



Planning & Development Division
Sr Edmond Yew PDD Council Chairman

HKSAR Delegation Celebrates the 40th Anniversary of China's Economic Reforms and Opening-up

From 10-12 November, the PDD's founding chairman, Sr Edwin Tsang, was invited to join a delegation led by Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam to Beijing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of China's economic reforms and opening-up to the rest of the world.

Sr Edwin Tsang is one of only a few surveyors who holds three professional qualifications in architecture, surveying, and urban planning. He has continuously served the profession and community for over half a century.

Graduating from the University of Hong Kong in 1977 with a BA (Hons) degree, Sr Tsang then pursued further studies at the University of Liverpool, graduating with a master's degree in civic design in 1983. He is a former Assistant Director of Planning and government town planner at the HKSAR Government's Central Policy Unit, as well as a former CEO of the Estate Agents Authority.

To meet the needs of the development industry, Sr Tsang initiated a paper that called for the setup of a P&D Division by late 2000. After a long planning stage, the Division was formally established in November 2005. Since then, more planning and development surveyors have been trained to provide a comprehensive range of professional services in town planning and property development for both the public and private sectors in Hong Kong.

Together with members of various sectors of the community who have made profound contributions to Hong Kong and to the reforms and opening-up of China, Sr Tsang got to meet with President Xi Jinping and Vice Premier of the State Council Mr Han Zheng. He sat to the right with two other distinguished surveyors, Sr Francis Lau and the Hon Sr CY Leung (Vice Chairman of the National Political Consultative Conference), who sat in the middle of the first row. To recognise the tremendous contributions made by Sr Tsang during China's modernisation and the one country, two systems principle, Sr Tsang had great honor to shake hand with President Xi.

During the meeting, President Xi voiced hope that Hong Kong and Macau would further develop themselves by embracing the nation's reforms and opening-up. Both SARs are expected to continue to help facilitate these tasks with sincere patriotism and a pioneering spirit. President Xi hopes that Hong Kong and Macau will contribute to China's comprehensive opening-up more proactively; take the lead in attracting capital, technology, and talent; and join national high-quality economic development projects and new phases of China's opening-up.

President Xi added that Hong Kong and Macau should participate in national governance more proactively, which would be in line with the one country, two systems principle. We fully agrees that it would be a great opportunity for surveyors to act and integrate proactively into China's overall development by promoting cross-border development projects.

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Beijing Visit

I was pleased to also join the HKIS to Beijing from 1-2 November, when its delegation had a chance to visit the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office (港澳辦), Ministry of Natural Resources (自然資源部), CRECC (全國工商聯房地產商會), CCIEE (中國國際交流中心), and HKIS Beijing Office. We shared the latest central land and planning policies and latest developments in the Greater Bay Area with our counterparts.



Photo taken at the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office

HKIS Annual Dinner

I attended the HKIS Annual Dinner on 13 November with Council Members. It was a great honour to have the Hon Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBM, GBS, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration, as the HKIS's Honourable Speaker. We all had a joyful and happy evening.



Project Management Seminar: "Professional Surveyors as Project Managers"

On 17 November, I was invited to speak at the half-day Project Management Seminar, "Professional Surveyors as Project Managers," organised by the Project Management Committee. I introduced the role of planning and development surveyors as project managers. Offering a comprehensive range of professional services in town planning and property development, PD surveyors are undoubtedly capable of serving as project managers, who are ultimately responsible for successfully initiating, planning, project financing, budgeting, executing, monitoring, controlling and risk managing projects.



BSD Annual Dinner

On 15 November, I attended the BSD Annual Dinner and had a great time mingling with friends.



PDD Annual General Meeting

On 16 November, I chaired the PDD Annual General Meeting and presented the reports of the previous year's Chairman and Honorary Treasurer. I take this opportunity to thank my dedicated council members. Without their hard work, the PDD would not have accomplished so much in the past 12 months. In the coming year, it shall continue to strive for further achievements and promote the planning and development surveying profession.

Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Collaboration Forum in Qingyuan

On 18 November, I attended the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Collaboration Forum in Qingyuan organised by the Council for the Promotion of Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macau Cooperation (廣東省

粵港澳合作促進會)。 Other than visiting the Guangqing Industrial Park, Meilin Lake, and Chime Long, the delegation also listened to various keynote speeches prepared by experts regarding the connections within the Greater Bay Area and how to promote balanced developments in the cities.



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2018 中國城市規劃年會 in Hangzhou

From 24-25 November, I attended 中國城市規劃年會 in Hangzhou. The theme of this year's annual meeting was "Sharing and Quality (共享與品質)".

Please visit the following link for more details:

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Lantau Tomorrow Vision Forum

As the Chief Executive has promulgated the Lantau Tomorrow Vision in her latest Policy Address, the HKIS organised the Lantau Tomorrow Vision Forum on 29 November, which received overwhelming participation. The following senior government officials attended the Forum.

Development Bureau

- (1) Ms Bernadette Linn, Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning & Lands)
- (2) Mr Jacky Wu, Principal Assistant Secretary (Works)
- (3) Miss Tanna Chong, Assistant Secretary (Planning)

Planning Department

- (4) Mr Raymond Lee, Director of Planning
- (5) Mr Ivan Chung, Deputy Director of Planning/Territorial

Civil Engineering and Development Department

- (6) Mr Robin Lee, Head of the Sustainable Lantau Office
- (7) Mr Janson Wong, Deputy Head of the Sustainable Lantau Office (Works)

These officials shared with members their Lantau Tomorrow Vision and answered members' questions. I was impressed by the responses they gave and hope that a public consensus on the land supply issue could be reached as soon as possible to facilitate Hong Kong's growth.



BIM Conference 2018

On 30 November, I was invited as a guest speaker at the BIM Conference. The theme of this year's conference was "The Dream Role of Surveyors in BIM for Land Development, Construction and Property Life Cycle". To explain the potential applications of BIM in the planning and development industry, I presented the topic, "How Technology Shapes Our City: a Planning and Development Perspective". BIM can be used in building spatial planning and allows P & D Surveyors to assess a planned building, its influence on the environment, and vice versa comprehensively and before the building is built.

