



Building Surveying Division
Sr Billy Wong BSD Council Chairman

Our Community

Press Conference on COVID-19 on 12 February 2020



Spokesmen for the Press Conference

(From left : Sr Kenny Tse, BSD Immediate Past Chairman;
Sr Vincent Ho, JP, HKIS Past President & BSD Past Chairman;
Sr Billy Wong, BSD Chairman; Sr David Chan, BSD Past Chairman;
Sr Arthur Cheung, BSD Vice-Chairman)

In response to the evacuation of residents of Hong Mei House on 11 February after two residents were confirmed to have contracted the coronavirus, the HKIS held a press conference on 12 February at its office to inform the public of the connection between domestic drainage systems and epidemic prevention. The conference, which attracted over 30 media representatives, covered topics such as essential knowledge of domestic drainage systems; case studies of unauthorised/improper drainage work; experience-sharing of survey findings from Block E, Amoy Garden, in 2003 during SARS; and observations of similar units at Cheung Hong Estate. A Q&A session followed. The conference went over an hour in view of the media interest.

Publication

A set of anti-epidemic tips for domestic drainage, (家居排水抗疫錦囊), and an e-booklet, 家居排水系統保養全攻略, were recently launched to teach the public, incorporated owners, and other stakeholders how to properly maintain domestic drainage systems. Resources can be viewed at the following links:

1. 家居排水系統保養全攻略 (E-booklet): <https://bit.ly/2HZ2US2>
2. 家居排水抗疫錦囊: <https://bit.ly/2Tr0d17>
3. Anti-epidemic Tips: <https://bit.ly/2Pt1eg>

Face Mask Donations to the Needy

The outbreak Hong Kong has led to skyrocketing demand for protective masks within a short period of time. Many needy Hong Kongers can't purchase or afford to buy the product even when it is available.

As such, the Building Surveying Volunteers Team (BSVT) initiated a facemask donation campaign and worked with all of its members, the other divisions, YSG, and their companies to assist the underprivileged who have problems obtaining their own masks.

The focus on the quantity of masks received, but to promote the spirit of sharing a vital resource with others when they face a shortage.



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組別簡訊

The BSD also teamed up with St Stephen's Church to collect face masks from our members to donate to the needy. They went around in vehicles to collect the masks from members in different districts. Thanks go to all members for their enthusiastic response, which resulted in over 10,000 masks being donated. All collected masks will be donated to SKH St Stephen's Church and The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf to distribute to the needy.



BSD Channel (BSD 頻道)

To celebrate its 35th anniversary, the BSD has produced six videos with six themes (初心、打拼、開拓、連繫、傳承、追夢) to present its history and aspirations for the future. The video broadcasts were launched during the BSD's annual dinner in late October.

Please scan the QR code to watch the video.



Episode 1: 初心 ✓

Episode 2: 打拼 (Go the Extra Mile) ✓

Episode 3: 開拓

Exploit One's Potential and Explore Boundless Possibilities: Sr Dr Chan Man-wai Openly Embraces Challenges

"Doing the right thing" is more important than "doing things right". During the developmental stage of Hong Kong's building surveying industry, Sr Chan Man-wai, who has 40 years of work experience, held important positions in government departments, commercial organisations, and higher education institutions including the Hospital Authority, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks, West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, etc. He firmly believes that building surveying is a very broad industry. As long as one has the courage to think outside the box and accept new ideas, opportunities are boundless.

During the 1970s, Hong Kong's schools did not offer any building surveying degree course. Therefore, CHAN travelled to the UK to obtain a building surveying degree and returned to Hong Kong to work as a building surveyor. Eight years later, he became a partner of a firm. At the time, boundless opportunities lay ahead for Hong Kong's construction industry. However, a turning point came when CHAN immigrated to Canada and started his career all over again.

"I started as a junior quantity surveyor, was exposed to foreign surveying businesses, and discovered that the working pace there was very fast. Furthermore, the area of facility management was gradually becoming very popular. This broadened my range of experience and I could bring such experience back to Hong Kong." Such international experience made CHAN believe that building surveying could progress even more.

In Canada, CHAN also gained experience teaching and performing research on facility management at a university. This allowed him to take up facility management work at the Hospital Authority in Hong Kong. He stressed that a hospital is an appropriate platform for honing one's facility management skills, as it is a complex structure that presents many challenges.

"Back then, the Hospital Authority was the first to use the CMMS computer system to aid in the work of facility management and I was one of the people involved in it. This gave me a sense of achievement whilst working there." After that, CHAN continued to hold important positions at the then-Hong Kong Institute of Education and Hong Kong Baptist University. He said he would go where there are interesting projects and learn from hands-on experience. One should not limit oneself and ought to make full use of one's potential.

More enterprises began to realise the importance of building surveyors and the enormous development potential of facility management, so CHAN was eventually recruited by Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks and the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority to manage their grand projects. The former

required the building and management of the Science Park and Innocentre in cooperation with scientists, which was a novel experience. The latter required collaborating with artist tenants whose needs were very different. While working for the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, CHAN needed to handle many political, financial, and technical issues that he had never encountered before as a building surveyor.

CHAN is now back in school using his experience to nurture the next generation. He advises young people to think outside the box and not be complacent with existing knowledge. Most importantly, they should look ahead and imagine what they would be doing in 10-20 years, as there are many opportunities for building surveyors to contribute their skills. "I am always playful when it comes to learning new things. As long as you enjoy it along the way and not treat it as a burden, you will discover fun out of it."

Stay tuned for Episode 4

Obituary

Sr CHEUNG Kwok Ho, Richard, a fellow member of the HKIS, passed away on 19 February 2020, at the age of 67.

Richard had been a fellow member since 1998. He served the BSD and Institute in various capacities, among them Chairman of the BSD from 1999 to 2001, throughout the years. In recognition of his contribution to the profession, the HKIS awarded him the title of Distinguished Building Surveyor in 2000. In recent years, Richard represented the HKIS at FSD AP Liaison Meetings.

The BSD expresses its most sincere condolences to and deepest sympathies for Richard's family, as well as its gratitude for his dedication to the building surveying profession and Institute.

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香港測量師學會資深會員張國豪測量師於2020年2月19日去世，享年67歲。

張國豪測量師自1998年起已成為香港測量師學會資深會員，過往均積極參與香港測量師學會及建築測量組的不同職務，並在1999年至2001年期間擔任兩屆建築測量組主席。為表揚張國豪測量師對建築測量專業的貢獻，他於2000年被授予「卓越建築測量師」的名銜。近年，張國豪測量師代表香港測量師學會積極參與消防處與認可人士聯絡會議的工作。

在此，我們向張國豪測量師的家人表示最誠摯和最深切的慰問，並就張測量師對建築測量專業所作的奉獻表示感謝。