

CPD Organised by YSG

There were one visit and two seminars organised by YSG and one visit jointly-organised by the QSD and YSG in May.

1. Experience-Sharing on Lease Modification Applications (5 May 2017)

(Reported by Sr Gigi Mok, YSG CPD Convener, and Sr Ling Wan, YSG CPD Sub-Committee Member)

The following course contents were covered:

1. Land Tenure System in Hong Kong
2. Delegated Authority of the CE and Director of Lands
3. Composition and Functions of the District Lands Office (DLO)
4. Permanent and Temporary Lease Modifications: its Purposes and Operations
5. Lease Modification Applications
6. The Role of Surveying Professionals in Lease Modifications
7. Lease Modification Procedures and Time Frames
8. HUB Manager Role of DLO
9. Approval Mechanism: District Land and Valuation Committee/Conferences
10. Minor Lease Modifications
11. Case Studies

Sr Edward Au, Senior Estate Surveyor of the Lands Department, shared his invaluable experiences of land administration and lease modifications in Hong Kong. He briefed us on the background of the land tenure system, the present land disposal policy, and the role of an estate land surveyor. Fruitful information on various types of lease modification were discussed (e.g. by way of conditions of grant [surrender and re-grant], modification and no-objection letters, short term and temporary waivers, licences, and technical modifications.

During the Q&A session, the audience wanted to know more about the considerations and criteria



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1. Souvenir presentation to Sr Edward Au, Senior Estate Surveyor, Lands Department

for acquiring approval from the District Land Offices under different situations. Sr Au explained in detail the procedures, standards, and relevant practice notes that were relevant to the essence of the application.

2. Visit to the Fire and Ambulance Services Education Centre cum Museum (6 May 2017)

(Reported by Sr Gigi Mok, YSG CPD Convener, and Mr Gareth Chan, YSG CPD Sub-Committee Member)

This visit aimed to enrich members' understanding of fire safety and ambulance development in Hong Kong. Participants learned about the history and culture of the Hong Kong Fire Services Department (HKFSD) during their visit, which included viewing precious historical photographs, equipment, and vehicles that marked the HKFSD's development over the years.

During the visit, members also learned more about how firefighters underwent their daily training sessions, including rescues from towers and burning houses, as well as handling hazardous materials and aquatic incidents. The museum also featured a memorial area to pay respect to those firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. After touring the Ambulance Services Exhibition Area, members could understand the proper use of emergency ambulance services.

Special thanks go to the HKFD representatives and tour guides – Mr Pang Kai Chiu, Mr Jimmy Hui Chi Keung, and Ms Hinson Lam Man Li – who helped participants gain a better understanding of Hong Kong's fire and ambulance services.



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2. Souvenir presentation to HKFSD representative, Mr Pang Kai Chiu, and participants' group photo
3. Firefighter uniforms from the 1940s to the present
4. Vehicle formerly used by the FSD
5. Training Centre for aquatic accidents
6. Training Centre for collapse accidents
7. Training Centre for Fire Rescue (Left), Fitness Centre (middle), Training Centre for Fire Extinguishment and Dangerous Good Accident (right)
8. Facilities for teaching the use of hose reels

3. Drone Application and Development Relationship to Industries (Session 1) (9 May 2017)

(Reported by Sr Alice Ko, YSG CPD Convener)



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9. Souvenir presentation to Mr Rickson Chow, President of the International Unmanned Aircraft Systems Association

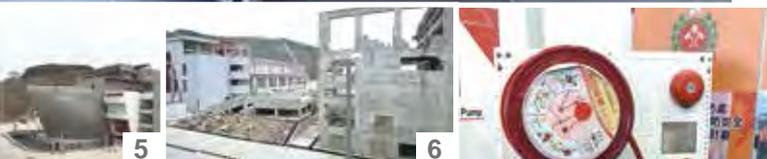


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Thanks go to Mr Rickson Chow, President of the International Unmanned Aircraft Systems Association (IUASA), for delivering a CPD to introduce Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs), providing an interesting PowerPoint presentation, and regaling attendees on his experiences with UAS applications in industry. During the seminar, Rickson also introduced the safety practices, regulations, and licencing requirements relevant to drones. After this introduction to the applications and demonstration of UASs, members gained a better understanding of their basic applications, especially how they can assist surveyors' daily tasks. Most members mentioned that they looked forward to YSG's next outdoor trial session.

4. Visit to an MTR Gallery and the MTR's Kowloon Station Control Room & In-town Check-in Service (20 May 2017)

(Jointly organised by the QSD & YSG and reported by Sr Gigi Mok, YSG CPD Convener)



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By visiting the control room and in-town check-in service at the MTR's Kowloon Station for passengers departing from the Hong Kong International Airport,

members could understand the layout of the MTR Kowloon Station, including why the Airport Express and Tung Chung Lines had separate paid areas, as well as the considerations with regard to their functional requirements and users' requirements during the design stage, so as to cater to their needs. Passengers could opt for check-in service a day before their flights, so as to allow for more flexible commutes to the airport. The MTR guides added that close coordination among all parties was critical for achieving a successful service.

During the MTR Gallery visit, members discovered the MTR's history. The gallery had many interactive features including a train mock-up, several interactive multimedia games, and a movie zone. From the different artefacts and displays at the Gallery, members learned more about the MTR's history, its railway operations, and future network developments such as the manufacturers of its rolling stock, their years of service, mid-life refurbishments of their first generation trains, normal and refurbished passenger trains, etc.

Finally, members visited the Kowloon Station Control Room. After the introduction by the MTR representative, members understood the systems that were managed from the Control Room: floodgates, station and tunnel ECS mode schematics, VAC manual override stope switches, smoke extraction systems, emergency signage, AFC, fire services, etc.



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10. Participants and MTR representatives' group photo taken in the Control Centre
11. Participants' group photo taken at the MTR Gallery
12. Ringo, an MTR representative, introduces the In-town Check-in Service at the MTR Kowloon Station
13. Replica of MTR ticket issued on the first operational day (30 September 1979)
14. Train seats with top handrails used during 1979-1998 inside a train mock-up
15. Mechanics of an MTR train component