



Land Surveying Division
Sr Dr Conrad Tang LSD Council Chairman

2016年度粵港澳土地測量師學術交流會



Thirteen LSD members, including five fellows, four professional members, and four probationers, participated in the “2016年度粵港澳土地測量師學術交流會” from 2-5 November. This event was jointly organised with 廣東省測繪地理信息學會 and 澳門地圖繪製暨地籍局. It has been held in different cities in Guangdong for the past 14 years. This was the first time we visited Meizhou, not to mention cities like Chaozhou, Foshan, and Shaoguan in recent years.

Our Vice-Chairman, Sr Joseph Wong, delivered a talk on "The Role of Professional Land Surveyors in Hong Kong Development Projects". The audience, about 80 land surveyors from Macau and Guangdong, gave positive feedback. They were interested in the huge variety of land surveying works land surveyors are involved in around Hong Kong.

2016-11-8 Land Surveying Division Annual General Meeting: Chairman's Report

The 2016 Council worked on four task areas: 1) land boundary surveys, 2) new surveying applications, 3) membership and Mainland affairs, and 4) housekeeping.

As recommended by the LSD, the HKIS formed the Land Boundary Committee earlier this year. Sr Prof Leung Shou Chun leads the committee which works to promote amendments to the Land Survey Ordinance (Cap 473). Building and general practice surveyors serve on the committee and work with land surveyors on this task. The Committee sends Sr Dr Ken Ching to serve on the Buildings Department's working committee and help to set up guidelines on

submitting site area plans, which should be endorsed by authorised land surveyors.

LSD office bearers have made use of their meetings with the Secretary for Development and Secretary for Transport and Housing, along with the Directors of the Lands, Buildings, and Planning Departments, to seek their opinions and acquire ways to amend the Land Survey Ordinance. The LSD was advised that it was not the right time for such a political move. In short, it should seek more attention and support from the general public first. The Land Boundary Committee will continue to urge an amendment to the Land Survey Ordinance to other professional institutions.

Next year, the Land Boundary Committee will continue its dialogue with the Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) on accepting the lot boundaries determined by authorised land surveyors, who submit survey record plans and reports to the SMO, as authorised by their client architects for the purpose of submitting a site area's information to the Buildings Department. We stress the principle that the submitted and accepted determinations can be amended if new evidence is available. Land surveyors should cooperate and build a workable solution to record determined land boundaries before legally sanctioning such a practice and record.

The second major task is to develop smart city applications. Land surveyors have mastered new technologies, including 3D modelling, remote sensing, UAVs, and BIM, to make great contributions to future smart cities. This is a promotional, as well as a developmental, form of work. For the HKIS, Vice-Chairman Sr Chan Yue Chun leads this effort.

After months of drafting and editing by our young council group, we published two articles in *Ming Pao* and the *Hong Kong Economic*

Journal. A young surveyor discussion forum is scheduled to commence in the coming months and specialists in scanning technology, remote sensing, UAVs, and BIM have given CPD talks to LSD members. Sr Chan Yue Chun will continue leading the task force next year.

The membership issue has aroused much debate. The LSD spent several meetings discussing the acceptance or rejection of entrance training qualifications and the experiences of its corporate members. A task force was formed to discuss the reciprocal agreement. It proposed a unilateral membership route to absorb new members, but the proposal was rejected by the Board of Membership. The LSD will have to consider accepting more members through the existing assessment of Professional Competence. The LSD's Education Council will increase its personnel to accommodate more probationary cases.

On Mainland-related tasks, the LSD joined HKIS office bearers on a visit to the National Surveying Bureau in June. Vice-Chairman Sr Joseph Wong headed the LSD councils at the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Survey Conference in early November. Also, the 8th Cross-Strait Geomatics Conference will be held from 23-25 November.

The HKIS's housekeeping tasks keep its younger members busy. Keeping the website updated and organising ten CPDs, the Annual Dinner, APC workshops, and probationer meetings is hard work and our Councils contribute a lot to the Institute's operations and management. I wholeheartedly thank our Councils again and look forward to another fruitful year.

Election of the 2017 Councils

Sixty-nine corporate members attended the Councils elections on 8 November. Thanks go to Sr Paul Ng and Sr Ray Leung for meticulously counting each ballot to elect the new membership of each of the 16 Councils. I hereby thank all candidates for their willingness to serve the LSD.



President Sr C K Lau commemorated our AGM. He advised us to not push to change the Land Survey Ordinance, but to work on the administrative procedures for accepting the land boundary work, “which would be more effective”. He also encouraged us to do more to promote land surveying services in future smart cities. He affirmed the importance of the LSD’s liaisons with the International Federation of Surveyors and Surveying and Geo-Informatics Bureau in Beijing.



The elected 2017 Council members with President Sr C K Lau

Post	Name
Chairman	Sr Dr Tang Hong-wai, Conrad
Vice-Chairman	Sr Wong Yiu-cho, Joseph
Vice-Chairman	Sr Yu Sau-chung, Edmond
Honorary Secretary	Sr To Ka-yi, Lizzy
Honorary Treasurer	Sr Chan Chi-hung, Kenny
Committee Members	Sr Chan Yue-chun Sr Cheu Yuk-yi Sr Chiu Kam-hon Sr Lai Lit-ki Sr Lam Lit-yin Sr Lau Chi-kwong Sr Leung Pui-yee Sr Ng Wai-tak Sr Tam Yiu-ming Sr Tang Wing-lun Sr Tsui Hoi-yuen Sr Wong Ching-kei Sr Wong Kin, Michael Sr Wong Pak-wai, Peter Sr Yik Wai-fung Sr Yip Hon-wah