



### Building Surveying Division

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This year has been challenging for all of us. Covid-19 has been unprecedented in its impact on and disruption of everyday life. However, with the full support of council members, co-opted members, and fellows, the BSD has successfully worked together on different new initiatives for its members and community during this “new normal”. I hereby summarise the division’s key efforts over the last 12 months.

## The 1st BSD Retreat

To formulate the mid-to-long term strategies for the BSD’s future development, the BSD held a two-day brainstorming workshop from 11-12 January. Committee members reviewed the division’s membership structure and performed SWOT analysis in the following four focus areas:

1. Outreach to Students and Probationers
2. Enhancing Support for Professional Members
3. Providing a Platform for the Market and Industry
4. Serving the Community

The council committee developed an annual plan and mid-to-long term strategies based on the above findings and assigned dedicated office bearers to oversee them.



## BSD New Council Structure

During the retreat, the committee proposed facilitating the work of office bearers by adding another Honorary Secretary to support the current one’s workload, which comes with new initiatives. The EGM was held on 6 November at the SLC.

During the EGM, there were 67 valid votes including 31 by proxy. All voted for the three resolutions.

All three resolutions in respect of the proposed amendments to the BSD Regulations were unanimously passed.

The new formation of Office Bearers and council structure will be effective from Council Year 2020-2021.



## BSD Students and Probationers

### 1st Roadshow Career Talks with ArchSD, BD, and HD at All Four Universities

To let students from four universities gain a better understanding of private and government practices before they join the Building Surveying Graduates training programme, the BSD, along with the Architectural Services Department, Buildings Housing Department, co-organised career talks for them. The first talk occurred on 23 January at HKU, while subsequent talks occurred online for CityU, PolyU, and THEi students in May and June. The officers in



charge of the BSG/MSG training programmes for their respective departments were the guest speakers. The BSGs/MSGs were also invited to share their experiences with the students.

### BSD Pre-Qualification Structured Learning (PQSL) during the Special Pandemic Arrangement

To help its probationers prepare for the APC during the pandemic, the BSD held a series of online seminars covering various topics. The entire series attracted a total of 2,500 people.

In view of the tough circumstances, the BSD offered six out of the ten PQSL series this year for free and they attracted over 1,900 participants.

### APC

The pandemic has seriously affected the APC assessment schedule. To cope with this "new normal," the BSD has implemented new initiatives and measures.

### [An APC Milestone: Video Conferencing for the Final Assessment](#)

The BSD Education Committee (DEC) recently reviewed alternative measures for resuming the APC Final Assessment, which has been suspended due to the pandemic.

After a trial run in late August, the first formal Final Assessment by video conference was held on 26 September. Two Assessment Panels were recruited and the whole process proceeded smoothly.

With the successful implementation of the assessment via video conference, online interviews have become the alternative to conventional face-to-face interviews.

### [APC Days for the Final Assessment in October](#)

To reduce the backlog of candidates on the waiting list, the APC Days for the Final Assessment were scheduled for two consecutive



Saturdays on 17 and 24 October.

Below is a summary of the APC assessment as at November.

2020	No of Panels	Assessors	Candidates
Practice Task	23	93	64
Final Assessment	43	139	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>186</b>

### Membership

Compared to 2019, there was an increase of 74 Corporate Members (+5%). Probationers now number 811 and comprise 35.6% of total members (excluding students).

Year	Fellow	Member	Associate Member	Probationer	Student	Total	Total Excl Student
2016	103	1132	2	686	83	2006	1923
2017	107	1178	2	672	110	2069	1959
2018	106	1235	3	746	202	2292	2090
2019	107	1283	2	817	194	2403	2209
2020	105	1359	2	811	151	2428	2277

\*as at November 2020

## For Corporate Members

### Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

A total of 19 online CPD events were organised and attracted over 4,000 attendees. To support its members during the pandemic, the BSD made some of the selected CPDs free, which received very positive feedback.

### Structural Courses in the Pipeline

As one of new initiatives suggested during the retreat, the working group organised structured course(s) to strengthen members' technical knowledge from different core aspects. Structural courses for building affairs expert determination and conservation are scheduled for the first quarter of 2021. Stay tuned.

## Market and Industry

### Anti-epidemic Publication

In response to the pandemic, a set of 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 launched to teach the public, incorporated owners, and other stakeholders how to properly maintain domestic drainage systems.

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/2Pt1feg>

## Our Community

### Press Conference on 12 February 2020 on COVID-19 Outbreak

In response to the evacuation of residents from Hong Mei House on 11 February after some residents there contracted Covid-19, the BSD held a press conference on 12 February 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 an essential knowledge of domestic drainage systems; case studies of unauthorised/improper drainage works; experience-sharing of the survey findings from Block E, Amoy Gardens, in 2003 during SARS; and observations of similar units at Cheung Hong Estate.



### To Support the Community: Face Mask Donations to the Needy

The Building Surveying Volunteers Team (BSVT) initiated a face mask donation campaign in February and worked with the other HKIS divisions, YSG, and their companies to assist the underprivileged, who had problems obtaining their own masks during a moment of serious shortages.

The focus was not only on the quantity of masks received, but to promote the spirit of sharing a vital resource with others when they don't have enough of it.



### BS Channel (BSD 頻道)

The BSD's first-ever live chat platform (BSD 頻道) was successfully launched on 23 September with over 300 initial participants. It was the BSD's new initiative for meeting with its members to casually exchange ideas.

The first topic discussed on this platform related to how BSD probationers could prepare for the APC.



To conclude, I want to express my sincere thanks to and heartfelt appreciation for all office bearers, council members, co-opted members, fellow members, and helpers for their enduring support, valuable guidance, and contributions to the division over the past year. May everyone continue to work together and pursue their common goals, as well as contribute to the community.







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