



Land Surveying Division

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Application to the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme (PASS)

The HKIS, led by its President, visited the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation Bureau (SMGB) in Beijing in June 2016. The SMGB's Administrator, Sr Kurexi Maihesuti, urged the HKIS to contribute to the One Belt One Road (OBOR) scheme's surveying services. In November 2016, the HKIS jointly organised the 8th Cross-Strait Geomatics Conference in Xiamen. Deputy Administrator Sr Li Pengde of the National SMGB commented that Hong Kong has the advantage of seeking and translating the law and survey regulations of various countries in the OBOR scheme. He urged the HKIS to contribute to OBOR's surveying services. The Hong Kong Government will set up a fund of HK\$200 million to support Hong Kong's professional services sector in its quest to promote and serve improvement projects and currently invites applications.

Given this favourable background, the HKIS President directed the LSD to submit a proposal to promote Hong Kong's land surveying professional services from PASS during the Executive Committee Meeting last month. Thus, the LSD will work on the proposal, "Land Surveying Technological Services for Smart City Development for OBOR countries".

The maximum PASS grant will be HK\$3 million per project, to which the applicant institute would contribute a minimum of 10% of the funding. The application submission deadline should be 31 August 2017.

This will be an initial plan to promote three land surveying services: 1) land boundary surveys, 2)

UAVs for city mapping, and 3) remote-sensing applications. Four OBOR countries – China, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan – will be included in the promotion during the Expo and national surveying conference from 2018 to 2019. In short, the LSD plans to display the city 3D and land use models that it will produce for the targeted countries using its advanced UAV and remote sensing technologies. It will also enlighten the OBOR countries on its cadastral surveying laws and operating rules, as well as seek translations of their laws and rules for its members.

The LSD welcomes ideas for and participation in the LSD PASS applications. Should you or your firm be interested in joining this land surveying professional service promotion project, you are most welcome to contact Sr Conrad Tang at lstang@hkis.org.hk.

The PASS pays no salary to participants, as everyone is a volunteer. It is government funding that helps our industry promote itself. There are also no meals provided. To allow participants to participate in Expo promotions abroad, PASS will provide them with economy class air tickets and reimburse their hotel costs. All costs proposed would be substantiated by quotations or relevant cost information.

Boundary

Under the current land boundary rules, the Lands Department has no legal authority nor obligation to check the validity of a land boundary re-establishment done by the private sector. The voluntary submission of a land boundary re-establishment is a courtesy service of the Survey and Mapping Office (SMO), where the works of private practitioners are kept for sharing among fellow surveyors. When there is a land development or land administration project that involves a subject lot or abuts government land, the SMO can check the relevant voluntary

submission. Quite a few authorised land surveyors (ALSs) have experienced belated requests to elaborate on lot boundary re-establishments (the SMO has no authority to ask an ALS to amend his/her boundaries). It is not a desirable situation, so the Land Boundary Committee (LBC) seeks better arrangements for the LSD's land boundary service.

The Buildings Department, through the Practice Note for Authorised Persons (PNAP ADV-33 and ADM-21), accepts a lease or land survey plan prepared by a practising ALS as proof of a site's parameters. The LBC, through our President, addressed the Director of Buildings (DB) on the examination of the LBP. The DB replied to our President on 8 May. On behalf of the LBC, I had the privilege of further communicating with Sr TC Leung, Assistant Director of the Buildings Department. The BD saw that the ALSs are registered professionals who conduct land boundary surveys under the Land Survey Ordinance. Auditing the LBP is outside the BD's purview.

The LBC believes that a prompt examination of a land boundary re-establishment is desirable and healthy for the land development process. But adding this land boundary check role to the functioning departments means additional resources. The LSD shall continue the dialogue with the Development Bureau over this matter.

Membership

The HKIS held its diploma presentation ceremony on 9 June. For the LSD, congratulations go to Sr King Siu-kei, Sr Winnie Wong Wing-yin, Sr Matthew Lee Ka-chun, and Sr Luk Wai-chung on becoming the newest corporate members. Hung Ming-lun became an associate member, while Chan Ho-tung and Wong Yik-chung became LSD dissertation awardees.

The LSD APC Part I written assessment was held on 17 June. Twenty-five probationers took the test. The LSD Education Council will promptly mark and inform the candidates of their results. Please wish them good luck.



“Sr” – The Abbreviation for Surveyor

“Sr” is adopted as the abbreviation for surveyor by The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors. The pronunciation for “Sr” is “surveyor”.

In order to promote its use to the public, corporate members are encouraged to adopt the abbreviation “Sr” in front of their English names in their official communications. (Please note that “Sr.” is an incorrect usage.) Likewise, corporate members are also invited to address themselves as “測量師” after their Chinese names.

“Sr” – 測量師的英文簡稱

香港測量師學會採納「Sr」作為「Surveyor」（測量師）的英文簡稱。其發音與 Surveyor 相同。

為向公眾宣傳「Sr」的用法，我們鼓勵正式會員在日常生活中，在英文名字之前加上「Sr」。（請注意「Sr.」為錯誤用法。）至於中文方面，我們亦會邀請正式會員在其中文名字之後加上「測量師」。