

Chairman's Report for the Council Year 2013/14

1. Introduction

It is my honour to serve as the Chairman of the Council for the second term. The Council Year will come to an end very soon. I have the pleasure to submit a Report to the Council and Members to review what we have done in the past 12 months. This Report will highlight the various activities and events that the Council has accomplished as of end November 2014.

2. International Affairs

2.1 Co-operative Agreement between AACE International and the HKIS

The Co-operative Agreement between AACE International and the HKIS was signed on 9 June 2014 during the Opening Ceremony of the 18th Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) Congress 2014 held at Langham Place Hotel, Mongkok, Hong Kong. The execution of the Agreement concludes a five-year period of drafting, reviewing, negotiating, and approval of the same by the Councils of AACE International and the HKIS. The Agreement shall be valid for three years commencing from 9 June 2014.



2.2 The 18th Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) Congress 2014, Hong Kong

The Institute was honoured to host the 18th PAQS Congress 2014 in Hong Kong. It was held from 7 – 10 June 2014 at the Langham Place Hotel in Mongkok, while the Young QS Group programme was held from 6 – 7 June 2014 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. There were 42 sponsors and 21 supporting organizations to support the Congress.



2.2.1 Theme, Papers, and Delegates

The theme of the Congress was : “Think outside the Box – Meet New Challenges”.

The call for paper submissions was commenced at the beginning of the 4th Quarter of 2013. The following statistical information was given by the Papers Review Sub-Committee :-

- Total number of abstracts received – over 90
- Total number of papers submitted – over 60
- Total number of papers accepted and presented – 44
- Total number of Keynote Speeches – 4
- Total number of Guest Speeches – 2

Based on the themes of the papers accepted, the Congress was conducted with two plenary sessions and 12 parallel sessions for delegates to join the presentations by various speakers.

The number of delegates who actually attended the Congress was 438 from 20 countries and regions. A breakdown of their geographical origins is set out below :

- Total number of overseas delegates – 144
- Total number of delegates from the Mainland – 168
- Total number of delegates from Hong Kong – 126

2.2.2 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on 8 June 2014 (Sunday) in the Shanghai Room of the Langham Place Hotel. The Institute's representatives who attended this meeting included :

- Sr Simon Kwok - President of the Institute
- Sr T T Cheung - Past President & Convenor, Council of Advisors of the PAQS
- Sr Francis Leung - Past President & 2nd Vice Chairman of the PAQS
- Sr Prof Anita Liu - Secretary of the Accreditation & Education Committee of the PAQS
- Sr K L Wong - Vice Chairman of the QSD Council
- Sr Joseph Chong - Chairman of the Young QS Group of the PAQS
- Myself - Chairman of the QSD Council

Other QSD Council Members who also hold official posts in the PAQS and were in attendance of the Board Meeting included :

- Sr Daniel Ho - Secretary of the Sustainability Committee
- Sr Dr Ellen Lau - Secretary of the Research Committee
- Sr Raymond Kam - Member of the Accreditation and Education Committee
- Sr K C Tang - Member of the BIM Committee

The whole day meeting covered reports from the Chairperson, Madam Xu Huiqin (徐惠琴女士), Officers, Committees, and Chief Representatives of every member countries / region. Other reports included KL Pact Progress Report and ICEC Region 4 Report.

I had the pleasure to represent the Institute by reporting some of its major activities, including briefly commenting on the state of Hong Kong's construction industry since the last Board Meeting in Xian, Mainland China.



The following salient issues were discussed and resolved at the PAQS Board Meeting :-

- The Master of Science degree course in Construction Project Management (Major in Quantity Surveying) offered by the University of Hong Kong was accredited by the Education Committee of the PAQS. The Board endorsed the recommendation of the Education Committee. Another surveying course offered by Taylor's University, Malaysia was also endorsed by the Board.
- Approval in principle was given by the Board to study and review the "International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS)" by each member country / region.
- The 2014 PAQS Medal Award, went to Dato' Seri Sr Hj. Md. Isahak, Md. Yusuf of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) and Prof Chitra Weddikkara of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (IQSSL).
- The 2014 PAQS Service Excellence Award, went to Mr Khoo Sze Boon of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV).
- The PAQS – Iwata Travelling Scholarship Award went to Mr Ang Yu-qian from the SISV.
- The BIM Committee recommended that the conference be held by another member country which should preferably be organized by the 1st Quarter of 2015 following the successful completion of conferences in Singapore (2012) and Hong Kong (2013).
- The Chairman of the OC for the 19th PAQS Congress 2015 in Yokohama, Japan, Mr Takayoshi Sato of the Building Surveyor's Institute of Japan, presented a video to promote the forthcoming Congress to all Board members.
- Promotional materials for the 20th PAQS Congress 2016 in Christchurch, New Zealand was also delivered by the representatives of the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS).
- The 21st & 22nd PAQS Congress in 2017 and 2018 will be held in Vancouver, Canada and Sydney, Australia, respectively.

2.2.3 Committee Meetings

Three Committee Meetings, namely Education Committee, Research Committee and BIM Committee, were held in the afternoon of 7 June 2014 at the Institute's Head Office.

2.2.4 Young QS Group

The Young QS Group held its programme successfully from 6 – 7 June 2014 with approximately 50 young members from 11 member countries / regions joining the events. Apart from meeting at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, technical visits to the MTRC's Control Centre, Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, Wetland Park, and Ping Shan Heritage Trail were also organised to give the young delegates a glimpse of modern and traditional Hong Kong.

2.2.5 Opening Ceremony

The Guest of Honour of the PAQS Congress 2014 was Mr Paul MP Chan, the Secretary for Development of the HKSAR Government. Before the official opening of the Congress, our representatives, including Sr Simon Kwok, Sr T T Cheung, Sr Francis Leung, and I, accompanied Mr Chan to meet with the chief delegate of each member country.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Mr Chan, Madam Xu Huiqin (徐惠琴女士 - 亞太區工料測量師協會會長), and Sr Simon Kwok. After the three dotted the eyes of lion to "awaken" it, the Congress was declared open.



The Memorandum of Co-operation between the PAQS and ICEC was signed by Madam Xu Huiqin (徐惠琴女士) and Dr Alexia Nalewaik for the purpose of mutual co-operation in the quantity surveying / cost engineering profession in the future. The two organisations will seek more opportunities to co-operate and promote the quantity surveying / cost engineering profession throughout the world.



2.2.6 Technical Visits

In order to share and showcase our experiences and advancement in cutting edge construction technology to overseas delegates, the following technical visits were conducted with fully enrolled delegates joining the events :-

- MTR Station Development
- Wanchai Heritage Trail Walk
- Public Housing Development
- Innovation Tower, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Zero Carbon Building

2.2.7 Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony was held on 10 June 2014. The following awards were presented :

- PAQS Medal Award – Dato’ Seri Sr Hj. Md. Isahak, Md. Yusuf of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) and Prof. Chitra Weddikkara of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (IQSSL)
- PAQS Service Excellence Award – Mr Khoo Sze Boon, SISV, Singapore
- Best BIM Paper – Sr Sunny S L Choi, Hong Kong / Mr Toshihiro Takahashi, Japan / Messrs Lam-tatt Soon, Yau-min Yong, Boon-tik Leong and May-chuan Theong, Malaysia
- Best Paper Award (Academic) – Ms Florence Y Y Ling, Singapore
- Best Paper Award (Postgraduate Student) – Jing Yu Yu, Hong Kong
- PAQS – Iwata Travelling Scholarship Award – Mr Ang Yu-qian, Singapore

The last event of the closing ceremony was the handover ceremony. The PAQS flag was officially handed over to the Building Surveyor's Institute of Japan, which will host the 19th PAQS Congress 2015 in Yokohama, Japan.



2.2.8 Gala Dinner

Before the performance by professional and member countries / region, trophies for the PAQS Golf Tournament was presented to the following winners :-

- Australia (Country Award)
- Mr Silas Loh, Singapore (Individual Award)



2.3 International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) 2014 – 9th World Congress, Milan, Italy

Sr T T Cheung, the Past President of the Institute and Administrative Vice Chairman of ICEC and I represented the QSD Council to attend the above biennial Congress which was organized jointly by the Italian Association for Total Cost Management (AICE) and the Italian Federation of Scientific and Technical Associations (FAST). It was held from 18 – 22 October 2014 in Milan, Italy. The theme of the Congress was “Re-engineering Total Cost Management”.

2.3.1 Council Meeting

The 39th Council Meeting was held from 18 to 19th October 2014 at AICE Head Office, Milan, Italy. Sr T T Cheung, Administrative Vice Chairman of ICEC and I represented the HKIS to join the Full Council Meeting.

2.3.1.1 Salient Discussion Items

At the Council Meeting, the following salient items were discussed :-

- ICEC Governance Structure – Update & Strategic Directions
- ICEC Strategic Plan – Revisions
- ICEC Action Plan 2014 – 2016
- Memorandum of Co-operation (MOCs)
 - ICEC / PAQS MOC (Signed on 9 June 2014 in Hong Kong)
 - ICEC / AAQS MOC (approved for signing at Council Meeting of 18 October 2014)
- Co-operation with other International Bodies
 - African Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS)
 - International Federation of Surveyors (FIG Commission 10)
 - International Project Management Association (IPMA)
 - Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS)
- ICEC World Congresses
 - 10th World Congress 2016 – Region 1, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 - 11th World Congress 2018 – Region 4, Sydney, Australia (Success after bidding)
- Election of Officers for 2014 – 2016
- ICEC 2014 Awards



2.3.1.2 Election of Officers for 2014 – 2016

At the Council Meeting the following Officers were elected :-

Chair	Dr Alexia Nalewaik (USA)
Senior Vice Chair	T T Cheung (Hong Kong)
Administrative Vice Chair	Kwadwo Osei-Asante (Ghana)
Administrative Vice Chair	Andrej Kerin (Slovenia)
Technical Vice Chair	Angelo do Valle (Brazil)
Secretary – General	Dr Peter Smith (Australia)
Immediate Past Chair	Carsten Wredstrom (Denmark)



Our Past Chairman, Sr Dr Paul Ho was elected as Region 4 Deputy Director – Academic Forums / Research. In addition Mr Roger Batten (ICEC Chair 1996 – 1998) was elected as Advisory Board Chair.

It is noted that our Past President, Sr T T Cheung shall be elected as Chair of the Executive Board of the ICEC in two years time when the Board meets again in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2016. He will then be the first Hong Kong Chinese to lead a global professional organization which has member societies / institutes located in more than 40 countries from five continents (i.e. Region 1 – America; Region 2 – Europe; Region 3 – Africa; Region 4 – Asia Pacific (including Australia and New Zealand)).



2.3.1.3 Awards

The Distinguished International Fellow Awards (DIF) go to :-

Mr. Carsten Wredstrom	- DPM (Denmark)
Mr. Alan Baltrop	- ACostE (United Kingdom)
Mr. Sam Griggs	- AACE (USA)
Mr. Paulo Roberto Vilela Dias	- IBEC (Brazil)
Mr. Jose Chacon de Assis	- IBEC (Brazil)

Sr Dr Paul Ho was presented with ICEC Region 4 (Asia-Pacific) Award for the significant contributions to the work of the Council.

2.3.2 Theme and Papers

The theme of the biennial Congress was called “Re-engineering Total Cost Management”.

There were a total of 3 Plenary Sessions on Day 1 and the final Plenary Session as closing of the Congress on Day 3. Based on the themes of the Papers accepted, the Congress was conducted with 21 parallel sessions for delegates to attend the presentations by various speakers. Approximately 80 papers were presented in the 3-day Congress.

Apart from attending the Full Council Meeting, Sr T T Cheung presented his paper in the Congress. The title of his paper was entitled “The Use of Dispute Avoidance System as a Means of Cost Control Measure for Public Projects in Hong Kong”.



2.3.3 Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner was held at the Cenacolo Dining Room of the Leonardo da Vinci Science and Technology Museum.

All the ICEC Awards were presented at the Gala Dinner. The Brazilian delegates promoted the 10th World Congress 2016 to be held in Rio de Janeiro by giving out some free entry pass to the Congress for delegates to join to forthcoming free event.



3. Mainland Affairs

3.1 Meeting with Mainland's Counterparts

3.1.1 Beijing Engineering Cost Association 北京市建設工程造價管理協會

The Beijing Engineering Cost Association (BECA) visited the Institute on 11 June 2014. The delegation was led by the Secretary General, Mr. Tang Shi-hai (唐世海先生), and the Deputy Secretary General, Ms. Liu Wei (劉維女士).

Sr Thomas Ho, the Hon Secretary of the Institute, and I took the time to meet with our guests. The following issues related to the Institute were discussed :

- The routes to qualify as Professional and Associate members
- Continuing Professional Development organised by the Institute in respect of the mode of delivery, contents, and speakers
- The Code of Conduct and disciplinary action against defaulting members
- The role of the Institute on the policies making of the Government
- Fee Scale
- Compilation of construction cost information and the tender price index

3.1.2 深圳市建設工程造價管理站及深圳市造價工程師協會

The Council organized a joint meeting with 深圳市建設工程造價管理站 and 深圳市造價工程師協會 in the morning of 21 November 2014 in Shenzhen. We had the pleasure to meet up with 李冬青(女士)站長、劉衍偉副站長 and other representatives from 造價管理站 and 造價工程師協會.

During the meeting the following items were discussed :-

- the current status of managing cost engineering consultancy firms in Shenzhen and its future development;
- the current status of managing professional cost engineers and technicians as well as its future development;
- the current situation on management of qualifications for registration;
- the use of 「建設工程工程量清單計價規範」(GB50500-2013) in Shenzhen.

The meeting was fruitful which enabled us to have a more thorough understanding on the function and practice of 深圳造價管理站.

3.1.3 廣東省建設工程造價管理總站及廣東省工程造價協會

The joint meeting with 廣東省建設工程造價管理總站及廣東省工程造價協會 were held on 21 November 2014 in Guangzhou. The last time we met up with them was three years ago. It's time that they updated us on the management and development of cost engineering consultancy practices in Guangzhou. Apart from those similar topics which were raised in the morning session with 深圳市建設工程造價管理站 were discussed once again with the Guangzhou counterpart, we managed to take some time to share experiences on cost engineering courses in tertiary educational institutes and continuing professional development. Both parties agreed that we should meet on a regular basis for the enhanced development of the industry both in Guangzhou and Hong Kong.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Sr Thomas Ho, Sr T T Cheung, Sr Francis Leung, Sr Antony Man, Sr K L Wong, Sr Raymond Kam, Sr Raymond Kong and Sr Joseph Chong for joining me to visit 廣東省建設工程造價管理總站及廣東省工程造價協會.

3.2 2014 Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Industry Forum

I represented the QSD Council to attend the 2014 Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Industry Forum organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban – Rural Development, the People's Government of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (廣西壯族自治區人民政府) and the Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government from 9 – 11 November 2014 in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The theme of the forum was “協同發展 / 放眼世界 / 創新科技 / 綜合管理” .

The QSD Council was honoured to have two senior members delivered talks in the Forum. Sr K C Tang talked about “如向享用 BIM 時代的來臨” while Sr Gilbert Kwok's talk was focused on legal issue. The topic of his talk was “內地或香港的承包商進入中東、非洲和亞洲區等地的建築市場和當地承包商合作需要注意的事宜”.



3.3 Co-operative Agreement with the CECA

At the 17th PAQS Congress 2013 in Xian, the CECA enquired if the QSD Council was interested in helping them to translate 「建設工程工程量清單計價規範」 (GB50500-2013) from Chinese to English. The purpose of the translation was to let their overseas counterparts gain a more thorough understanding on the current standards promulgated by the MoHURD on preparation of bills of quantities and valuation of works.

The Co-operative Agreement was eventually signed by CECA and the HKIS(QSD) in early August 2014. The translation has been scheduled for completion in January 2015.

3.4 Third Batch of Assessment of the Qualification of CECA and HKIS Members

The QSD Council has discussed this matter with the CECA for several times. It was agreed that in order to be eligible for admission to the third batch of assessment exercises, both CECA and HKIS members must have at least seven years of post-qualification experience. Other requirements shall follow the first and second batch of assessment exercises. The supplementary agreement will be prepared in due course for execution by CECA and the HKIS. It is hoped that the Institute can sign the supplementary agreement with the CECA soon.

4. Liaison with Government Department and its Surveyors Association

4.1 Meeting with the Architectural Services Department

The Communication Meeting with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) was held at its Queensway Government Offices on 27 March 2014. The other party attending the meeting was the Association of Consultant Quantity Surveyors (ACQS). The meeting was chaired by the Director of the ArchSD, Sr KK Leung, with a number of his senior officials including the presence of a representative from the Development Bureau.

The QSD Council expressed our concerns and offered comments on the following topics:-

- The wider implementation of NEC3 in works contracts let by the Works Departments, which includes the ArchSD in 2015.
- The use of Building Information Modeling (BIM) in Public Works projects.
- The trend of using the design and construction (D & B) procurement strategy in public works projects. Only a handful of experienced contractors have the ability to tender for such projects. Hence, the competition for D & B projects will not be as keen as those projects let under traditional procurement approach.

4.2 Meeting with the Quantity Surveyors Association of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (QSA of the HKHA)

The meeting was held at the Housing Authority's Headquarters in Homantin on 4 July 2014. The current Chairman of the QSA is Sr Johnny KW Yung, who led eight other members to meet with us. During the meeting, the following topical issues were discussed :

- A brief introduction on the new suites of the General Conditions of Contracts, which were fully implemented in May 2014.
- Increasing the production of housing units with a target of 20,000 and 8,000 units for rentals and HOS flats, respectively, each year for the next ten years. Hence, there should be more outsourcing of QS consultancy services to those QS firms on the HKHA list.
- Creating new QS posts to address the dramatic increase in the workload of quantity surveyors in the coming years.
- The BIM journey being currently undertaken by the HKHA with the objective for full implementation in 2015.



5. Consultation on New Engineering Contract (NEC)

The QSD Task Force met with the Task Group on NEC Collaborative Contracts of the Construction Industry Council (CIC) on 12 February 2014 at Pinsent Masons' Office. The purposes of the meeting was to exchange views on the draft frequently asked questions (FAQs) issued by CIC's Task Group. The meeting was convened after we issued our comments on the draft FAQ to the CIC in December 2013.

While the NEC was custom drafted for engineering works, the QSD Task Force expressed concern over the applicability and suitability of using it on building works projects given the substantial differences in the scope and nature of the works between these two sectors.

As we were given to understand that the Development Bureau has issued a directive to all Works Departments (including the Architectural Services Department) that all works contracts to be tendered in 2015 shall use the NEC as much as possible, the QSD shall maintain a close dialogue with them to express our comments and views in relation to the implementation of the NEC on a regular basis.

6. Assessment of Professional Competence (APC)

6.1 2013 Assessment of Professional Competence (APC)

The 2013 Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) has been completed. The results are follows :-

	<u>Written Assessment</u>		<u>Passing Rate</u>	<u>Interview for Associate Membership</u>		<u>Passing Rate</u>
	<u>No. of Candidates</u>	<u>Passed</u>		<u>No. of Candidates</u>	<u>Passed</u>	
Part I	72	62	86%	4	4	100%
Part II	228	98	43%	98	75	77%

In December 2013, 30 referred candidates repeated their professional interviews. Twenty-five of them passed, which represented a passing rate of 83%.

6.2 APC Assessors' Briefing Session

The Council organized a briefing session for Assessors of the APC on 9 October 2014 (Thursday) at the World Trade Centre Club. More than 100 Assessors and Council Members attended the briefing session. The objective of holding the briefing session was to provide a forum for the Panelists to discuss the marking scheme, provide suggested answers, highlight common mistakes and respond to frequently asked questions. We were pleased to witness the inter-active sharing of opinions / views on some of the questions raised by the Assessors and the sound advice given by the Panelists.

7. Training and Continuing Professional Development

7.1 Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The CPD Sub-committee successfully organized 55 CPD events during the Council Year. The following is the detailed breakdown of the events according to its nature :-

- Talk by Guest Speaker - 39 No.
- Site Visit - 10 No.
- BIM Workshop - 2 No.
- APC Workshop - 4 No.

Most of the events were over-subscribed by members. It reflects the fact that the quality of the events could fulfill the need of members to pursue life long learning.

In view of the overwhelming need of members, the CPD Sub-committee would keep working hard to organize more high quality / level CPD events in the years ahead.

7.2 Pre-qualification Structural Learning Programme (PQSL)

The Training Sub-Committee successfully organized 17 sessions of PQSL programme for probationers to attend during the Council Year. It covered all the areas of core competence of the Assessment of Professional Competence. The purpose of organizing the PQSL programme is to let probationers acquainted with all aspects of quantity surveying services / practices prior to attempting the Assessment Exercise.

8. Research Projects

The research project entitled “A Feasibility Study in the Use of New Engineering Contract in Hong Kong” carried out by Sr Leung Hing Fung, Associate Professor of the Department of Real Estate and Construction, the University of Hong Kong is still on-going and shall be completed in Council Year 2014/15.

Another research project proposed by Sr Dr Paul Ho has been approved by the Council in principle. The title of the research project is called “BIM – Based Cost Estimating and Planning – The way Ahead for Quantity Surveyors”. Subject to fine tuning of some of the wordings of the proposal, Sr Dr Paul Ho may commence the research exercise in Dec 2014. The research project takes two years to complete.

9. Publications

9.1 Standard Form of Contract for Maintenance and Renovation Works

Members may note that the Institute published the Standard Form of Contract for Maintenance and Renovation Works in 2013. This work was the joint effort of two Divisions - the Building Surveying Division, which initiated the task and provided technical input, and the Quantity Surveying Division, which drafted the document from scratch. In order to help the general public understand the Standard Form of Contract, the HKIS plans to publish the Chinese version of the document in 2015.

It is hoped that the Standard Form of Contract will be used as a standard document by all building consultants involved in maintenance and renovation works. As it is relatively simple to read, clients / building owners should be able to better understand their contractual rights and obligations. On the other hand, contractors should be less exposed to ambiguous harsh terms and be able to offer better prices and end products.

9.2 Practice Notes

The QSD launched six Practice Notes in October 2012 covering the following core subjects :

- Tendering
- Cost Control and Financial Statements
- Valuation of Interim Payment Certificates
- Valuation of Variations
- Contractual Claims
- Settlement of Final Accounts

9.2 Practice Notes (Cont'd)

The Sub-committee on Professional Practice / Practice Notes of the Council was working on another set of three Practice Notes on the subject of "Procurement", "Pre-contract Estimate and Cost Plan", and "Dispute Avoidance and Management". In addition it was translating the previously issued Practice Notes into Chinese for the Institute's Mainland members. The new set of Practice Notes will be available early 2015.

10. Promotion

10.1 HKIS QSD Scholarship Presentation Ceremony 2014

The HKIS QSD Scholarship Presentation Ceremony 2014 was successfully held on 28 March 2014 at the Institute's Surveyors' Learning Centre.

Members may note that the objective of setting up the scholarship to students reading related quantity surveying courses at local universities and the Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) is to nurture and encourage more young people to join the surveying profession in view of the shortage of quantity surveyors in Hong Kong. The Council considers that we should not only attract a large number of young people to the profession, but also help maintain the social status of quantity surveyor as a highly-valued professional in the construction industry. By awarding the scholarships and conducting other promotional activities, we will be at the forefront of industries in attracting more high caliber young people to join the profession.

Eighteen scholarships were awarded to students for their outstanding performances in key quantity surveying modules leading to the award of bachelor and associate degrees and higher diplomas. The awards were as follows:

1.	City University of Hong Kong – BSc(Hons) in Surveying	
	Name of the Award	Awardee
	HKIS QSD - Davis Langdon KPK (HK) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Chan Chi Leung
	HKIS QSD - Franklin & Andrews (HK) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Lau Cho Dik
	HKIS QSD - Beria Consultants Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Qi Xiuwen
2.	City University of Hong Kong – Associate of Science in Surveying (Quantity Surveying)	
	Name of the Award	Awardee
	HKIS QSD - Langdon & Seah (HK) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Chow Ho Yan
	HKIS QSD - Franklin & Andrews (HK) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Sam Ka Hei
	HKIS QSD - TLS & Associates Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Tong Yee Hang

3.	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University – BSc(Hons) in Surveying	
	Name of the Award	Awardee
	HKIS QSD - WT Partnership (HK) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Chan Pui Ki
	HKIS QSD - Northcroft Hong Kong Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Cheung Lai Ying
	HKIS QSD - Rider Levett Bucknall Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Wong Pak Yin
4.	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University – Higher Diploma in Building Technology and Management (Surveying)	
	Name of the Award	Awardee
	HKIS QSD - WT Partnership (HK) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Chan Lai Yan Natalie
	HKIS QSD - Sweett (China) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Lam Ching
	HKIS QSD - Beria Consultants Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Lee Tung Sing
5.	The University of Hong Kong – BSc(Hons) in Surveying	
	Name of the Award	Awardee
	HKIS QSD - Rider Levett Bucknall Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Chan Chak Hei
	HKIS QSD - Sweett (China) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Ho Sze Wan
	HKIS QSD - Langdon & Seah (HK) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Wong Ka Chun
6.	The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education – Higher Diploma in Surveying	
	Name of the Award	Awardee
	HKIS QSD - Davis Langdon KPK (HK) Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Fung Chak Man
	HKIS QSD - Northcroft Hong Kong Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Lai Wing Tai
	HKIS QSD - Rider Levett Bucknall Limited Scholarship (Year 2013/2014)	Mok Hon Wa

The prizes were presented to the awardees by the Senior Vice President of the Institute, Sr Vincent Ho, donors of the scholarship, and myself.



HKIS QSD – Davis Langdon KPK (HK) Limited Scholarship (Chan Chi Leung)



HKIS QSD – Franklin & Andrews (HKI) Limited Scholarship (Lau Cho Dik) (Represented by Dr Daisy Yeung)



HKIS QSD – Beria Consultants Limited Scholarship (Qi Xiuwen) (Represented by Dr Daisy Yeung)



HKIS QSD – Langdon & Seah (HK) Limited Scholarship (Chow Ho Yan)



HKIS QSD – Franklin & Andrews (HK) Limited Scholarship (Sam Ka Hei)



HKIS QSD – TLS & Associates Limited Scholarship (Tong Yee Hang)



HKIS QSD – WT Partnership (HK) Limited Scholarship (Chan Pui Ki)



HKIS QSD – Northcroft Hong Kong Limited Scholarship (Cheung Lai Ying)



HKIS QSD – Rider Levett Bucknall Limited Scholarship (Wong Pak Yin) (Represented by Dr Wong Kam Din)



HKIS QSD – WT Partnership (HK) Limited Scholarship (Chan Lai Yan Natalie)



HKIS QSD – Sweett (China) Limited Scholarship (Lam Ching)



HKIS QSD – Beria Consultants Limited Scholarship (Lee Tung Sing)



HKIS QSD – Rider Levett Bucknall Limited Scholarship (Chan Chak Hei)



HKIS QSD – Sweett (China) Limited Scholarship (Ho Sze Wan)



HKIS QSD – Langdon & Seah (HK) Limited Scholarship (Wong Ka Chun)



HKIS QSD – David Landgon KPK (HK) Limited Scholarship (Fung Chak Man)



HKIS QSD – Northcroft Hong Kong Limited Scholarship (Lai Wing Tai)



HKIS QSD – Rider Levett Bucknall Limited Scholarship (Mok Hon Wa)



10.2 Visit to the Universities

10.2.1 The University of Hong Kong

The Council paid a visit to the undergraduate students reading for the BSc degree course in Surveying at the University of Hong Kong on 9 October 2014. More than 40 students attended the briefing session which was held in the Knowles Building of the University. The Vice Chairman Sr K. L. Wong introduced some of the background information of the Institute as well as that of the QSD Council. Students were very enthusiastic about their career prospects as professional quantity surveyors after graduation. The visit was useful for them to plan the way forward on the pathway to becoming professional surveyors.

10.2.2 The City University of Hong Kong

The Promotion Sub-committee organized a visit to the City University of Hong Kong on 17 November 2014. Approximately 40 Final Year Students reading for the Bachelor of Science in Surveying attended the event. In order to let students gaining a more thorough understanding on the real work lives of surveyors employed in different sectors of the industry, we invited a number of Council members from different backgrounds to join us sharing some of their practical experiences. It was proven to be very useful for students to select their career path.



10.3 Visit to the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE)

10.3.1 Tsing Yi campus

Sr Thomas Ho, together with Sr K L Wong visited the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE), Tsing Yi Campus on 27 October 2014. It was a big turn out attending the session by students who read for a Higher Diploma in Building Studies / Surveying. The students showed keen interest on the route leading to a professional qualification. Our members explained not only the pathway leading to professional qualification, but also the job opportunities of IVE graduates.

10.3.2 Morrison Hill Campus

The QSD Council paid a visit to the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE), Morrison Hill Campus on 30 October 2014. We were very pleased to interactive with more than 140 students reading Higher Diploma in Surveying during the session which lasted for one and a half hours. Students raised questions regarding the route leading to a professional qualification and the career prospects of being a construction technician. We also shared our experiences in respect of the work lives of surveyors in different sectors of the industry.

10.4 Visit to Secondary Schools

With the successful launch of a series of visits to secondary schools during the last Council Year, the Council has embarked on another series of visits to secondary schools in order to encourage students to select quantity surveying as their course of study when they enroll in university.

10.4.1 Shaukeiwan Government Secondary School

We started off by visting the Shaukeiwan Government Secondary School on 9 April 2014. Council Members, Sr Sunny Choi, Sr Dr Ken Hui, and Sr Steven Tang, together with Sr Thomas Ho and I, joined this visit. First, we showed a video to students describing the Institute and the QSD. I then delivered a short speech regarding the structure of the Institute and the function of its six surveying divisions. Sr Sunny and Sr Dr Ken shared their experiences as quantity surveyors for the government and a tertiary educational institute, respectively. Finally, Sr Steven conducted a quiz with students and presented them with souvenirs.

10.4.2 Pui Ching Middle School

For the second consecutive year, we visited Pui Ching Middle School on 9 July 2014 with the kind arrangement of our Promotion Sub-committee in conjunction with the school's career office. Council Members Sr Thomas Ho, Sr Raymond Kam, Sr Tzena Wong, and Sr Dr Ken Hui accompanied me to visit the school. Approximately 60 senior form students attended the talk. We had anticipated that there would be quite a few female students at the event, so Sr Tzena took this opportunity to highlight what she did as a project manager with quantity surveying background for international luxury chain stores. The students were quite fascinated with our talk.



The last item on the agenda was a Q&A session with the Council passing out gifts.

10.54 Visit to the Hong Kong Gifted Education Teachers' Association

A delegation of five Council members comprising Sr Thomas Ho, Sr Raymond Kam, Sr Steven Tang, Sr Joseph Chong, Sr Dr Ken Hui, and I took the time to visit the Hong Kong Gifted Education Teachers' Association on 8 July 2014. The title of our talk was 測量之路：力臻完美. The audience, which numbered 30, included students, teachers, and parents, some of whom asked a lot of questions about the route to becoming a professional surveyor and the employment prospects for professional quantity surveyors in the next few years. Our members took time to answer each question thoroughly.



11. Networking

11.1 Newly Qualified Members' Welcoming Party

The Newly Qualified Members' Welcoming Party was held on 21 March 2014 at the Institute's Surveyors Learning Centre.

The party has become a prime social event for networking among members. I had the great pleasure to represent the Council to introduce the functions of its various sub-committees and organising committees to our newly qualified members in the hope that it would nurture more young surveyors to participate in the tremendous activities of the Council. In order to sustain the Council's development, we need to inject new blood into it on a regular basis. The party provides us with a platform to promote the work of the Council and, hence, attract members to contribute their efforts to the Council.

The Party was well received by the eighty members and guests who attended the event. They had a great time participating in all sorts of games organised by the committee. Before the party was ended, I had the honor to conduct the lucky draw with the grand prize being an iPad air.



11.2 HKIS QSD Annual Dinner 2014

The HKIS QSD Annual Dinner was held on 26 September 2014 at the Grand Ballroom of the Royal Plaza Hotel, Kowloon. Fellow members could take this opportunity to socialize with other learned members / friends and government officials who work closely with the surveying profession in a casual atmosphere. We had the pleasure to receive distinguished guests from government departments, the Legislative Council, educational institutes, other professional institutes and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR. Other guests included the President, Office Bearers of the General Council, Divisional Chairmen, Past Presidents and Past QSD Chairmen of the Institute.

The Organising Committee allocated a time slot for "Experience Sharing with Special Guests". Although the time this was only 15 minutes, the talks presented by the Special Guests brought back a lot of memories from the good old days. Many thanks go to the two special guests, Sr K. M. Chau and Sr C. F. Wong as well as the facilitator, Sr K. C. Tang.

To make the programme of the event more entertaining, we arranged for TV celebrities to act as Master of Ceremony and Singers. The event would not have been so enjoyable if it were not for a series of fabulous performance such as Chinese music played by an orchestra, songs performed by artists; interesting games and lucky draws.

To recognise the outstanding performance of our newly elected member, Ms. Canaan Wong in her Assessment of Professional Competence, we presented her with a prize – "The 2013 APC Best Performance Award". We hope she will keep up with the good work in her career.





12. Independent of Cost Consultant for Infrastructure Projects

The Independent met with Mr. C. S. Wai, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) on 3 July 2014 to express our views on budget over-run of some of the infrastructure projects currently undertaken and / or recently completed by the Works Departments of the Bureau.

The QSD Council has always stressed to the government that the function and duties of cost consultant should be separated from those of lead consultant. The benefit of an independent cost consultant is that the former can perform the function of “check and balance” during the decision-making process.

The quantity surveyor performs his function very well in building projects. It is common practice for the employer / project manager / designer / architect to seek our advice independently prior to committing a substantial sum of capital expenditure. We do not see why the specialised skill of quantity surveyor cannot be independently used in infrastructure projects.

While it is true that unforeseen ground conditions are one of the inherent characteristics of infrastructure projects – a risk that is very difficult to control, this risk can be mitigated by adopting an equitable risk allocation approach in contractual arrangements. The quantity surveyor can advise employers / other consultants on the most suitable approaches to deal with different kinds and magnitudes of construction risk.

At the meeting we also highlighted our suggestion on how to improve the process of cost control and cost management for infrastructure projects. It is expected that more meetings would be held in order to convince the Bureau that we, quantity surveyor, are here to help without undermining the authority of the Engineer under the Contract.

The QSD Council hopes that the Government will assign a few “pilot” projects to test whether an independent cost consultant can help reduce budget / cost overrun of infrastructure projects.

13. Conclusions

I am pleased to report that the Council has accomplished most of the tasks set out in the Year Plan 2014 with the concerted effort of the Office Bearers, Council Members, Co-opted Members, Advisors and the Secretariat of the Institute.

My sincere thanks go to the various Organizing Committees, particularly the Organizing Committee for PAQS 2014, Sub-committees and Task Force for their tremendous effort in organizing well received events and participating in consultation of policy making of the Government.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Quantity Surveying Division for your continuous support and active participation in various activities and events organized by the Council.

Finally may I express my sincere gratitude to all members of the Quantity Surveying Division and the Divisional Council for giving me the opportunity to serve the Council as Chairman for the Council Year 2012 to 2014. Indeed it was my great honour to take up the post as Chairman of the Council. As the new Council term will commence soon, I wholeheartedly request members continuous support to the next Council for the Year 2014 / 15.