairs) within the Scout Association of Hong Kong – the city's largest uniform group with 98,000 members. In this role, Tsui has played a pivotal part in a number of major initiatives, including rehabilitation work after the Sichuan earthquake which involved rebuilding and supporting youth leadership training centres in Mianyang and Deyang. He has also organised major exchange events for youngsters in Hong Kong and mainland China, arranged summer volunteer teaching trips, and materialised the scouts' long-term mission of "training and trainers".

"I spend 70 per cent of my day on volunteer work," says Tsui, who runs his own company. "Staff members at my company have been trained to work very efficiently, preparing meetings and documents to be signed in the morning, such that I may go to the Scout Association in the second half of the day."

For nine consecutive years, Tsui has occupied himself with scouting activities at Christmas time. Fortunately, his family is supportive of his commitment. "Working for the scouts has become a family activity for me," says Tsui, who bears the yellow and purple Chief Commissioner's High Commendations and is a third-grade commissioner. "My wife has become a leader of two scout groups, and my children have joined cubs and scouts respectively."

"Scouting is crucial in fostering personal development and complementing education at school."

It is not uncommon for children with domestic helpers at home to avoid housework – but Tsui's household is different. "When my kids participate in scouting activities, they become motivated and committed, taking care of themselves and others, as well as the daily chores," Tsui says. "My son, who is excited to have acquired a couple of scout badges, takes these even more seriously than schoolwork. Scouting is crucial in fostering personal development and complementing education at school, which is mostly knowledge-based."

Quantity surveyor Sr Nelson Cheng Wai-hung, Chairman of the Quantity Surveying Division of the HKIS from 2000-02 and currently Project Manager (Cost Control) at MTR Corporation, was a scout during his secondary school days. In the 1990s, he was invited to rejoin the Scouts Association to chair the subcommittee for estate and campsite management. Today, he is the Assistant Regional Commissioner (Estate) of Hong Kong Island Region, providing assistance in the maintenance and upkeep of the scout association's estate properties in the Hong Kong Island area.



Sr Nelson Cheng Wai-hung

Cheng is the man behind several well-known scout properties, including the popular Tai Tam Scout Centre – which many scouts in Hong Kong visit during their teenage years – and the

LIFE ON ALL LEVELS

20-storey headquarters in Wan Chai, which is now undergoing redevelopment. "With project and estate management skills, we support frontline scouting activities by ensuring that the campsites and estates are under constant maintenance and in their best conditions," he says.

Cheng's adult son was also a scout as a teenager. "I am most attracted to the scouts' seven laws about good deeds," he explains. "From cubs to scouts, children and young people receive valuable training in discipline and leadership. In our daily lives, the first person who comes forward within a group to fix a problem is very often the one who has received scout's training."

This may explain the various social responsibilities Cheng has taken up that work toward the betterment of society. When running his surveying firm between 2009 and 2015, he dedicated 80 per cent of his time to social service besides being a scout leader. His range of work in community care, vocational training and heritage preservation, and service on various government advisory boards and NGOs, gained him recognition in the form of the Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service in July this year. In 2015, in view of budgeting issues surrounding the Express Rail Link, Cheng decided to take a three-year break from his surveying company and assume a key role at MTR Corporation dedicated to the cost control of railway lines under construction.

Building surveyor Sr Nathan Lee Hoi-tat, Managing Director of Ample Surveyor Services, was first invited to join the scout committee as a professional member three years ago, when the association acquired a campsite that required feasibility studies, budgeting and design works. It did not take long before Lee was so interested in scouting that he started taking training courses at the association – ranging from the basics of knotting, pioneering and camping to management and administration. After

"The training, particularly in time management and resource planning, in turn helps me improve the efficiency and effectiveness of my surveying work."

completing these, as well as six months in-service training, he is now a Scout Commissioner in the uniform group and he promised to spend more time with young people in future in other scouting activities.

"Having worked for more than two decades, I aspire to train and share my experience with young people, as scouting helps them acquire survival and people skills," Lee says. "Being able to help others and contribute to society brings me joy; I even feel younger when wearing the uniform!"

Scouting has also widened Lee's perspective. "Among scouts, you can find talented people from all professions: university professors, police negotiators, senior management in the fire services, and so on. The training, particularly in time management and resource planning, in turn helps me improve the efficiency and effectiveness of my surveying work."

As a scout leader, Lee has also learned more about young people. "The post-'80s and post-'90s generations are often negatively labelled, but my experience with them has been most positive. At the Scout Association, as well as at work, I find today's young people proactive, helpful and goal-oriented. I am confident that they will have a promising future." To further the scouting spirit, Lee encourages friends and families to participate in scouting activities whenever possible.

These three "scout-surveyors" at HKIS show that there are many shared qualities between surveyors and scouts. The surveying profession thrives on integrity, courage and professionalism, while the qualities of a good scout include trustworthiness, loyalty, friendship and consideration, courage in all difficulties, making good use of time, and being careful of possessions and property. Young scouts in Hong Kong today can only benefit from these scout-surveyors who combine the best of both worlds.

The article is published courtesy of Classified Post.



Sr Nathan Lee Hoi-tat

「童軍活動在促進個人發展及補充學校教育方面可發揮關鍵作用。」

測量師的榮耀

三位香港測量師學會會員不單是經驗豐富的專業人士，同時亦是香港童軍總會成年成員。他們經常繫上領巾和領巾圈，積極服務社會。

Kit M Yip

他們的制服看似大同小異，但仔細觀察，便會看到不同的徽章、肩章及長期服務獎章，分別象徵三位香港測量師學會會員所獲得的獎勵和成就。他們利用工餘時間，奉獻社會和投身於童軍運動。

國建寶建築有限公司董事總經理兼建築測量師徐小龍測量師曾於小學和中學階段先後加入幼童軍和童軍。1999年，他受邀成為政府「香港是我家一青年大露營」籌備委員會成員，因而與童軍總會再續前緣，讓他倍感欣喜。此後，他在香港童軍總會擔任多項職位，包括新界東地域助理地域總監（產業）、大埔洞梓童軍中心長遠發展委員會主席、區總監以及統管新界東地域八區的副地域總監。

如今，他是香港童軍總會助理香港總監（內地事務）。香港童軍總會是香港最大的制服團體，擁有98,000名成員。在任職期間，徐小龍在多項大型活動中擔當重要角色，包括四川地震後的重建工作，協助重建及支援綿陽及德陽青少年活動中心。他還為香港內地青年組織大型交流活動，例如發起暑假義工教學之旅，實踐童軍「培訓導師」的長遠使命。

「我每天將70%的時間投入到義工服務當中。」經營自己公司的徐小龍表示：「公司員工均訓練有素，工作效率很高，在早上就準備好會議及需要簽署的文件，這樣我便可利用餘下半天時間抽身前往童軍總會。」

徐小龍已連續九年在聖誕節期間全身心投入童軍事務。幸運的是，他的家人對此表示支持。徐小龍榮獲繫於黃色及紫色笛繩上的香港總監高級嘉許，是一名第三級別的總監。「對我而言，為童軍工作已成為一項家庭活動。」他表示：「我的太太已成為兩個童軍旅團的領袖，我的孩子也已分別加入幼童軍和童軍。」

若家中有傭工，孩子會主動分擔家務並不常見，但徐家卻是一個特例。「透過參與童軍活動，我的孩子變得更加積極進取和勇於擔當，學會照顧自己和他人，以及處理好日常事務。」徐小龍說：「我的兒子對於獲得幾枚童軍徽章頗感興奮，把這看得比學校的功課還重要。童軍活動在促進個人發展及補充學校教育方面可發揮關鍵作用，而學校教育則主要是傳授知識。」

2000年至2002年擔任工料測量組主席、現任港鐵公司項目經理（成本控制）的工料測量師鄭偉雄測量師，在中學時期曾是一名童軍。在90年代，他受邀重返童軍總會港島地域，擔任產業及營地管理小組委員會主席。如今，他是港島地域助理地域總監（產業），負責童軍總會位於港島區的產業的維修和保養。

鄭偉雄是童軍若干產業的幕後功臣，包括許多香港青少年童軍曾到的大潭童軍中心，以及現時正在重建的20層灣仔港島地域總部。他表示：「我們善用項目建設管理及產業管理的專業技能，確保營地及產業得到恆常的保養和保持最佳的狀態，為前線童軍活動提供支持。」

鄭偉雄的成年兒子在青少年時期亦曾是一名童軍。「童軍最吸引我的是它那七條善行規律。」他解釋道：「從幼童軍到童軍，無論是兒童還是青少年，都會接受彌足珍貴的紀律和領袖訓練。在日常生活中，團體中第一個站出來解決問題的人往往是接受過童軍訓練的人。」

這或許可以解釋鄭偉雄為推動社會進步所承擔的各種社會責任。在2009年至2015年經營其測量師行期間，除當童軍領袖外，他將80%的時間投入到社會服務，工作範圍涵蓋社區關懷、職業培訓和文物保育，服務部門包括政府顧問委員會及非政府義務組織，成就廣受認可，並於今年七月榮獲行政長官社區服務獎狀。2015年，由於廣深港高速鐵路出現成本超支問題，鄭偉雄決定暫時離開其測量師公司，在港鐵公司擔任一項重要職位，致力控制興建中的鐵路線的成本。

安普測量顧問有限公司董事總經理兼建築測量師李海達測量師，三年前以專業人士身份首次獲邀加入童軍營產委員會，為設置新的營地進行可行性研究、預算及設計工作。不久，李海達便對童軍活動產生興趣，開始參加總會訓練課程，課程內容涵蓋結繩基礎、拓荒、扎作、管理及行政。完成這些課程後，再經過六個月的在職培訓，如今他已成為制服團隊的童軍總監，而李海達亦承諾將來會多參與營產以外的童軍活動與年青人共度更多時光。

「工作了二十多年，我期望能輔導年青人並與他們分享我的經驗，在童軍活動中幫助他們掌握社會工作和人際交往的技能，」李海達表示：「能夠幫助其他人並為社會作出貢獻，讓我倍感快樂；而穿上制服甚至讓我感覺更年輕！」

童軍活動亦讓李海達大開眼界。「童軍之中，不乏各行各業精英：大學教授、警隊談判專家、消防處高級管理人員等。有關培訓，特別是時間管理及資源規劃培訓，亦幫助我提升工作的效率和實效。」

作為一名童軍領袖，李海達亦藉此加深對年輕人的了解。「八十後和九十後的年輕人往往被貼上負面標籤，但我與他們相處的經驗，絕大部分是正面的。在童軍工作期間，我發現現在不少年青人也很積極主動、樂於助人且目標明確。我相信他們是充滿希望的。」為弘揚童軍精神，李海達會繼續鼓勵更多親朋好友積極參與童軍活動。

這三位來自香港測量師學會的「童軍測量師」表示，測量師與童軍有著許多相同的特質。測量專業以誠實、勇氣與專業為本，而一名優秀童軍要有誠信、忠誠、友誼和關懷、不懼任何困難的勇氣、妥善利用時間，以及妥善保管財物和財產。童軍測量師集兩者之長於一身，讓今日香港的年輕童軍受益和學習。

本文由《Classified Post》撰文。



相片提供：SCMP

李海達測量師、徐小龍測量師和鄭偉雄測量師（左至右）致力投身於童軍運動

「有關培訓，特別是時間管理及資源規劃培訓，幫助我大幅提升測量工作的效率和實效。」