



### Land Surveying Division

Sr Dr Conrad Tang LSD Council Chairman

## “Create Your District” Competition

Two representatives, Sr Yvonne Cheu and Sr Joseph Wong of the LSD, were recently invited to join the “Create Your District” event. They made a pre-site visit to Sham Shui Po on 12 August and during the tour on 19 August shared their professional knowledge with the group of students on what a land surveyor could do in town planning-old building conservation projects like those for Sham Shui Po Police Station, Garden Centre and Mei Ho House. Other issues of interest included boundary disputes over hawker stalls on Ap Liu Street and the need to create maps with reference to Hong Kong’s principal datum.



I should emphasise that even after the above proposed routes materialised, an assessment under the APC scheme remains the principal route for admission as a corporate member. We have a significant number of probationers who are arduously working on their APC schemes. Thanks go to some probationers who reiterated their commitments to the scheme by ensuring me that they would consider land surveying professional management issues, which are part of the daily issues they face as in-situ land surveyors. Now they have to consider, organise, and present their work in a professional manner to confirm the merits of the APC scheme.

Thus, I want to ensure our probationers that it is worthwhile and fruitful to complete the APC scheme. The LSD treats the APC route as the primary route to its corporate membership. The proposed additional routes would only apply to candidates who do not work in typical APC settings.

## Visit to the Land Registry Archive

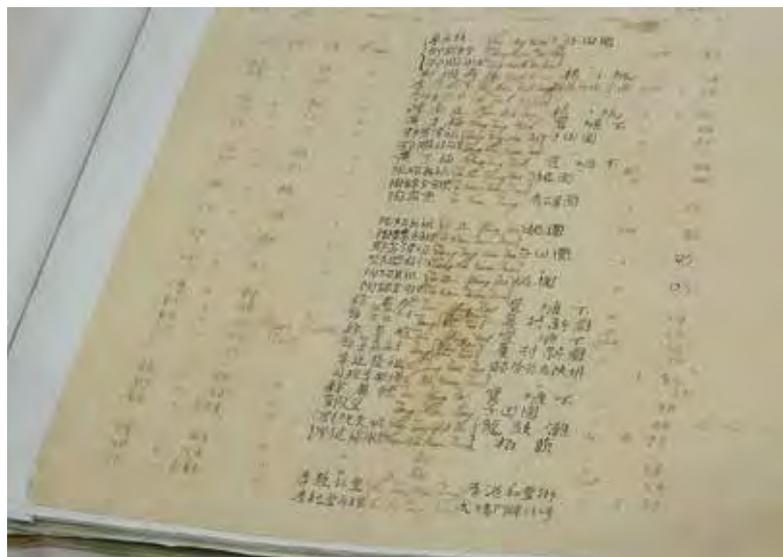
Two former HKIS Presidents, Sr Leung Shou Chun and Sr Simon Kwok, led a group of mostly authorised land surveyors on a visit to the Land Registry Archive on 17 August.



## Membership

It was announced last month that the LSD’s Education Council looks into every possible route to absorb qualified candidates into the land surveying profession, be it the acceptance of candidates with professional training experience at a brother institution or the ‘mature’ route by way of outstanding industrial practice experience.

Thanks go to Mr Pang Ka-fai, Deputy Registry Manager, and his colleagues for arranging this event so that the group could examine antique land boundary-related records. The surveyors were so excited that they keenly posed questions to the Land Registry staff, as well as queried and argued with their colleagues over the topic. Some of the records the group saw included urban block government leases, initial land sale documents (eg Inland Lot No.1, lot registers with lot subdivision wax paper of the South NTA, land sale registers, registered documents during the Japanese occupation, and various old subdivision plans), etc. A personally touching moment came for me when Mr Pang presented three subdivision plan samples before the Land Survey Ordinance. The beautiful lot subdivision plan that was prepared by Sr Jeff Lanham in 1994 using multi-colored symbols to show the various sub-sections was the work of my survey team at the time. The plan was deemed the industrial standard for the period, as stated by the Deputy Land Registrar.



The land surveyors were excited to discover that a Schedule could be written in two colors. The Chinese name and address were written in black ink and the rest in red.

## Members Corner Needs Contributions from You!

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