



Building Surveying Division  
Sr Billy Wong BSD Council Chairman

## BSD Annual General Meeting 2019

The Building Surveying Division's Annual General Meeting (BSD AGM) was successfully held at the HKIS Surveyors Learning Centre (SLC) on 18 November. A new BSD Council (2019-2020) was elected during the meeting.

## The BSD Team



### Office Bearers (2019-2020)

Chairman	WONG Kin Yee, Billy <sup>1</sup>
Vice Chairmen	CHEUNG Man To, Arthur <sup>2</sup> TANG Chi Wang <sup>3</sup>
Honorary Secretary	DY Wai Fung, Peter <sup>4</sup>
Honorary Treasurer	LI Wing Shan, Joanmi <sup>5</sup>

### BSD Council Members (2019-2020)

Sr TSE Chi Kin, Kenny  
(Immediate Past Chairman, Ex-officio)

Sr CHAN Cheong, Gary

Sr CHAN Ka Man, Margaret

Sr CHAN Mei Kuen, Idi

Sr CHAN Tak Ming, Terence

Sr CHAU Bing Che, Henry

Sr CHEUK Cheung Kei, Cheuky

Sr CHEUNG Yan Kwai, Eddy

Sr KWOK Pak Wai, Jeffery

Sr LAM Wai Keung, Andrew

Sr LAW Fuk Chuen, Ivan

Sr LI Chun Ho, Jerry

Sr LO Ching Yee, Camille

Sr TEE Lee Wai, Hazel

Sr WANG Man Wah, Conny

Sr CHAN Chi Wah, Mark

### YSG Representatives:

Sr Gigi MOK, Sr Wilson KO



BSD Council members, co-opted members, and guests at its AGM on 18 November. Thanks for coming!

It is my honour to be elected Chairman for the Council Year 2019-2020. I take this opportunity to thank all outgoing office bearers, Council members, co-opted members, and fellows for their unfailing support for and contributions to the BSD.

The new team shall work hand-in-hand to continue advancing the goals of the BSD, HKIS, and society.

The BSD's key focus areas are listed out in the following paragraphs.

## Students and Probationers

### Pre-qualification Structured Learning for BS Probationers

To let its probationers gain a better understand of and prepare for the APC Practical Task, Sr Prof Barnabas HK Chung conducted a debriefing and sharing section for the BS APC on 10 December.

The seminar attracted a full house and attendees gave positive feedback. The BSD shall continue to organise more PQSLs and CPDs to support its probationers and students during their training.



### Outreach to Students: Building Surveying Scholarship for Secondary Students 2019

For this award, 32 nominations from secondary students were received.

Shortlisted candidates were interviewed by the BSD's Jury Panel on 21 December. The

interviewees had to present their submissions on the topic, "Alternative Solutions to Urban Decay in Hong Kong," followed by a Q&A session. The BSD appreciated the quality of the submissions and the candidates' performance at this event. The results will be announced shortly.

Panel Chairman:	Sr Daniel HO
Panel Members:	Sr Daniel CHANG Sr Kenny TSE Sr Billy WONG Sr Robin LEUNG

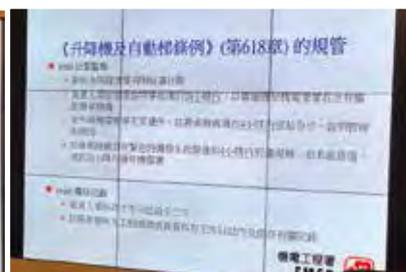


## Professional Members, The Market, and Industry

A joint CPD with the PM Committee on 17 December and Insights and Experience-sharing from the Building Surveying Awards 2019: How do building surveyors serve in project manager roles for both new and existing projects?



The EMSD invited BSD committee members to attend a Workshop for the Quality Lift Services Recognition Scheme (QLSRS) in November and December.



Besides the routine CPDs, the BSD shall collaborate more with key stakeholders, as well as better understand the needs of the market and members to work for a more sustainable future.

## Serving the Community

The BSD shall continue its efforts of contributing to the community.

The following schemes have been proposed and it will continue to promote the following this council year.

1. Pre-acquisition Survey for Second-Hand Domestic Premises
2. Building Affairs Expert Determination Centre

## BSD Channel

To celebrate the HKIS's 35th Anniversary, the BSD has produced six video clips with six themes to present its transition from its beginnings to what it wants to be in the future. The videos were launched during the BSD annual dinner in late October. I take this opportunity to thank all interviewees for sharing their thoughts with the BSD. Please scan the QR code below to watch the first video.



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“Stay True to Yourself, Remain True to Your Original Aspirations,” said Sr CK Lau, Distinguished Building Surveyor and BSD Past Chairman, as he discussed the history of the BSD.

As the saying goes, “Things will be difficult before they are easy”. It requires exceptional passion and courage to start up a business, not to mention an industry. Sr CK Lau, who most people address as “Si Gung” (師公), has been a surveyor for 50 years. When the HKIS began, he served as the first Chairman of the BSD and helped transform a profession that was then unknown to one that is presently indispensable for many industries. His efforts have paid off handsomely. When talking about this experience, Si Gung feels overwhelmed, as if transported back to the past.

Sr Lau is called Si Gung for a reason. Back in 1971, when he was still a draftsman, he was given an unexpected opportunity to join the Buildings Ordinance Office (now the Buildings Department) and worked there for ten years. He reminisced on this experience with a smile because at that time, many of his colleagues visited his office to chat and examine different cases. “Because I would organise processed cases and categorise them accordingly, my colleagues would treat my place as an information bank and would come over to exchange views and compare notes.” Gradually, people began to call him “Sifu”, while younger surveyors called him “Si Gung”. Now, 40 years later, everyone in the surveying industry knows about this veteran.

Thirty years ago, Hong Kong knew little about building surveyors, whom only the government employed. It can be said that building surveyors were a “minority” in the surveying profession. In 1985, Sr Lau took up BSD’s chairmanship and vowed to promote the BS profession to the public. “At the time, my thought was to give it a try. The first thing I did was to promote our profession in schools. Then later, whether it was rain or shine, I would go out with my partner, Sr Eddie Lee, to the bustling streets to distribute self-made leaflets. Thinking back, it is quite inspirational.”

In order to enhance the competitiveness of building surveyors, Sr Lau decided to organise a building surveyors conference. Starting from scratch, he searched for the right venue, invited expert speakers, worked to promote the event, and attended project meetings every day after work. Fortunately, his efforts paid off. The first Building Surveyors Conference, titled, “Crisis and Survival,” took place at Riverside Plaza in Shatin and was filled to capacity. It was a milestone for the BSD.

Gradually, society began to embrace building surveyors. The career path for aspiring surveyors is no longer limited to working for the government. Now building surveyors who are familiar with licencing matters are increasingly in demand by property developers, eateries, and hotels. When Sr Lau worked at Henderson’s Property’s Development Department, he actively recruited and nurtured talented employees. “For instance, as the external examiner [for] both the University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Polytechnic University at that time, I was given the opportunity to exchange views with students and work with the Government on trainee exchange programmes. In addition, we were in the process of setting up the Assessment of Professional Competence. Therefore, acceptance of the building surveying profession was greatly improved. It can be said that we have accomplished our original goal.”

Although Si Gung is an elderly man now; he is still young at heart. He insists on learning and making progress continuously. “One should not be limited by age. No matter which stage in life one is in, one should keep up with the times in terms of thinking and ability.” Sr Lau encourages young people to “stay true to their original aspirations in order to accomplish what they want to achieve”. He advises them to strive to be on top at all times, even if they are already successful in their careers. They should not be complacent and should find ways to give back to the industry and society.

*#Stay tuned for the next episode*

### HKIS Souvenir

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