

A Night to Remember

The HKIS Annual Dinner 2016 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel drew over 600 guests including Guest of Honour Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, and ended with some spectacular entertainment.

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For the past 32 years, the HKIS's Annual Dinner has been a signature event for members. This year's black-tie event drew more than 600 members and distinguished guests, who enjoyed a memorable evening at the Grand Hyatt Hotel's Grand Ballroom. All 49 tables, including six head tables, were packed with members, Government officials, academics, affiliated bodies and local industry veterans, as well as some special guests from Overseas and Mainland China.

In his welcome speech, outgoing President Sr C K Lau expressed his heartfelt thanks to the members who had spent considerable amounts of their time contributing to the growth of the Institute, of Hong Kong, and of various other local and international organisations. He also highlighted three areas in which HKIS has made huge strides this year: promoting a business-friendly environment in Hong Kong; facilitating HKIS's development in Greater China; and promoting the surveyors' brand.

Lau recalled the significant amount of time spent building up trust among different teams, and the challenges met in obtaining consensus for the Institute's objectives and work plan for the year. "The support and dedication of the Office Bearers, members of the General Council, members of Divisional Councils, various Boards, Committees and Panels, and the Secretariat Office were crucial for the smooth implementation of the work of the Institute this year," he said. "Together we have accomplished the many tasks which we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year."

Lau also paid tribute to the Annual Dinner Organising Committee for making the event a great success, and expressed his appreciation to HKIS Vice-President Sr Dick Kwok and other members of the Organising Committee.

"A special 'thank you' goes to all the sponsors who generously gave us their support," he continued. "I am confident that HKIS will continue to devote its efforts in having a beneficial influence on, and making positive contributions to, both the profession and the community as a whole."

Lau's speech was followed by remarks from Sr Dick Kwok, Chairman of the Organising Committee. "The HKIS Annual Dinner celebrates and closes out the Institute's year, and 2016 has certainly been a very meaningful year," he said. "We have been very lucky to receive more support and recognition than we could have imagined." Kwok also offered his sincere gratitude to the members of the Organising Committee, as well as fellow HKIS members, for their contributions towards a successful and delightful evening.

The highlight of the evening saw the Guest of Honour, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, address the ballroom and thank HKIS for its support of Government initiatives related to Lantau development and HK 2030+. Making his fourth appearance at the Annual Dinner, Leung touched on a number of hot topics including land shortage, housing issues and climate change, and introduced the HK\$200 million Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme (PASS), which was launched in November 2016.

Leung said the Government would finance future non-profit-making industry-led projects in order to increase exchanges and co-operation between Hong Kong's professional services and their counterparts in external markets, as well as to enhance the competitiveness of the HKIS.

"The Government will fund up to 90 per cent of

the total eligible project cost, and a wide range of professional services are eligible for funding under PASS – such as non-profit-distributing professionals, trade and industrial organisations, and research institutes,” Leung said.

Turning to the Mainland, Leung stressed that even more opportunities are being created for surveyors to get involved in. “For more than 30 years, Mainland China has been one of the largest and most dynamic markets. Under ‘One country, two systems’ and thanks to the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, many opportunities have opened up, with more building surveying professionals entering the market. Indeed, the world is changing faster than we thought in the areas of politics and economics, as such recent happenings as Brexit and the US presidential elections demonstrate.”

Leung also spoke of feedback from the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation 2016 Economic Leaders’ Meeting in Peru, which he attended. He said that a number of business leaders gave their views on the future of trade globalisation with China, and advocated for greater direction and leadership in promoting free trade. “The message I brought back is simple but vital,” he summed up. “We must keep Hong Kong competitive in this new world order.”

What set this year’s Annual Dinner apart from previous ones was a special table with 12 young secondary and tertiary students from the Society for Community Organisation, based in Sham Shui Po. Leung, who came up with the idea to help grassroots youngsters experience different facets of society, hosted the table.

“We professionals rely on our own initiative to undergo training and earn our living,” Leung said. “We can be good role models for children to teach

them more about professional ethics. I would also encourage HKIS to invite more students to join its future events to broaden their outlook.”

F1 student Peter Wong was deeply moved by the encouragement of the Chief Executive and other HKIS members. “Thanks to my discussions with the surveyors, I was able to learn much more about the industry. It’s invaluable to know how they achieved their success and climbed up the professional ladder.”

The only non-student was 21-year-old Ken Lam, who works in logistics. He signed up for this event in order to widen his exposure. “It was a great opportunity for us grassroots kids to open up our eyes by meeting such interesting and different people.”

The evening’s entertainment also included a performance by the Energetic Eagle Drum Team, the first Chinese drum team composed of entirely of people with physical and mental disabilities. The team members drew gasps of admiration from the audience as they created an earth-moving sound donned in their colourful Chinese-style uniforms. The festive mood continued with television presenter Mayanne Mak and veteran pop artist Joe Junior singing four songs to thunderous applause.

The night ended with S!R, a band made up entirely of surveyors, rocking the stage with a live song performance. Five HKIS members dressed up and played their favourite songs onstage to demonstrate their passion for music. Afterwards, members from the HKIS Executive Council were invited onto the stage to sing together the Chinese song Strong (“強”).

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香港測量師學會 2016 周年晚宴於君悅酒店圓滿舉行，逾 600 位賓客獲邀出席，其中包括主禮嘉賓行政長官梁振英先生，一連串精彩表演為晚宴劃上完美句號。

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回顧過去 32 年，香港測量師學會的周年晚宴一直是會員一年一度的重點活動。今年的晚宴邀請逾 600 名會員及貴賓，在君悅酒店的宴會大禮堂共度一個難忘的晚上。晚宴筵開 49 席（包括 6 席主桌），學會會員、政府官員、學者、相關專業團體及本地資深業界人士，以及來自海外及內地的特別嘉賓共聚一堂。

即將退任的會長劉振江測量師發表歡迎致辭，他衷心感謝各會員長期為學會、香港以及其他本地及國際機構的發展作出貢獻。劉振江指出，香港測量師學會今年在推動香港的良好營商環境、促進學會在大中華地區的發展，以及推廣香港測量師學會品牌這三個方面的工作，均取得重大進展。

劉振江憶述，學會投入大量時間，致力在不同組別之間建立互信，其中就學會今年的目標及工作計劃達成共識，學會亦遇到不少挑戰。他說：「有賴執行理事、理事會成員、各委員會、各組別理事會及政策小組成員，以及學會秘書處的支持和投入，得以順利完成工作。在各方共同努力之下，我們成功實現年初訂下的多項目標。」

是次周年晚宴得以成功籌辦，劉會長感謝周年晚宴籌備委員會的努力，同時向副會長郭岳忠測量師及籌備委員會的其他成員致謝。

他續說：「特別鳴謝所有慷慨支持本會周年晚宴的贊助機構。我相信香港測量師學會將會繼續為業界及社區帶來正面影響及作出積極貢獻。」

在劉振江致辭後，籌備委員會主席郭岳忠測量師亦發表講話。他說：「香港測量師學會周年晚宴為本會一年的工作劃上句號，2016 年是意義非凡的一年，本會有幸獲得廣泛支持及認同。」郭主席亦就晚宴順利舉行，感謝籌備委員會成員及香港測量師學會會員。

主禮嘉賓行政長官梁振英的發言掀起晚宴的高潮。他感謝香港測量師學會支持大嶼山開發及《香港 2030+》等政府計劃。今年是梁振英第四次出席學會的周年晚宴，他特別提到土地短缺、住屋問題及氣候變化等多個城中熱話，並介紹了為數兩億港元的專業服務協進支援計

劃，有關計劃已於 2016 年 11 月推出。

梁振英透露，政府將資助由業界主導的非牟利項目，藉此加強本港專業服務行業與境外市場的交流和合作，以及提升香港測量師學會的競爭力。

梁振英稱：「政府的資助上限可達合資格項目成本總額的百分之九十。多個專業服務行業，如非分配利潤的專業團體、工商機構及研究院所，均符合申請資格。」

梁振英強調本港測量師將有更多機會涉足內地市場。「中國內地過去 30 多年一直是規模最大及最具活力的市場之一。『一國兩制』及更緊密經貿關係安排為本港帶來大量機遇，越來越多建築測量專業人士有機會踏足內地市場。事實上，環球政治及經濟市場多變難測，像最近的英國脫歐及美國大選即可見一斑。」

梁振英亦提及早前出席在秘魯舉行的亞太經濟合作會議經濟領袖會議。他稱多位商界領袖就中國的未來貿易全球化發表意見，支持當局確立更長遠的發展方向並加強領導，從而促進自由貿易。「會議傳遞的訊息簡明扼要，面對新的世界秩序，我們必須維持香港的競爭力。」

是次周年晚宴有別於往年，特設一席招待來自深水埗香港社區組織協會的 12 名中學生及大專生，並由梁振英先生贊助，他期望為基層年青人提供更多機會，讓他們多接觸社會各界。

梁振英說：「作為專業人士，我們主動參加專業訓練，建立自己的事業。我們可以為年青人樹立榜樣，教導他們認識何謂專業操守。我鼓勵香港測量師學會邀請更多學生參與未來的活動，從而擴闊他們的視野。」

行政長官及其他香港測量師學會會員不斷鼓勵學生，就讀中一的王泓川深受啟發。「與測量師交談，加深我對這個行業的了解。我也藉此知道他們如何取得事業上的成功及建立專業發展的階梯，這是一個相當難得的機會。」

21 歲的林俊銘從事物流，是當中唯一的非在學人士。他報名參與此次活動，目的是增加與外界接觸的機會。「對我們這些基層青年而言，能夠與各界人士接觸，的確是開闊眼界的好機會。」

晚宴亦安排了精彩的表演節目，包括邀請了首支完全由肢體殘障或智障人士組成的中國鼓隊 - 鼓躍飛鷹隊擔任演出嘉賓。鼓隊成員穿上色彩鮮艷的中國服飾，在震撼的鼓聲帶動下，觀眾情緒高漲，對演出讚嘆不已。其後電視主持人麥美恩及資深歌手 Joe Junior 傾情獻唱四首歌曲，台下掌聲雷動。

晚宴的壓軸表演節目是由測量師組成的樂隊 SIR 現場演唱，他們將全場氣氛推向高潮。樂隊五名成員也是香港測量師學會的會員，他們盛裝登場，為現場嘉賓送上不同歌曲。學會執行理事亦被邀請上台合唱，在晚宴尾聲即席合唱中文歌曲「強」。

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