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March was a busy month for the HKIS. As well as putting forth our views on various government policies such as the 2017-18 Budget and the Town Planning Approval process, there was a Joint Institute Members' Forum organised by four Institutes prior to the Chief Executive election.

HKIS as a voice of the industry

2017-18 Budget

The HKIS welcomed and supported the 2017-18 Budget delivered on 22 February. The Institute stresses the Budget's perspectives on building rehabilitation and infrastructure development, as well as measures for increasing housing supply, creating smart-city initiatives and focusing on long-term development, and urges the Government to provide more elderly-friendly residential units (non-institutional care). HKIS is, however, concerned at the slow progress in the funding approval of a number of public building and infrastructure projects by the Legislative Council. We hope that fund allocations will enjoy smoother progress in future so that the sustainable development of society can be maintained.

Active participation in Luncheon Talk by Financial Secretary

13 HKIS ExCom members attended a Luncheon Talk by Financial Secretary Mr Paul Chan Mo-po

on 8 March, hosted by The Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services. Chan spoke on the topic "To spend, or not to spend", which was followed by a forum discussion and questions from the floor.

Improvement on Town Planning Approval process

On 27 February, the Institute released a report of a research study on the Town Planning Application system. Sr Lau Chun-kong, Land Policy Panel Chairman and HKIS Immediate Past President, assisted with compiling the research. The report assesses causes which lead to the slowdown of the approval process and comes up with six recommendations to speed things up. Hopefully, this will help shorten the process to between two to three months. Please read the Event Spotlight for more details.

Continuous pursuit of the establishment of a Building Repair and Maintenance Works Authority (BRMA)

Since 2014, the Institute has been proposing that the Government set up a Building Repair and Maintenance Authority (BRMA) to tackle industry issues. Recently, Home Affairs Bureau proposed to amend the Building Management Ordinance and a Legislative Council member suggested something similar to our BRMA concept. The HKIS welcomes the suggestion and would like the Government to consider this proposal, establishing standard industry guidelines to secure fair competition, education and the promotion of a building-repair culture.

Views presented to LegCo on consultation on Hong Kong 2030+

On 9 March, the Institute submitted our views and concerns on Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030. The consultation materials have identified a number of major challenges for the city including the ageing population, ageing buildings, aspirations for enhancing liveability

and keen competition in the global economy. These are closely linked to the land and housing resources in the territory and the HKIS has summarised and submitted its views across the three “building blocks” as set out in the consultation materials.

Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2017

The HKIS joined the LegCo presentation on the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2017 on 28 March. The Institute does not support the Bill and addressed the various implications arising from the implementation of the various stamp duty measures since 2010, which have caused a considerable amount of distortion to the property market. Given the importance for Hong Kong of maintaining its image as a world-class city and enhancing liveability, it is imperative that the government examines and considers the above-mentioned implications arising from the demand-side management measures. It should then review the possibility of taking away the various stamp duty measures in an orderly manner in the near term to prevent further distortions of the property market.

Chief Executive election

Four institutes (HKIA, HKILA, HKIP and HKIS) arranged a Joint Institute Members' Forum on 18 March for the three candidates for Chief Executive, of whom only Mrs Carrie Lam attended. The forum drew around 100 members and Election Committee Members who raised questions on construction, housing, building and land issues with Mrs Lam. Our members also attended other CE election forums arranged by other Election Committee Members.

The new CE, Mrs Carrie Lam, won the election with 777 votes on 26 March and HKIS congratulates and welcomes her as she takes on the leadership role. We look forward to closer collaborations and communication with the incoming government particularly on housing and land supply, which is the most important issue Hong Kong faces. Meanwhile, I would

like to take the opportunity to congratulate the outgoing CE – and HKIS Past President (1995-96) – Mr CY Leung on his election as Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Safety in the construction industry

More than 200 HKIS members took part in the opening ceremony, exhibition, forum and symposium of Building Safety Week organised by the Buildings Department. As president, I represented the HKIS at a CEO Safety Forum arranged by a contractor and stressed the importance of safety in construction, maintenance and repair works. Given the low awareness of this matter, I urge surveyors to pay more attention to safety and to undergo safety courses.

Events and other happenings

To express the HKIS's grave concern about the Legislative Council's delay in approving funding, I participated in the gatherings outside the LegCo Building on 24 February and March 18 arranged by Construction Industry Alliance (CIA). The latter one was larger, with nearly 3,000 people attending and I addressed the gathering on behalf of the HKIS. Meanwhile, the Building Surveying Division (BSD) Scholarship presentation held on 2 March gave awards to 12 secondary school students for outstanding academic performance. The Quantity Surveying Division also held a new members welcoming party on March 3 for those who have passed the APC.

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President

本會在三月完成了多項工作，包括就 2017/18 年度財政預算案和城市規劃審批程序等政策提出意見，並出席由四個專業學會舉辦的行政長官候選人選舉論壇。

香港測量師學會反映業界聲音

2017/18年度財政預算案

本會歡迎並支持在 2 月 22 日公佈的 2017/18 年度財政預算案，尤其關注樓宇復修和基建發展，以及增加房屋供應、建設智能城市、促進長遠發展的措施，並建議政府提供更多適合長者居住的住宅單位（非院舍）。然而，本會憂慮立法會審批撥款進展緩慢，拖延了多個公共建築及基建項目。我們期望立法會日後能順利通過撥款，維持社會持續發展。

積極參與財政司司長午餐演講會

本會有 13 位執行委員會成員出席 3 月 8 日由香港專業聯盟主辦的財政司司長午餐演講會，席間司長陳茂波先生就題目「應使則使？」發表演說。隨後設有討論及提問環節。

改善城市規劃審批程序

本會就城市規劃申請制度，在 2 月 27 日發表研究報告。上任會長暨土地政策小組主席劉振江測量師協助統籌有關報告，內容涉及審批程序緩慢的原因，同時提出六項建議以加快審批程序，學會期望將程序縮短為兩至三個月。詳情請參閱本刊「焦點活動」。

繼續爭取設立樓宇維修工程監管局

本會自 2014 年以來一直建議政府設立樓宇維修工程監管局，集中處理業界問題。民政事務局最近提議修訂《建築物管理條例》，亦有立法會議員提出有關樓宇維修和管理的建議。本會樂見有關建議，希望政府考慮設立樓宇維修工程監管局，以制訂標準行業指引，維持市場公平競爭，同時促進教育及推廣樓宇維修文化。

就香港 2030+ 諮詢向立法會表達意見

本會於 3 月 9 日就《香港 2030+：跨越 2030 年的規劃遠景與策略》提交意見並表達關注。諮詢資料指出本港面臨的幾項主要挑戰，包括人口老化、樓宇老化、提升宜居度的訴求，以及競爭劇烈的環球經濟。這些挑戰與本港土地和房屋資源息息相關。本會已就諮詢資料中的三大範疇歸納及提交意見。

《2017 年印花稅（修訂）條例草案》

本會出席 3 月 28 日舉行的《2017 年印花稅（修訂）條例草案》立法會簡報會並表明反對這項草案的立場。本會認為政府自 2010 年推行印花稅，措施已嚴重扭曲物業市場。香港需保持世界級都市形象、提升宜居水平，故政府應審視和衡量各項需求管理措施所造成的上述影響，並考慮應否在短期內逐步取消各項印花稅，以穩定物業市場。

行政長官選舉

四個專業學會（香港建築師學會、香港園境師學會、香港規劃師學會及香港測量師學會）於 3 月 18 日邀請三位行政長官候選人出席聯合會員論壇，最後僅林鄭月娥女士應邀出席。約 100 位會員及選舉委員會委員在論壇上向林鄭月娥女士提出有關建築、房屋、樓宇、土地等方面的問題。本會會員亦有出席其他選舉委員會委員籌辦的行政長官選舉論壇。

林鄭月娥女士在 3 月 26 日選舉當天以 777 票當選新一任行政長官，本會謹此致賀，亦歡迎她接任特首。我們期盼與新政府加強合作及溝通，更多在房屋和土地供應方面向政府提供專業意見，這是香港當前面臨的重要問題。本人亦在此祝賀即將卸任的行政長官梁振英先生獲選為全國政協副主席，梁振英先生在 1995 至 96 年間曾擔任香港測量師學會會長。

建造業安全

逾 200 位本會會員參與屋宇署舉辦的樓宇安全週，出席開幕禮、展覽、論壇及研討會。本人以會長身分，代表香港測量師學會出席承建商安排的建造業安全高峰論壇，強調建築、保養及維修工程安全的重要性。業界對關注有關議題意識不深，本人促請各測量師注意行業安全，修讀安全課程。

其他活動

本會深切關注立法會審批撥款進展緩慢的情況，本人於 2 月 24 日及 3 月 18 日先後兩次參加建造業大聯盟在立法會大樓外的聚會，第二次聚會規模較大，有近三千人參加，本人代表香港測量師學會在聚會上發表演講。此外，建築測量組在 3 月 2 日舉辦獎學金頒獎禮，有 12 位成績優異的中學生獲獎；工料測量組亦於 3 月 3 日舉辦新會員歡迎會，祝賀新會員通過專業評核試。

會長
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