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July marked a significant milestone for Hong Kong as it celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its return to the sovereignty of China. I was honoured to represent the HKIS at a series of official activities, meeting Chairman Xi Jinping, attending his welcome dinner and also enjoying the grand variety show, in addition to attending the Bay Area Forum. Other momentous occasions I attended were the flag-raising ceremony and the inaugural ceremony of the fifth term government of the HKSAR on 1 July. I was also honoured to meet representatives of the scientific and professional sectors of China and Hong Kong, as well as astronauts from China, while witnessing the grand military inspection ceremony and the welcome ceremony for the 16<sup>th</sup> Naval Taskforce of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

### New HKSAR Government

With our first female Chief Executive (CE), Mrs Carrie Lam, taking over the administration along with her secretaries, I extend my best wishes to the new team. We regard our continuous dialogue and communication with the Government as being of considerable importance, and those contacts will be maintained. A letter relating to the new CE's policy address was sent this month to reflect HKIS' views and expectations. We also welcomed the suggestions made by the newly appointed Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan, who has proposed safe and hygienic sub-divided flats as a temporary solution to alleviate housing needs.

A press conference was also called on 20 July to emphasise our seven suggestions for the new government, covering land supply, housing and building matters like the formation of a building repair and maintenance authority and the formulation of strategy to tackle the problem of housing for the elderly.

### Active Participation in Building Rehabilitation

The Institute is forever concerned about building rehabilitation and heritage conservation in Hong Kong;

in light of this, we have applied for HK\$2 million from the Funding Scheme for Public Engagement Projects on Built Heritage Conservation to implement a timely maintenance and conservation programme relating to privately owned historic buildings. Our proposal envisions workshops and guided tours being organised to educate both public and private owners of historic building with Friends of Heritage are welcome to join. If funding is granted, the project will take place over 24 months, from January 2018 to December 2019.

### CEPA Reciprocity Agreement (RA)

Two CEPA RA training and assessments are planned for this year. To stimulate exchange and cooperation with the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA), the CIREA/HKIS's third batch of RA training and assessment was held on July 8 and 9 in Shenzhen. Elsewhere, China Engineering Cost Association (CECA)/HKIS' third batch of RA training and assessment will be held in late August and, so far, there have been 60 qualified applications for training and assessment for the PRC Cost Engineer Practising Qualification.

### EGM on Affiliated Membership

The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) called on 20 June to consider the proposed establishment of affiliate membership for the mutual exchange of surveying knowledge and expertise outside Hong Kong was adjourned, for want of a quorum. The adjourned EGM was reconvened on 20 July and the voting result was 315 votes for and 311 against. The resolution was not passed.

### 21<sup>st</sup> PAQS Congress and Closer Partnership with CIQS and CECA

The 21<sup>st</sup> Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors Congress (PAQS Congress) took place in Vancouver from 22 to 26 July. Themed "Green Developments: The New Era", the annual congress featured keynote presentations, young surveyors programmes, selected oral abstracts, exhibitions and numerous networking opportunities. A delegation of 16 HKIS members led by me attended this worthwhile event, where they mingled with representatives of quantity surveying and cost engineering institutions from 14 countries and cities, comprising Australia, China, Japan, Canada, Korea, New Zealand, Malaysia, Fiji, Brunei, Singapore, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Indonesia and South Africa (observer). At this Congress, our Past President, Sr Francis Leung took up the new Chair of PAQS, and QSD Chairman, Sr Raymond Kam was appointed Assistant Secretary of PAQS for a two-year term. Our QSD Council Member, Sr Joseph Chong, was awarded the PAQS Excellence Service Award. Congratulations to all of them on these great achievements.

During the event, the HKIS signed a Reciprocity Agreement with the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS), superseding the one made on 15 June 2008. Both parties agreed to exchange professional research and knowledge and to co-operate on any topics of mutual interest or liaise on matters of mutual concern. A Supplementary Reciprocity Agreement with China Engineering Cost Association (CECA) was also signed to effect the third batch of training and assesment.

Furthermore, this month, the first version of International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS) was published worldwide and a press release was issued by the HKIS on 24 July to inform all members and the public of this new high-level international standard boasting a high-level benchmarking and reporting framework for international cost classification, reporting and comparison. It will also revolutionise the global industry by improving cost predictions for infrastructure projects and enabling global comparison of construction project costs.

### Honours Awardees

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate those members who have been awarded such honours as the GBS, SBS, BBS, JP and Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service.

A congratulatory message was placed in *Surveyors Times* to thank them for their service and contribution to the community. Please refer to the message for the list of recipient members.

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President

今年7月，香港慶祝回歸祖國20周年，此乃香港發展的重要里程碑。我很榮幸代表香港測量師學會參與多個官方活動，包括與習近平主席見面及出席歡迎晚宴，欣賞盛大的文藝表演，以及參加大灣區論壇。其他重要活動還包括7月1日的升旗儀式和第五屆香港特別行政區政府就職典禮。我亦有幸與中港兩地的科技界及專業界代表以及中國內地的太空人見面，同時見證盛大的閱兵儀式，並出席中國人民解放軍海軍16艦編隊訪問香港的歡迎儀式。

### 新一屆特區政府

香港首位女性行政長官林鄭月娥女士與各局局長就職，本人謹此向新一屆特區政府官員致以衷心祝賀。本會重視與政府對話和溝通，更期望未來雙方延續溝通。本會已去函行政長官辦公室，就新特首施政報告反映意見與期望。新任運輸及房屋局局長陳帆建議以安全及衛生的分間單位作為紓緩住屋需要的臨時解決方案，本會歡迎有關建議。

本會於7月20日舉行記者會，發表我們向新政府提出的七項建議，內容涵蓋土地供應、住屋和樓宇事宜，例如成立樓宇維修監管局，以及制訂策略解決長者住屋問題。

### 積極參與樓宇復修

本會一直關注本港樓宇復修和歷史文物保育情況，並就歷史建築保育公眾參與項目資助計劃向保育歷史建築基金申請一筆200萬元的撥款，資助推行有關私人擁有歷史建築物的維修及保育計劃。我們的建議將包括舉辦工作坊和導賞團，教育公眾和歷史建築物的私人業主，亦歡迎文物之友參加合辦。如獲批撥款，計劃將由2018年1月至2019年12月舉行，歷時24個月。

### CEPA 資格互認協議

本會計劃今年推行兩個CEPA資格互認的培訓和考核。為增進雙方交流與合作，本會和中國房地產估價師與房地產經紀人學會，於7月8日及9日在深圳合辦了第三批資格互認培訓和考核。另外，中國建設工程造價管理協會將於8月底與本會合辦第三批資格互認培訓和考核。目前已收到60個合資格的培訓及考核申請，通過後可獲得中國造價工程師的執業資格。

### 特別會員大會 – 附屬會員會籍

本會於6月20日召開特別會員大會，討論增設附屬會員會籍，加強香港與境外交流測量知識和專業知識，但會議因人數不足而休會。本會於7月20日重新召開特別會員大會，投票結果為315票贊成、311票反對。動議未獲通過。

### 第21屆PAQS國際會議及與CIQS和CECA加強合作

第21屆亞太區工料測量師協會國際會議 (PAQS Congress) 於7月22至26日假溫哥華舉行。本年大會主題為「綠色發展：新世代」，除了主題演講、為年輕測量師而設的節目、精選口述簡報和展覽外，會議也為業界提供大量交流機會。本人率領由香港測量師學會16位會員組成的代表團出席會議，與來自14個國家和城市的工料測量和工程造價組織的代表會面。各代表分別來自澳洲、中國、日本、加拿大、韓國、新西蘭、馬來西亞、斐濟、汶萊、新加坡、斯里蘭卡、菲律賓、印尼和南非（以觀察員身份出席）。本會前會長梁立基測量師接任亞太區工料測量師協會的新任主席，而工料測量組主席甘家輝測量師則獲委任亞太區工料測量師協會的助理秘書，任期兩年。本會工料測量組理事會成員莊學正測量師獲頒亞太區工料測量師協會的卓越服務獎。在此恭賀三位。

會議期間，本會與加拿大工料測量師學會 (CIQS) 簽訂資格互認協議，取代於2008年6月15日簽訂的原有協議。雙方同意互享專業研究和知識，並在任何符合雙方利益的議題上互相合作，或就雙方共同關注事宜互相協調。本會亦與中國建設工程造價管理協會 (CECA) 簽訂互認補充協議以啟動第三批資格互認培訓及考核。

此外，《國際建設工程計價標準》已於全球各地正式推出。本會於7月24日發放新聞稿，通知所有會員及公眾有關消息。《國際建設工程計價標準》為國際建設成本分類、報告和比較制定嚴謹的基準和框架。有關標準可望改善基建工程的成本預測，建立國際建築工程計價的比較基礎，為全球業界帶來新氣象。

### 祝賀獲授勳及嘉獎的會員

本人特此祝賀榮獲金紫荊星章、銀紫荊星章、銅紫荊星章、太平紳士和行政長官社區服務獎狀等榮譽的各位會員。

為感謝獲獎會員對社會的服務和貢獻，本會特別於《測量師時代》刊登賀辭。獲獎會員名單請參閱有關賀辭。

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何國鈞測量師