



Building Surveying Division  
Sr Billy Wong BSD Council Chairman

### Let's Fight COVID-19 Together

After three months of fighting COVID-19, the BSD wants to encourage everyone to remain vigilant against the pandemic. I know that this is a difficult time for everyone, but I am confident that we will come through it together.



### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Notice to BS Probationers Assessment of Professional Competence Deferral of the May Practical Task 2020

In order to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the scheduled May Practical Task 2020 will be deferred for 3 months. All applications to undertake the May Practical Task 2020 which have been approved will be admitted to the August Practical Task 2020. Probationers who are otherwise eligible may also apply within the relevant period for application.

#### Date of the August exercise and the relevant period for applications

Date of August Practical Task 2020	Relevant period for applications
12-15 August 2020	1-5 June 2020

#### Eligibility of APC candidates to undertake the Practical Task

##### First applications

2 years APC training	After having satisfactorily filed in 2 consecutive SAR
3 years APC training	After having satisfactorily filed in 3 consecutive SAR

##### Re-applications

After having satisfactorily filed in at least one supplementary SAR after previous attempt
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#### Submission of applications

Applications already approved to undertake the May Practical Task 2020 will be carried over and need not be re-submitted.

First applications should be made on Form APC4/BS together with the prescribed fee.

Re-applications should be made on Form APC4R/BS together with the prescribed fee.

Re-applications received more than 24 months of the previous attempt will not be accepted.

All applications must be received by the HKIS Office within the relevant period for applications. Premature or belated applications will be rejected.

1 April 2020

## BSD Channel (BSD 頻道)

As mentioned in previous newsletters, to celebrate its 35th anniversary, the BSD produced six videos with six themes (初心、打拚、開拓、連繫、傳承、0) to present its history and aspirations for the future.

Please scan the QR code to watch the video.



Episode 1: 初心 ✓

Episode 2: 打拚 (Go the Extra Mile) ✓

Episode 3: 開拓 (Exploration of Opportunities) ✓

Episode 4: 連繫 ✓

Episode 5: 傳承

## Passing on a Legacy ( 傳承 )

### Predecessor Passing the Torch to the Next Generation:

#### The Passion of Chung Sir for Education will Always Stay On

No matter which industry you are in, passing on a legacy is essential. When it comes to senior practitioners in the surveying industry, one must mention Sr Prof Barnabas Chung (Chung Sir). He has not only contributed unselfishly to the building surveying profession, but has also spared no effort in exploring new opportunities for



the industry, passing all of his knowledge to younger surveyors, and actively fostering and encouraging young people to join the surveying profession. “The core value of education must be treasured because as seniors, we have the responsibility to pass on our legacy to the next generation so that it will live on and continue to grow,” he said.

Many years ago, Chung Sir was hired as a professor to teach at several local higher education institutions. From there, he has embarked on an educational path, which has given him a unique view of education:

Education means not only passing on knowledge from books; it also means nurturing students’ personalities and thinking. It is through practical experience that one learns about the building surveyor’s professional code of ethics. In the long run, this helps develop one’s outlook on life.

Chung Sir pointed out that he always reminds his students to learn by heart the words, “what,” “how,” and “why”. Nowadays, information comes in either too fast or in too great a quantity. Students should treat it with caution by utilising their independent analysis capabilities to make judgements and not hesitate to seek outside help, if needed. Despite being a teacher, Chung Sir also wants to be inspired through his interactions with his students.

One of Chung Sir’s students is Michelle, who has been moved by his passion for teaching:

I still remember those years when I was fortunate enough to attend Chung Sir’s classes. His teaching ignited my will to enter the surveying profession through the mentorship programme. Now I can comprehend the rationale behind the set rules. Most importantly, I have learned

how to be flexible and become a “building doctor” who can give diagnoses and prescribe the necessary “medicine” for buildings in need of repair.

Michelle and Chung Sir once flew to Berlin together to join an exchange tour. During the tour, they visited some conserved buildings and tried German cuisine such as beer and pork knuckles. The trip produced precious memories. Later on, Michelle joined the HKIS, became the chair of YSG, and inherited Chung Sir’s spirit of contributing her knowledge to the industry’s development.

What makes Chung Sir most proud is the Building Surveyors Conference:

I am pleased to see the next generation’s ability to organise the conference so successfully. Industry leaders from around the world gathered at the conference to discuss the industry’s latest information and share what they have seen and heard.

Chung Sir just celebrated his 70th birthday with no sign of slowing down. He still actively seeks to reform the Assessment of Professional Competence and has even gone as far as personally sending out notices to all candidates. His messages to members are to study management and nurture new blood whenever the opportunity arises, for this is the essential path of the growth of professionals. As long as the process is done correctly, benefits abound.

*#Stay tuned for Episode 6.*