

President's Report

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會長報告



It is my greatest honour to have served the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors ("the Institute") as the President for the council year 2013-2014. This year has been very fruitful; in particular, we saw our profession grow in strength and the industry was flourishing. The year 2014 was also a memorable one as it was the 30th Anniversary of the Institute.

I have the pleasure in presenting the major works we have done and our achievements during the year.

Membership

Growth

At the end of November 2014, there was a total membership of 9,332, representing a steady growth of 5.79% from the previous year. Of the total number, 6,092 are Corporate Members (497 Fellows and 5,595 Members, of which 271 were newly elected). There were 3,240 probationer and student members.

Life-long Learning

The Institute is committed to facilitating members to keep abreast of the latest developments in the industry and to broaden their knowledge required in their work. A total of 174 Continuing Professional Development events on a wide range of topics were organised during the year by the Divisions and Young Surveyors Group.

All members are obliged to undertake self-development. The Board of Professional Development ("the Board") has conducted a review of the Mandatory CPD process and proposed sanctions for non-compliance by members and has submitted its proposal to the General Council. The work on introducing necessary amendments to the relevant sections of the Bye-Laws are in progress.

Reinstatement of Membership

The Working Group on Reinstatement of Membership has reviewed the procedures and conditions for Reinstatement of Membership, and has proposed to introduce necessary changes and amendments to the Bye-Laws.

30th Anniversary Events

To mark the 30th anniversary of the Institute, we have organised thirty events during the past twelve months to celebrate the achievements of the Institute.

To kick off the series of celebration activities, we launched a logo and slogan competition for our members to showcase their creative designs and innovative ideas. Based on the winning entries, we finalised the official slogan, which is "30 Years of Surveying Service with Pride, For the Community's Betterment We Strive" (測量服務三十年，帶動社會邁向前). This logo and slogan have been used for all the 30th anniversary activities.

We have produced a commemorative video, and published twelve special columns in our monthly newsletter, Surveyors Times, featuring interviews of our past presidents and the developments of the Institute during their tenures of office over the past three decades.



During the past year, each of the six Divisions and the Young Surveyors Group of the Institute have organised conferences, awards, luncheon talks and receptions on various occasions. One of the major events was the 30th Anniversary Cocktail Reception held on 25 April 2014 to celebrate the birthday of the Institute. A summary of the talks and conferences are listed as follows:

Surveyors' Luncheon Talk Series

- "Surveyors – Service to the Public" presented by Sr Daniel Lam, BBS, JP, HKIS past president (2 December 2013).
- "Land Administration Challenges for Professionals and Laymen Alike" presented by Ms Bernadette Linn, JP, Director of Lands (21 February 2014).
- "Horse and Surveying" presented by Sr Leung Shou Chun, MBE, HKIS past president (11 April 2014).
- "Potential Strategic Growth Areas of Hong Kong - New Territories North and East Lantau" presented by Mr KK Ling, JP, Director of Planning (18 June 2014).
- "Challenges and Opportunities in Tackling Hong Kong's Problem in Urban Decay" presented by Sr Victor So Hing Woh, JP, Chairman of the Urban Renewal Authority (18 July 2014).
- "Lantau Development" presented by Sr Lau Ping Cheung, SBS, Chairman of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services, Member of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (13 November 2014).

Conferences and Awards

- The 18th Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) Congress 2014 - "Think Outside the Box, Meet New Challenges", held on 7-10 June 2014. This international conference attracted about 440 delegates from 20 countries around the world.
- The GPD Valuation Conference - "Valuation Practice in Hong Kong" (28 June 2014).
- Young Coalition Professional Group Youth Forum 2014 – "Hong Kong 2030: An Ideal City?" Jointly organised by the Young Surveyors Group of HKIS and the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services (26 July 2014).
- Quality Property and Facility Management Award 2014 - "Moving Forward to the New Era of Property and Facility Management – Sustainability and Livability". Jointly organised by the HKIS and the Hong Kong Association

of Property Management Companies (12 September 2014).

- The HKIS Annual Conference - "Hong Kong: Our Smart City in the Next 30 Years" (13 September 2014).
- The 5th Joint Annual Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) – "Are you Ready to Become BIMmer?" (26 September 2014).
- The BSD Annual Conference - "Essential and Evolving Expertise of Building Surveyors" (11 October 2014).
- The PDD Annual Conference - "Review of Strategies of Planning for Development Space and Renewal" (18 October 2014).



Social Events

On social events, we held a tram party on two antique trams bearing the HKIS's 30th anniversary banners, traversing through the heart of the city from Central to Causeway Bay. In addition, our surveyors band, S!R, staged a band show. There were also plenty of sporting events, such as golf tournaments, dragon boat championship and basketball cup, etc.

Serving the Community

Consultations and Submissions

The Institute is committed to contributing our expertise to the development of Hong Kong. We actively participate in the Government's consultation process for the formulation of public policy and enactment of legislation, and submit our views on issues that involve land, property, housing, and construction, in particular, on matters listed below:

- Policy Address and the Budget
- North East New Territories New Development Areas
- Property Management Services Bill

- Population Policy
- Extension of the Service of Civil Servants
- Proposed Establishment of a Harbourfront Authority
- Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium
- Accountable and Non-accountable Gross Floor Area and Design, Disposition and Height (DDH) Clause under Lease
- Proposed Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme

We work closely with the Government on the development of the Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium. I am pleased to let you know that in support of the Pilot Scheme, the Institute has published a list of HKIS valuation professionals for the Government and the Applicants of Arbitration on Land Premium to appoint arbitrators to serve on the Arbitral Tribunal.

On new policy areas, the Institute has proposed to the Government to set up a Building Repair and Maintenance Works Authority to regulate the building maintenance industry.

Addressing the problem of cost control, the Institute has proposed to the Government to develop a system of Independent Cost Consultants for managing the cost of major infrastructure projects.

Press Conferences / Press Releases / Media Luncheons

A total of 14 press releases were issued to the media on various topics listed in the preceding section. The Institute also held a media luncheon with reporters of the major media on 12 February 2014.

Dispute Resolution

The Institute has made the following numbers of appointment services for resolving disputes during the year:-

Arbitrator (HKIA and HKIS Joint Appointment):	8
Mediator (HKIA and HKIS Joint Appointment):	1
Mediator for Joint Mediation Helpline Office:	3
Independent Valuation Expert:	12

Elderly Safe Living Scheme

The Institute cooperated with the Hong Kong Housing Society on the "Elderly Safe Living

Scheme" (長者住安心計劃). Our voluntary building surveyors helped the elderly by giving advice on the works for improvement of the safety environment of their homes.

"AP Easy" Building Maintenance Advisory Service Scheme

The Institute participated in the "AP Easy" Building Maintenance Advisory Service Scheme ("顧問易"大廈維修諮詢服務) organised by the Home Affairs Department. The building surveyors offered pro bono advice to help the incorporated owners to select Authorised Persons for carrying out maintenance works of their buildings.

Community and Charity Services

The HKIS Volunteering Team participated in the mentorship programme "Project SPARKLE" jointly organised with T.W.G.Hs Jockey Club Tin Shui Wai Integrated Services Centre. The programme aims to create a harmonious and healthy environment for the children in Tin Shui Wai. The Volunteering Team also cooperated with the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association (香港小童群益會) to support the mentorship schemes for children living in poverty.

Developing the Profession

Publications

To provide guidance for professional practices and useful information for clients, we continue to update and publish various guidance notes for reference by our members and the public. During the past year, the Institute has issued the following publications:

- Guidance Notes for Land Boundary Survey (updated).
- Professional Guide to Water Seepage Investigation, Diagnosis, Testing and Reporting in Residential Buildings.
- Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice
- Practice Notes for Quantity Surveyors (updated English version and publication of the new Chinese version).

Researches

The Council has approved research funding for two projects, namely:

- Effective Use of Web Based Management Tools for Property Management Companies in Hong Kong.
- BIM Based Cost Estimating and Planning – The Way Ahead for QSs.

Promotion of the Profession

The Institute is taking a proactive role to promote the surveying profession and to attract talented young people to join the surveying industry. We give strong support to the youth including offering scholarships such as:

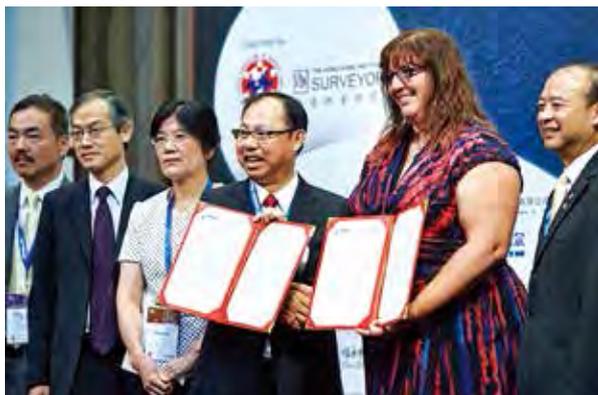
- HKIS Scholarships for outstanding final year students studying HKIS accredited programmes.
- Building Surveying Scholarship for secondary school students.
- Quantity Surveying Division Scholarship for outstanding performances in key quantity surveying subjects in bachelor, associate degrees and higher diploma courses.
- Outstanding dissertation awards for first degree and postgraduate courses.

The Institute has participated in the annual Hong Kong Trade Development Council's Education and Careers Expo. The Divisions and Young Surveyors Group have visited various academic institutions and joined the Information Days organised by the local Universities to share views on career prospects with the students. We have also visited secondary schools for promoting the surveying profession.

Mainland and International Cooperation

Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation Agreements

A Cooperative Agreement between the HKIS and the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International (AACE) was signed on 9



June 2014 for the development of leading practices in cost management and quantity surveying.

In order to strengthen the cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in the implementation of the "going global" policy, the HKIS signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Commerce on 4 September 2014 on the cooperation in engaging Hong Kong professional surveyors to supervise the works of China's construction projects in foreign countries.



On 27 November 2014, the HKIS signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) on the development and promotion of the global valuation standard.

Reciprocal Recognition of Qualifications

The Institute is discussing with the China Engineering Cost Association for the arrangements of reciprocity agreement for the third batch of cost engineers.

There has been very good progress in developing the arrangements for the mutual recognition of qualifications with the China Appraisal Society for business valuation, and with the China Real Estate Valuers Association for land valuation.

Mainland Affairs

The Chinese Government aims to achieve full liberalisation of trade in service between the Mainland and Hong Kong by the end of the 12th Five-Year Plan period. China is exploring ways to allow more service industries to operate in the Mainland without prior approval. The proposed arrangement operates under a system of Negative Listing (負面清單), which means any business can freely operate in China except for those trades specified on the "not-to-be-liberalised list". The

Institute has proposed to the Mainland officials that surveying should be classified as a business that is allowed to operate in China without prior approval from the Mainland authorities.

The Institute joined the Hong Kong SAR Trade Delegation to Fujian on 23-25 January 2014. The delegation was led by the Chief Executive, the Honourable CY Leung. About 140 Hong Kong delegates from the Government, professional institutes, trade associations, and universities joined this group. The purpose of the visit was to promote trade and Hong Kong's financial and professional services. The delegation met with representatives of the Government of Fujian Province and the Xiamen Municipal Government.

A HKIS delegation visited Tianjin on 28-30 April 2014, and met with representatives from the Tianjin Municipal Committee, the Tianjin Association for Science and Technology, the Tianjin Planning Bureau, etc. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the Institute and surveying profession to the relevant authorities and institutions, as well as to perform a professional knowledge exchange and foster cooperation between the surveying industries of Hong Kong and Tianjin.

A HKIS delegation visited Beijing on 2-5 November 2014 to meet officials of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Land and Resources. The delegation also met with the relevant Mainland professional institutes to provide updates on the latest developments in the profession and to explore further opportunities for cooperation.

The 2014 Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Industry Forum was held on 9-11 November 2014 at Nanning. The forum was hosted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Nanning Municipal People's Government and the Development Bureau of the HKSARG. The HKIS was one of the co-organisers. The theme of this year's forum was "Collaborative Development with a Global Perspective, Integrated Project Management with Innovative Technology".

International Activities

HKIS delegates attended the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Congress, which was held on 16-21 June 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme of the Conference was "Engaging

the Challenges – Enhancing the Relevance". There were over 500 presentations on various aspects of land surveying, geospatial information management, cadastre and land administration, satellite positioning, valuation standards, etc.

The HKIS, the Cartography and Cadastre Bureau of the Macao SAR Government, the Faculty of Geography of Taiwan Politics University, and the Land Administration Faculty of the People's University of China co-organised the 2014 Cross-Strait Land Conference (2014 年兩岸四地土地學術研討會) in Taiwan on 20-21 September 2014. The theme of the Conference was "Challenge and Strategy in Land Use".

HKIS delegates attended the 27th Pan Pacific Congress of Real Estate Appraisers, Valuers and Counsellors, which was held on 21-24 September 2014 in Singapore. The theme of the Congress was "Sustainable Development: Challenges Facing the Valuation Professions – Taking Environment, Economic, Equity, Cultural, and Heritage Issues into Perspective".

HKIS representatives joined the 39th International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) Meeting and the 9th World Congress on 18-22 October in Milan, Italy. The Congress was organised jointly by the Italian Association for Total Cost Management (AICE) and the Italian Federation of Scientific and Technical Association (FAST). The theme of the Congress was "Re-engineering Total Cost Management".

The International Real Estate Valuation Conference 2014 was held on 23-24 October 2014 in Beijing. The Conference was hosted by the HKIS, China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA), the World Association of Valuation Organizations, the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers. The theme of the Conference was "Global Developments in Real Estate Valuation – Methods, Standards and Best Practices" in Beijing.

HKIS representatives joined the Hong Kong delegation to attend the World Sustainable Building Conference held on 28-30 October 2014 in Barcelona, Spain. The aim of the Conference was to share views on developing a local action plan to tackle the challenges of (1) providing decent housing for the world's population, (2) reducing energy use and ecological footprint, and (3) promoting a sustainable economic model which creates jobs.

The HKIS and RICS co-organised a Joint Valuation Conference on 14 November 2014 in Hong Kong. The theme of the conference was "Value in a Changing World – Policy Compliance and Client Mandates".

Members' Communication and Services

Members' Forums

Discussion Forums on the Revision of Annual Subscriptions and Application Fees for Admission into Membership and on Proposed Amendments to the HKIS Bye-Laws were held on 10 February and 13 October 2014 respectively.

Beijing Office

In 2014, the Beijing Office organised five members' events, including a members' gathering on 16 April, a members' brainstorming session on 13 June, a CPD cum Dinner on 20 August, a CPD and Site Visit on 13 September and a Dinner gathering on 4 November.

Shanghai Forum

On 13 September 2014, the Shanghai Forum organised a CPD event to visit the Shanghai Tower. A CPD seminar on the topic "Chinese Developers Marching Overseas" followed by a Dinner was held on 16 October 2014.

The HKIS Charitable Foundation Limited

The HKIS Charitable Foundation Limited ('the Foundation') was incorporated on 9 April 2014.

The Foundation was established by the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors for the purpose of receiving voluntary donations and organising fundraising activities, as well as making donation of money to provide relief.

This is significant because in the past, the HKIS had faced situations in which it had wanted to make donations for charitable purposes, but had been prohibited to do so because of financial considerations and restrictions under the HKIS Constitution and Bye-Laws.

HKIS Mobile App.

The Institute has launched the "HKIS" App, its first mobile application, on 10 November 2014. The application can be downloaded onto iPhones, iPads

or Android phones via Apple Store or Google Play. With this new programme, HKIS members and the public can now gain access to the Institute's information more conveniently through their mobile phones and other handheld devices.

Words of Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the Institute, the Office Bearers, members of the General Council, Executive Committee, Divisional Councils, various Working Committees and Task Forces, and the staff of the Secretariat office for their unfailing support and great contributions to the surveying profession.

I wish the HKIS and the incoming Council every success in the years to come.

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President (2013-2014)

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors