



## *WE ARE PREPARED FOR THE CHALLENGES.*

We greet 2009 with mixed feelings. On the one hand, it is a year for celebration, being our Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On the other hand, we are facing the Global Financial Crisis which, whilst still unfolding, will dwarf any of the challenges that our profession has previously grappled with, and prevailed.

We shall not deserve your votes if we have not been carefully planning for what we need to do and say in succinct terms what we aim to achieve. What we did not envisage when we started out, however, was that the word "resilience" would now become so resoundingly appropriate for guiding us through the challenges ahead.

Resilience, though, is an attribute that does not come about by chance. During difficult times, we can count on each other because we have been a strong and united professional body in the first place. We can, and we shall, engender ideas for alleviating the impact of the Global Financial Crisis upon the real estate market and construction industry, because over the years our Institute has established expertise and working relations with the Government, academic and professional institutions and related organizations. In this regard, we all are indebted to the outgoing and preceding Councils for the knowledge, system, network, and goodwill that we shall inherit.

Under the leadership of President YU Kam-hung, the outgoing Council has accomplished a lot. Many initiatives have been on-going and will require continuous steering and support. The Global Financial Crisis has brought in its wake challenges as well as opportunities. On the part of the new Council, there will be new priorities and new initiatives. On the part of all members, there is a need, stronger than ever, to stay united, excel ourselves, expand our spectrum of services, promote professionalism, attract new blood, and increase our presence in local and international arenas.

As your agent and mouthpiece, the new Council promise to be up-to-date with all members' needs and concerns, individually and collectively. We shall continue to meet with members through office visits, technical and social events, and happy hours on the last Friday of each month, same time, same place. We shall continue to spearhead issues on which the society will benefit from our professional knowledge, in the same vein as what the preceding Councils have successfully achieved on public-private-partnerships, REITs, mandatory building inspection, heritage conservation, compulsory sale for redevelopment and saleable areas. We shall grow if more people from different sectors know who we are and benefit from the services we provide. We shall strenuously lobby for increased representation of our members in various statutory and advisory councils, boards, and committees. We shall continue to provide professional advice and comments on various proposed legislations, policies and development plans, such as Urban Renewal Strategy Review, HK-Shenzhen Joint Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop, and on topical issues affecting the livelihood of members, such as Health Care Reform and Constitutional Development. We shall strive for more international exposure and recognition, together with strengthening of the reciprocal recognition with our counterparts in the Mainland.

Specifically, we pledge to deliver the following:

- Suggest and respond to Government and stakeholders on new initiatives and changes for coping with the Global Financial Crisis
- Solicit members' views on HKIS' vision and mission, which can only be "binding" if shared by all.
- Promote "one Institute" whilst fostering divisional autonomy
- Promote professional services and best practices
- Raise awareness and status of technical membership
- Eventful yet humble celebrations for the Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Continuing effort on Sichuan relief, by engaging members and rendering technical advice
- Explore feasibility for setting up an HKIS Charity Fund
- Collaborate with counterparts: Local, Mainland, International, incl. FIG, RICS
- Local Affairs: Urban Renewal Strategy Review, plus many others
- Mainland Affairs: Optimize members' opportunities vis-à-vis CPEA implementation
- Advocate reasonable professional fees and nurture healthy competition
- Align APC with up-to-date practices
- Enhance administrative efficiency

Our goals are high but we shall ensure pragmatic delivery. We are mindful of the need for careful planning, lobbying, co-ordination and supervision.

We look forward to the continuing opportunity of serving our members and marking our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with joint efforts of members to turn crisis into opportunities and to overcome yet more challenges.

*WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT; COME AND VOTE ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008.*

Yours sincerely,



P =	Nominee for President	Francis Leung
SVP =	Nominee for Senior Vice President	Stephen Yip
VP =	Nominee for Vice President	Wong Bay
HS =	Nominee for Hon Secretary	Ben Chong
HT =	Nominee for Hon Treasurer	Lesly Lam
TC =	Nominee for Technical Councillor – Tech Grade Member	Kwok Kin-wai