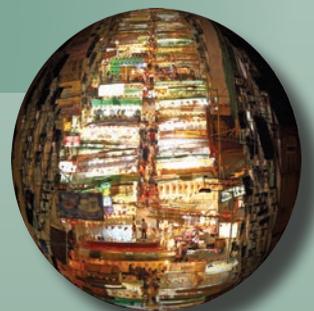
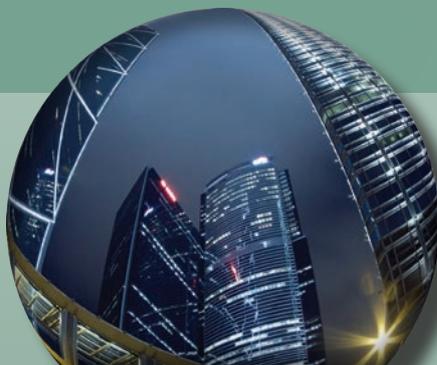




# Board of Professional Development



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Prof. James PONG  
Chairman



## Work of 2011

The Board of Professional Development 2011/2012 comprised the following members :-

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| Professor James Kenneth Pong Kam-keung | Chairman                              |
| Mr Ricky Chan Dut-yin                  | Vice-Chairman<br>(QSD Representative) |
| Mr Edwin Tang Hoi-kwan                 | BSD Representative                    |
| Dr Daniel Ho Chi-wing                  | BSD Representative                    |
| Mr Slayman Chan Kwok-kin               | GPD Representative                    |
| Mr Charles Chan Chiu-kwok              | GPD Representative                    |
| Mr Cheng Wai-pun                       | LSD Representative                    |
| Ms Maris Lo Hoi-yin                    | LSD Representative                    |
| Mr Raymond Chan Yuk-ming               | PDD Representative                    |
| Mr Yu Kam-hung                         | PDD Representative                    |
| Dr Edmond Cheng Kam-wah                | PFMD Representative                   |
| Mr Daniel Hui Wah-lun                  | PFMD Representative                   |
| Mr Wong Chung-fat                      | QSD Representative                    |
| Mr Kenny Chan Chi-hung                 | YSG Representative                    |
| Ms Michelle Chung Man-wai              | YSG Representative                    |
| Dr Lawrence Poon Wing-cheung           | Co-opted                              |
| Mr Benjamin Chong Wing-hong            | Co-opted                              |

In 2011, 123 CPD events were organized by the various Divisions and the Young Surveyors Group (YSG), which reflected a 4.2% increase from 118 of the previous year. Apart from the 12 institutional events, QSD was among all the Divisions the largest CPD organizer, who has provided 32 events. The ranking order of the other Divisions was YSG (26, including 1 joint CPD with BSD, 6 joint CPD with GPD, 1 joint CPD with LSD and 1 joint institutional event), BSD (19, including 1 joint CPD with YSG and 1 joint CPD with PFMD), GPD (18, including 6 joint CPD with YSG), PFMD (10), LSD (9, including 1 joint CPD with YSG) and PDD (5).

In this dynamic commercial world, HKIS continues to widen and excel our professional services to meet the needs of the economy and people of Hong Kong.

To meet the surging demand for green building professional advice from HKIS members, the Board has decided that HKIS members will need to better develop and enhance their skills and knowledge on BEAM-Pro assessment, air ventilation assessment, carbon auditing, indoor quality assessment and energy auditing. At these green fronts, HKIS has successfully obtained the blessings from the BEAM Society Limited that it will offer a BEAM-Pro assessment class exclusively for HKIS members at no additional cost provided there are at least 140 HKIS members enrolled for such course. In May and July 2011 the Board successfully invited Prof. K.S Wong and Prof. Edward Ng, who are pioneers in the development of green building concepts in Hong Kong, to deliver CPD seminars on the green building developments and air ventilation assessment respectively. These CPDs were well received by our members.

In response to the frequent requests from the court for HKIS to recommend our members for the appointment as the joint single expert in water seepage litigations, the Board has encouraged the BSD to set up an expert witness panel to provide expert witness service to the court. To facilitate panel experts to tender their valuable expert evidence to assist the court to come to its decisions, these experts should not only possess the skills in diagnosing the cause of water seepage, but also possess an extensive knowledge on of the law of tort, the law of evidence and the law on civil procedures. It is anticipated a formal list of water seepage expert would be compiled, and be uploaded on the HKIS website by the middle of 2012.

In July and September 2011, the Chairman of the PFMD Mr. Gary Yeung and I conducted 2 CPD events titled "The Devil of Common Parts" and "The Devil of Common Parts - Part II". The purpose of these CPDs was to address the increasing complexities in defining what are the "common parts" in a multi-storey development. In light of some recent court judgments, we explored whether a retaining structure, enclosure walls of lift shafts, water supply distribution pipes, loadbearing partition walls and non-loadbearing partition walls between two adjoining units etc. are common parts.

In response to the appeals of members for more joint CPD events across different professional disciplines to promote fertilization of their knowledge and skills, various joint CPDs were held in 2011. They include the joint CPD with HKIA, HKIP and HKILA on "The Hong Kong International Airport : MasterPlan 2030"; the joint CPD with the RICS and HKIE on "The Land Decontamination of London Olympics"; the joint CPD with HKILA and HKIP on "the Greenery Provisions under APP 152", and the joint CPD with BEAM Society Limited on "Green Building".

As the first big stride to allow our members to share the valuable experience and expertise disseminated from CPDs of different professional bodies in Hong Kong, on 13 December 2011, I attended the first COALITION Cross-Professional CPD brainstorming session with the other nine professional bodies such as the Law Society, HKICPA, HKICS, HKIA, HKIE, HKIP, HKILA. The primary purpose was to explore ways in which our HKIS members could attend those CPDs run by other professional bodies which would be beneficial to our members. It is expected that the roadmap for such collaboration would be ironed out in the second half of 2012.

In order to sustain the professionalism of our members and to preserve the confidence of the public to the surveying profession, our HKIS members must comply with the Mandatory Rules on CPDs. In October 2011, the proposal on the sanctions for non-compliance to fulfill CPD requirements was passed by the Board and endorsed by the General Council of HKIS. The proposal has already taken into

account the merits of various enforcement tools being used by other professional bodies such as HKIA, HKIE, HKICPA, HKICS, the Law Society of Hong Kong and RICS. The proposal is a 4-tier system : from warning letter, to interview, to publishing the name of the defaulting member in the Surveyors Times, and finally to reprimand such defaulting member. The first layer of this system was implemented in December 2011. Random spot check on 10% of CPD records has already been carried out. Warning letters will be sent out to those defaulting members by early 2012.

To streamline the planning of CPDs and the co-ordination amongst various divisions of HKIS and YSG, I have held several liaison meetings with the CPD convenors of various Divisions and YSG, in which we brainstormed various hot contemporary CPD topics, and we successfully set up a common CPD calendar to be used by all the convenors so that CPDs would be spread out evenly throughout each month. Barcode electronic recording for CPD attendance will be used in 2012. New HKIS membership cards will have a barcode feature which will record the CPD attendance to include the date, the venue, the title as well as the time-in and time-out for a particular CPD. Furthermore, in order to facilitate probationer and newly qualified members to identify those CPDs particularly suitable for them in the Surveyors Times, a new column of "PQSL" has been added for each published CPD event.

The professionalism of surveying practice is not complete without the adherence of our professional ethics. To maintain the prestigious status of surveyors, all HKIS members shall strictly adhere to the rules on professional ethics and conduct published by HKIS from time to time. With the assistance of the YSG, two CPDs on professional ethics have been held in 2011, one in conjunction with ICAC, and the other with the College of Estate Management.

In furtherance of the work of the Board in 2011, I anticipate that the following missions will be continued and be accomplished in the coming 2012 :-

- Step-up enforcement on the mandatory CPD requirements based on the approved 4-tier sanction system mentioned above;
- Simplification of the mandatory CPD requirements to reduce the administrative costs of enforcement;
- Sharing of CPD seminars on topics run by other professional bodies of Hong Kong;
- Provision of web-based and CD Rom-based CPDs for our members, especially those residing in the Mainland and overseas;
- Setting up more and larger panels of experts on the HKIS website to provide expert witness service to the court or tribunals or members of the public on matters such as property and rental valuations, water seepage litigations, programming and valuation of the quantum of work done for construction disputes; and
- Setting up a panel of surveyors to provide green building professional services to members of the public.

With the continued valuable contributions from all the Divisions, and above all, your unfailing support, I am confident that HKIS surveyors will continue to strive for excellence in 2012 and the years ahead.

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