



Quantity Surveying Division
Sr Raymond Kong QSD Council Chairman

APC Assessors' Briefing (27 September 2019)

The APC Assessors' Briefing 2019 was held on 27 September and attracted over 100 assessors. The briefing was chaired by QSD Divisional Education Committee Chairman Sr Steven Tang and DEC members Sr Tiffany Chan, Sr Poleon Chan, Sr Dr Betty Lo, and Sr HY Wan. After my welcome speech, DEC members briefly covered the salient points of the assessors' notes. This year, 260 and 527 candidates sat for the Parts I and II written assessments, respectively. Each answer script was marked at least three times by assessors of various seniorities.



PAQS Congress in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia (26-27 August 2019) Committee Reports

Further to my previous report on the PAQS Congress in Kuching, I present the reports of the QSD's representatives in the various PAQS committees.

PAQS BIM Committee

QSD Vice Chairman Sr Sunny Choi, QSD Past Chairman Sr Dr Paul Ho, and QSD Council Co-opted Member Sr KC Tang attended the PAQS BIM Committee meeting on 23 August. Sr Sunny Choi chaired the meeting, during which participants presented the latest BIM developments in their countries. Everyone agreed that client support, especially from the government, was essential for promoting BIM development and implementation. Quantity surveyors were required to enhance clients' awareness of the benefits of BIM adoption to manage costs, which should positively affect the work of architects and engineers in improving the adequacy and quality of information that BIM models provide.

Australia (AIQS), New Zealand (NZIQS), and Singapore (SISV) have already documented some of the best BIM practices or BIM attribute requirements for communicating with clients and designers. Malaysia (RISM) just updated the New Rules of Measurement of Malaysia. Sr Sunny Choi reported to the Committee that the HKIS had also started drafting the BIM Model Information Requirements to Facilitate Quantity Take-off. The Committee agreed that when quantity surveyors from different countries formulate their own model information requirements, the resulting collective forces are great and effective enough to promulgate the

information requirements of BIM models from the perspectives of quantity surveyors.

A BIM Workshop with two panel sessions was also held on 25 August, one of which was on BIM contractual framework issues and the other on the standard methods of measurement. Sr Dr Paul Ho's was a speaker in both sessions and presented the QSD's proposed BIM contract conditions and the new HKSM5. The participants showed great interest in Sr Dr Paul's presentation, especially in the considerations behind drafting the BIM contract conditions.



PAQS Education and Accreditation Committee

QSD Council Member Sr Sandy Tang attended a PAQS Education & Accreditation Committee meeting on 23 August. The Committee agreed to grant accreditation to Bachelor of Construction in Construction Economics degree holders from UNITEC and Bachelor of Construction (with specialisation in quantity surveying) degree holders from ARA University. Both are based in New Zealand.



PAQS Sustainability Committee

QSD Past Chairmen Sr Daniel Ho and Sr Paul Ho attended the PAQS Sustainability Committee meeting on 23 August. Sr Daniel Ho chaired the meeting with 14 representatives from seven countries/regions: Canada, the Philippines, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Sri Lanka.



As a follow-up action, two member countries updated the following areas of their summaries on green buildings:

1. Existing environmental assessment methods for buildings
2. Statutory requirements on environmentally-friendly buildings
3. Government incentives to encourage environmentally-friendly buildings
4. QS involvement in environmentally-friendly buildings
5. Useful links
6. Recent updates

The updated summaries will be uploaded to the PAQS website for members' information.

It was reported that the research project funded by PAQS titled, "Motivational Factors & Tangible Benefits of Green Development Buildings," was recently completed and a final report was submitted to PAQS. The report was endorsed by the PAQS Board and will be uploaded to the PAQS website.

Malaysia, this year's host country, arranged a whole session at the conference to discuss sustainability excellence. The Committee considered the conference to be a good opportunity for members to share information on and experiences with green buildings, so it proposed that the next host country, Singapore, consider organising a sharing session on sustainability at the 2020 PAQS Conference.

The Committee agreed that a summary of green buildings prepared by each member country would enrich all members' information on the development of green buildings. The Committee invites all member countries to submit summaries of the green building efforts in their countries, which will be posted on the PAQS website. Each summary will be updated annually before that year's PAQS conference.

To enhance communications between Committee members, WhatsApp and e-mail groups have been set up. Through these communications channels, members can share their views and knowledge of sustainability more frequently throughout the year instead of waiting for the next committee meeting to do so.

PAQS Research Committee

QSD Council Co-opted Member Sr Dr LEUNG Mei-yung attended the PAQS Research Committee meeting on 23 August. Sr Dr Leung reported that a website was being developed to allow for the sharing of knowledge and showcasing of research projects and conference papers. Also, there will be a discussion styled like a workshop on the topics of contractual procurement and value management at the next PAQS Congress in Singapore. The HKIS will lead this discussion.

QSD Social Event: Ocean Park Halloween Fest (22 September 2019)

To celebrate the HKIS's 35th Anniversary, the QSD arranged a social event, Ocean Park's Halloween Fest, on 22 September for members and their families and friends. Some 200 participants experienced an exciting and scary night inside Hong Kong's largest haunted house.

“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. 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」。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」。