



Planning & Development Division

Sr Edmond Yew PDD Council Chairman

Happy New Year to all fellow members! I wish you and your family a joyful, bright, healthy, prosperous, and happy new year ahead.

It was an honour for me to assume the Chairmanship of the Planning and Development Division last year. With the support of all council members, the PDD successfully signed two important MOUs with the Guangdong City Planning Association (GCPA) and Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP) and organised 18 CPDs and site visits with a particular focus on the planning and development of the Greater Bay Area.

Luncheon with the Home Affairs Department

On 5 December, I, together with other GC members, attended a luncheon with senior officials of the Home Affairs Department – Ms Janice Tse, Director of Home Affairs; Ms Vega Wong, Deputy Director; and Mr Alfred Lee, Assistant Director. We had a pleasant conversation regarding various property and building maintenance works management issues, which are relevant to the surveying profession.



Luncheon with the Secretaries for Development

On the next day, we had another luncheon with Mr Michael Wong, the Secretary for Development; Ms Bernadette Linn, Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands); and Sr Francis Leung, Principal Assistant Secretary (Works). Our discussions focused on some major topics including land supply issues, Lantau Tomorrow, the shortage of surveying professionals in infrastructure and development projects; and job opportunities for younger P&D surveyors in the public sector. We were pleased to see the favourable responses from the secretaries.

More sharing sessions organised for government officials and the HKIS, I believe that it would highly benefit the policymaking process.

To come up with strategic plans for this year, the PDD will hold a retreat on 12 January with our Council Members. We shall continue to strive for more achievements and promote the planning and development surveying profession throughout the region.

