

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

Quantity Surveying Division

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In the past twelve months, the quantity surveying division council was working hard to accomplish the tasks planned at the beginning of the year. We strived to enhance both local and international networks. We actively involved in local affairs. We explored various means of enhancing communication with members and implemented a new structured professional training course for graduates.

To give you a picture of our efforts, I briefly outline below the details of the tasks and events undertaken this year for your information.

Mainland affairs

Shenzhen – Hong Kong Forum: Strengthening and More Co-operation in Construction Sector

HKIS was invited to attend a discussion forum organized by Shenzhen Construction Bureau at Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel, Hong Kong on 23 December 2008. The main objective of the Forum was to explore a closer co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in the construction sector. The three QSD representatives attending the meeting were Mr. Thomas Ho, Mr. K C Tang and Mr. Anthony Lau.

The representatives discussed the idea of a pilot scheme, which would allow the QS firms in Hong Kong to set up companies and cost

management business in Shenzhen without going through the normal professional company registration process and having locally registered qualified persons. The Shenzhen representatives expressed that they would like to share the experience of tendering management in Hong Kong and to co-operate with the counterparts in Hong Kong in this area. They also discussed the possibility of forming joint ventures between Hong Kong companies and Mainland companies in providing services in project management and construction works.



Visit by CECA

The China Engineering Cost Association (CECA) together with 20 delegates from various provinces of Mainland visited QSD on 8 January 2009.

They had a meeting with 8 QSD representatives, viz. the Chairman of the Mainland sub-committee and the immediate past Chairman, Mr. Stephen Lai, Vice

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Chairman, Mr. Antony Man and Honorary Secretary, Mr. Thomas Ho, Vice chairman of the Board of Education of HKIS, Mr. K C Tang, Past QSD Chairman, Mr. Sam Cheng, Mr. Alan Cheung, Ms. Y M Lee and Mr. K C Chang. They were briefed by Mr. Antony Man, Mr. K.C. Tang and Mr. Sam Cheng on the organization and the membership structure of HKIS including the administration system of the membership and the related experience. They were also advised of the services provided by the local QS firms and their development.

In exchange, the delegates briefed the updated development of the CECA in various provinces of Mainland. During the lunch, the delegates further shared their views on the discussed topics with the QSD representatives including Past President of HKIS, Mr. T.T. Cheung, and me.



Delegates to Beijing and Tianjin in June

Our President, Mr. Francis Leung, and I led a team of 14 delegates of the Quantity Surveying Division to pay a visit to Beijing and Tianjin from 21 June to 24 June 2009.

The visit was organized by the Chairman, Mr. Stephen Lai, and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Antony Man, of the Mainland Sub-committee, Mr. TT Cheung and Mr. CY Wong.

Beijing Forum

On 21 June, the President together with us met 13 members in Beijing Forum at the restaurant (崇文门便宜坊烤鸭店) next to our hotel. They were mainly general practice surveyors and quantity surveyors. Some of them have in fact mitigated to the Mainland with their families.



In that evening, the members shared their life and experience in Beijing and other provinces. They strongly felt that the Mainland would be the future of the surveyors in Hong Kong. They suggested that the institute should set up an office in the Mainland in order to build a better linkage with the Mainland and the members staying there. The suggestion was then submitted by me to the General Council for consideration immediately after returning from the Mainland.

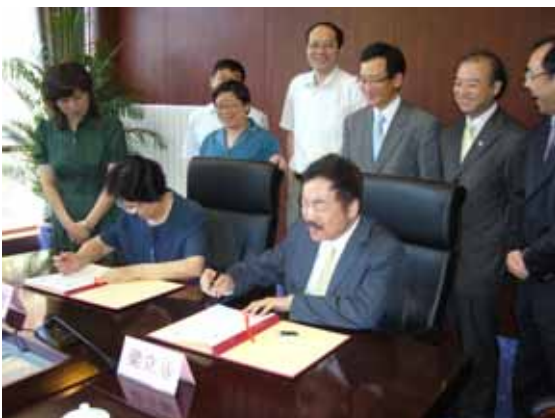
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Signing of the supplemental agreement

In the early morning of the next day, we arrived at a convention centre and were welcomed by the President, Madam Zhang, and the Secretary-General, Madam Ma, of CECA.



Before the signing ceremony, the Deputy Director General of the Standard and Norm Department, Madam Xu, Madam Zhang and our President gave their speeches. The supplemental agreement for extending the validity of the existing reciprocity agreement between CECA and HKIS was then signed by the presidents of both institutes with the presence of 11 delegates from CECA and 12 delegates from HKIS.



Visit to Tianjin and other related government offices

On 23 June, we arrived in Tianjin just in about 30 minutes on a high speed train. After welcomed by Mr. Yu Ye Wei, President of Tianjin Cost Engineering Association (TCEA), and other TCEA representatives, we attended a half-day seminar organized by TCEA in the Tianjin Polytechnic University.



Our members, Mr. Lo See Wing and Mr. Daniel Leung, delivered the following topics in the seminar:

1. The application of bills of quantities by the quantity surveyors; and
2. Tender assessment and analysis – Hong Kong practice.

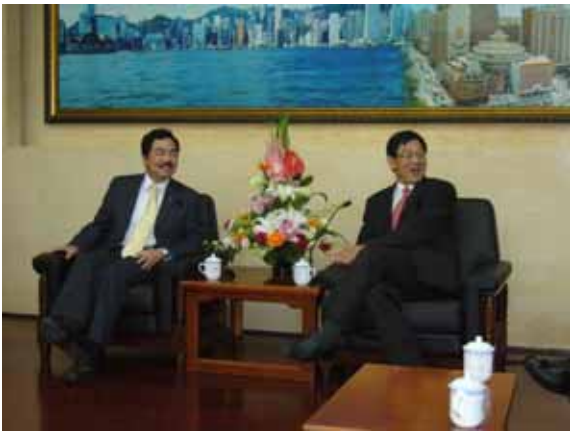
In the afternoon, we visited the Tianjin Planning Exhibition Hall and were briefed in detail about the future development of Tianjin including an eco-town through a number of models.

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Visit to HKMAO and HKSARO

Before our departure to Hong Kong on 24 June, we visited the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council (HKMAO) and the Office of the Government of the HKSAR (HKSARO) in Beijing.



We were welcomed by Mr. Zian Lijun, Director-General of the Department of Exchange & Cooperation in the HKMAO, and Mr. Sidney Chan, Deputy Director in the HKSARO. Our discussions included the reciprocity arrangement with CECA and the issues encountered by members in setting up companies in Mainland. Both Mr. Lijun and Mr. Chan gave us constructive suggestions in tackling the issues.

Second Round of Training and Examination for Registration of Cost Engineers

It was discussed and agreed with CECA in June 2009 that the process of the training and examination for the reciprocity qualification should be streamlined. The proposed streamlined process and implementation programme are being considered seriously by both CECA and HKIS.

The President, Mr. Francis Leung, and I had a meeting with CECA on 16 November 2009. We discussed on the detailed arrangements on the second reciprocity assessment and the registration of the remaining qualified HKIS members as cost engineers in Mainland. Hopefully, the training and examination will be held by the 2nd quarter 2010.

Registration of Cost Engineers in Mainland

In October, the China Engineering Cost Association (中国建设工程造价管理协会) (CECA) approved another seven members to register as cost engineers in Mainland. We now have 72 members registered as cost

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engineers. The third lot of registration is now underway and likely to happen in the first quarter of next year.

Visit by Shanghai Construction Consultants Association (SCCA)

A seven-member delegation of the Shanghai Construction Consultants Association (SCCA) led by the President, Mr. Yan Hong Hua, visited HKIS on 16 November 2009. They had a meeting with seven QSD representatives, viz. the Chairman of the Mainland Sub-committee and Immediate Past Chairman, Mr. Stephen Lai, Vice Chairman, Mr. Antony Man, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Thomas Ho, Past QSD Chairman Mr. Sam Cheng, and three Council Members viz. Mr. Keith Yim, Mr. Anthony Lau and Mr. Peter Ng.

They were briefed by Mr. Stephen Lai and Mr. Antony Man on the progress of the reciprocity agreement between HKIS and CECA, and the registration of the HKIS members as cost engineers in China. In return, SCCA showed their interest to explore the possibility of having co-operation between HKIS and SCCA in the area of project management.

Further, they invited HKIS to arrange a joint seminar in Shanghai early next year and close to the date of the World Expo. The content of the seminar would be related to cost engineering. The division will consider the invitation.



Seminar in Tianjin

On 16 November, our President, Mr. Francis Leung, and I were invited by Professor Yin Yi Lin [尹贻林教授 - 天津理工大学管理学院院长] of the Management School of the Tianjin University of Technology (TUT) to attend a technical seminar with the students of TUT.

The seminar was attended by lecturers and about 200 students. Most of the students were studying their bachelor degrees in cost engineering or construction management. The rest included master degree students and doctoral degree students specializing in related fields.

The topics of our speeches were:

- “Tendering and Contract Management in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” (「**招投标及合约管理 - 香港特别行政区经验**」) by Mr. Francis Leung
- “An Overview of Cost Estimating in Development Projects” (「**物业发展的工程成本估算实务探索**」) by Mr. Daniel Ho

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The enthusiasm of the students in raising questions and in exploring their knowledge on the topics was very impressive.



International affairs

PAQS and ICEC

13th PAQS Annual Congress and ICEC Region 4 conference

The 13th Board meeting and Congress of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) were held on 15th to 19th August 2009 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the International Garden City of Lights. In addition, the annual meeting of the Region 4 of the International

Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) was held at the same occasion.

Our President, Mr. Francis Leung, and I led a team of 11 delegates to join the events as the representatives of the HKIS being a member of both international organizations.

Our members have deep involvement in the two international organizations. Mr. T T Cheung, our ex-President, is the Technical Director of ICEC and the Chairman of the Sustainability Committee of the PAQS. Dr. Paul Ho, the ex-Chairman of QSD, is the Chairman of the Research Committee of the PAQS. Professor Anita Liu and Dr. Ellen Lau are the Honorary Secretary of the Education Committee and the Research Committee of the PAQS respectively. That is, they involve in all three committees of the PAQS. Their contributions are well appreciated by the members of the two international organizations.

Papers presented by the speakers from Hong Kong in the Congress included:

- Managing Building Services Costs and Sustainable Environment by Mr. Kenny Chan
- A Learn Approach to Sustainable Construction – Dr. Richard Fellows & Prof. Anita Liu
- A Comparison of Value Management Training and Certification Systems: An Empirical Study Across Different Countries – Dr. Mei-yung Leung
- Revamping Outsourcing Maintenance

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Strategies and Practices – Mr. Kenny Chan

- The birth of the Construction Industry Council - a self-regulatory body established by law with stakeholders from all walks of life of the construction industry - the Hong Kong scenario – Mr. TT Cheung
- Cycle Cost Analysis for Sustainable Design – Dr. Ellen Lau & Ms. Vicky Lew

The congress was closed by a simple but serious ceremony. Two important documents were signed at the same occasion. Eight member organizations including HKIS signed an accreditation agreement to subscribe the PAQS accreditation scheme. The six participating associations signed a KL Pact to agree in principle to further develop and foster a global community of leaders in the quantity surveying profession.

2014 PAQS Congress

The HKIS submitted a bid for the hosting of the 18th Congress in year 2014 in Hong Kong. The Congress would be very meaningful to the HKIS because it would coincide with the 30th anniversary of the institute. After deliberation, the Board approved that the 18th Congress would be held in Hong Kong. A working group will be set up shortly for arranging this important event.

PAQS Award

The PAQS organized an essay competition early this year, PAQS-Iwata Foundation Essay Competition 2009. The competition was for young quantity surveyors from the members countries of PAQS. The topic of the essay was “the impact of the current financial crisis on the globalization of the construction industry cost management profession”.

Our QSD Council Co-opt Member, Ms Tzena Wong, was awarded a highly commended certificate for being the first runner up in the essay competition.

Visit by President of PAQS

The President of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS), Mr. Trevor Main, visited one of its member countries, China, by the end of June 2009. On his return trip to Australia, he also paid a visit to its other members, viz. HKIS and the representatives of Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) in Hong Kong on 6 July 2009.

In the evening, both institutes held a welcoming function together for Mr. Main. We started with a simple but warm reception. There were about 30 attendees including the President of HKIS, office bearers of HKIS, representatives of various divisions and AIQS.

In return, Mr. Main gave a talk titled “Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on the QS Profession in the Region” in a CPD event.

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Visit by President of PAQS and Vice President of SISV

The new President of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS), Mr. Teoh Woon Sin, together with the Vice President of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers (SISV), Mr. Khoo Sze Boon, paid a visit to our institute on 22 October 2009.

We held a welcoming function for Mr. Teoh and Mr. Khoo. We started with a simple but warm reception. There were about 30 attendees including the Senior Vice President of HKIS, office bearers of HKIS and representatives of QSD. In return, Mr. Teoh and Mr. Khoo delivered a CPD talk on two topics, viz. "Sustainable Construction – The Singapore Perspective" and "Green Costing – the Impact on Quantity Surveyors".

The recent policy address of the Chief Executive included environmental industries as one of the six core industries. Provision of green initiatives in buildings would be definitely the trend in future. Both Mr. Teoh and Mr. Khoo gave us some valuable tips on how we should prepare for the trend.

Visit to the Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (ISM)

Prior to returning from the 13th PAQS congress, we took the opportunity to pay an official visit to the office of ISM. We were welcomed by the President of the ISM, Prof. Sr. Wan Maimum Wan Abdullah, their past presidents and other office bearers.

We were briefed about the structure of the ISM and were also advised that the ISM had regular meetings with other professional institutions such as the architects, the planners and the engineers. They would formulate their professional views together on various issues relating to the construction industry and would advise the government accordingly. In addition, the ISM had various awards to appreciate the efforts contributed by its members to the institute. They further shared their experience in running the institute during the lunch.

Visits by the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES)

On 8 April 2009, the President, Mr. Steve Jackson, of ICES together with their regional representatives viz. Mr. Andrew Keung ((Immediate Past Regional Chairman, 2007-09), Mr. Eric Poon (Regional Chairman), Mr. Michael Wong (GE Moderator) and Mr. Alan Cheung (CM Moderator) paid a courtesy visit to the office of the HKIS on 8 April 2009. Our Vice President, Mr. Wong Bay, together with the representatives of the QSD, viz. Mr. Thomas Ho (Honorary Secretary of QSD), Mr. Sam Cheng (Past Chairman of QSD), Mr. Franki Yeung and I, had a meeting with them to discuss the progress of the mutual recognition exercise.

The representatives of both institutes were satisfied with the progress and would continue to explore the possible mutual recognition arrangement. We had also concurred that we could organize the continuing professional

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development activities together for the members of both institutes in future.

On 27 October 2009, the representatives of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) paid their second visit this year to HKIS. The team was led by the Chief Examiner for Commercial Management of CICES, Mr Ian Cowling, together with other four representatives viz. Mr. Andrew Keung, Mr. Alan Cheung, Mr. Honby Chan and Ms. Miranda Lui.

The team was welcomed by the QSD office bearers, viz. Vice Chairman, Mr. Antony Man, Honorary Secretary, Mr. Thomas Ho, Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Ricky Chan, and me. We had short discussions on the arrangements adopted by both organizations for assessment of the professional competence of new members, and also exchanged views on the CPDs offered to members. The discussions were continued during the delicious lunch hosted by CICES. It was agreed that there would be ample opportunities for arranging continuous professional development events to the members of both organizations in future.

CICES held an Institution Charter Launch at the Foreign Correspondents' Club at the evening of 27 October. We were invited to attend and witness the ceremony.

The reciprocity agreement between the commercial management stream of CICES and the QSD of HKIS was endorsed by the General Council in the last council meeting in

November. A signing ceremony of the reciprocity agreement will be arranged accordingly.

Admission of new members

Assessment of professional competence

Early this year, 71 candidates passed the assessment of professional competence (APC) and became new members of the quantity surveying division.

In September 2009, there were 305 candidates attempting the final assessment of the APC as compared with 295 candidates last year. The answers are being assessed by 338 assessors. The assessors were briefed on the assessment criteria during an assessors' briefing held in the Happy Valley Stand, Happy Valley Racecourse on 8 October 2009. The results of the APC will likely be available in January 2010.

ATC (QS Division) Final Assessment – May 2009

The ATC (QSD) Final Assessment 2009 was held in May this year. The ATC Final Assessment contained two parts, viz. written assessment and interview. The written assessment was held on Friday, 15 May 2009 and the interview was conducted in June 2009. There was only one candidate. He was successful in the assessment and became the technical member of our division.

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Linkage with members

Newly Qualified QS Welcoming Party

To welcome the seventy-one new qualified members and to acquaint them with the organization of the HKIS particularly the QSD council, they were invited to join a New QS Members Welcoming Party on 27 March 2009 at the Backstage Live Restaurant in Central. We had also invited the representatives from the General Council and the Young Surveyors Group.

This was a precious opportunity for us to know the new members as well as introducing the structure of the QSD including various sub-committees in this casual and jovial event. This also provided a great opportunity for the new members to mingle with the senior members.

QSD Annual Dinner

The QSD Annual Dinner 2009 was held on 5 June at Voting Member Box, Happy Valley Racecourse. We had the honour of the company of our honourable guests, the President of the Institute, office bearers of the General Council, past HKIS Presidents and past QSD Chairmen. The honourable guests at this year's event came from various government departments, universities and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR. The dinner was a big success with a full house of thirteen tables. We took the opportunity to present the 2008 APC Best Performance Award to our new

member, Mr. Leung Chui Chi. The award was to acknowledge his outstanding performance in the Assessment of Professional Competence Test in year 2008. In return, he shared his golden rule of success - "never giving up".

The evening was very enjoyable. The participants actively and deeply involved in the games. The members showed their talents as singing stars in the Karaoke. The lucky draws brought good luck gifts to the participants. Such friendly atmosphere and the delicious food made the dinner a memorable event.

Messages to members

Two-way communication with members is vital to the success of the council. We had therefore explored the possible better means for exchange of information and ideas with members. Establishing a discussion forum on the HKIS web site was a possibility. For sake of privacy and avoidance of vandalism, the forum should only be accessed by the members of QSD. Unfortunately, the existing set up of the HKIS web could not provide such a security. This idea was therefore reluctantly put aside until the HKIS web could be enhanced.

We then took an alternative way. We posted the notice of the monthly meetings of the division on the HKIS QSD website and invited the members to join the meetings. Further, I tried to cover the key events under the Chairman's message in the HKIS monthly

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newsletter and invited the members to join the events or to express their views.

Publication

Standard Form of Contract for Decoration, Repair and Maintenance Works (2008, 1st Ed)
裝飾、維修及保養工程 標準合約 (2008 年第一版)

A standard form of contract titled “Standard Form of Contract for Decoration, Repair and Maintenance Works” was formally launched on 7 May 2009. This form of contract is applicable to minor repair and maintenance works with contract price up to \$400,000. It stipulates balanced rights and liabilities between property owners and contractors. A property owner can now use this standard form to formulate the contract with his contractor for carrying out minor repair and maintenance works for his property rather than relying on the quotation submitted by his contractor. This can avoid the situation where the quotation contains terms that are unclear in liabilities or unbalanced in risk sharing. The new form of contract should be able to minimize unnecessary arguments or disputes between both parties.

This new form of contract was attributable to the co-effort of the Building Surveying Division (BSD) and the Quantity Surveying Division. It was drafted by our ex-Chairman, Dr. Paul Ho in conjunction with council members from BSD and QSD, and vetted by lawyers well experienced in construction laws. The contract contains provisions to cope with

the special features of repair and maintenance works pursuant to the professional advice of the members of BSD.

Standard form of contract for large scale of repair and maintenance works

To cater for large scale repair and maintenance works, another standard form of contract for repair and maintenance contracts is in the pipeline. It has been reviewed by a lawyer and the taskforce is now considering the comments for its finalization. Hopefully, this can be launched within the first quarter of next year.

Practice notes

The council agreed that a set of practice notes on the quantity surveying services should be published for the reference of the members and other stakeholders. A taskforce led by Mr. Raymond Kam has set down a number of topics. The first topic being drafted by the taskforce is on cost planning. I hope it will be available for publication shortly.

Review of the Standard Form of Building Contracts 2005 edition (SFBC)

The SFBC was launched in April 2005. It has been used by the building industry for over four years. It is the appropriate time to review this SFBC by incorporating the suggestions and comments received from the stakeholders. A taskforce set up by the Contract Sub-committee started the review since September this year. Hopefully, the SFBC can

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be updated within the first quarter of next year.

Promotion of Quantity Surveying Profession

Talks in JUPAS Information Days

The quantity surveying profession can only sustain with continuous influx of new young bloods. Promotion of quantity surveying to the school leavers is one of the key promotion activities each year.

The JUPAS information days give us golden opportunities for our promotion. The school leavers will have the chance to know about quantity surveying before they make up their mind to apply for their favorite courses in the universities.

This year, I had the opportunity to give a brief introduction of quantity surveying to the school leavers during the JUPAS information days held in City University and the University of Hong Kong on 17 October and 24 October respectively. There were about 400 audiences in total. They were briefed about quantity surveying services, job opportunities and qualifying process. Their response showed their preliminary interest in the profession.

Video for QS Profession

The sub-committee led by Mr. Yam Kwan Sum supervised the video production since May 2008. The first version of the video was viewed by the members joining the APC

briefing held on 8 October 2009. The members gave some constructive comments on the video. Those comments are being considered for incorporation into the video. It is planned to have the video available in the first quarter of year 2010.

Involvement in local affairs

Representatives in government and non-government bodies

Our members were willing to devote their precious time and to get involved in local affairs by using their professional knowledge and experience. In the past year, we have nominated a number of representatives joining the committees and taskforces in the government and non-government bodies, which included:

- Construction Industry Council (CIC)(Cap. 587)
- CIC - Task Force on Contract Price Fluctuation System for Private Sector Construction Contracts
- CIC - Committee on Procurement - Task Force on Selection of Consultants and Contractors
- Land Survey Ordinance (Cap 473) Disciplinary Board Panel
- CITB
- Property and Project Development Committee of Po Leung Kuk
- Appeal Tribunal Panel (Section 45, Buildings Ordinance, Cap 123)
- Construction Workers' Registration Authority (CWRA) (Cap. 583)

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- Construction Workers Review Committee

List of papers and letters commented or responded by QSD

The Council Members also drafted or commented on the papers and letters to the government, which included:

- Security of Payment Guidelines for Dispute Resolution Version 1 May 2009
- Guidelines on Measures for protection of Workers' Wages Version 1 July 2009
- Hong Kong Mediation Code – Consultation on Proposed Framework
- Consultation on Draft Code of Conduct for Personnel in the Construction Industry
- ASD – Confirmation & Promotion of Contractors for the Specialist List : Landscaping Category
- Concern on Lack of Surveying-relating Services in Government Infrastructure Projects
- Follow up letter on Concern on Lack of Surveying-relating Services in Government Infrastructure Projects
- Follow up Letter on ASD – Confirmation & Promotion of Contractors for the Specialist List : Landscaping Category
- Submission by HKIS on the Arbitration Bill to Bills Committee of the Legislative Council for meeting on 5 October 2009
- Wish List to Chief Executive for Formulation of Policy Address

NEC contracts

There are some proposals to the Construction Industry Council and the government to adopt the NEC contracts rather than the existing standard form of contracts in Hong Kong. These standard forms have been endorsed by the UK Office of Government Commerce and recently by the London Olympic Delivery Authority.

Our division considered that the members of HKIS and other stakeholders such as members of HKIA and HKIE should know the pros and cons of the NEC contracts before their adoption. We therefore took the initiative to arrange seminars on the subject. Our ex-chairman, Mr. Gilbert Kwok, kindly took the lead to arrange the seminars and to deliver the talks as well.

Training

Continuous professional development events (CPD)

The CPD sub-committee led by Mr. Sunny Chan had arranged twenty-two CPDs for over 2,600 no. of participants. The topics covered a wide range of issues such as contractual matters, economic matters and environmental provisions for buildings. You may refer to Annex A for a brief summary of the CPDs.

Structured learning training course for PQSL

Prior to sitting for the final assessment of the APC, the candidates have to attend 96 hours

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of Professional Qualification Structural Learning (PQSL). The candidates may fulfil the requirement by either attending CPDs or training courses and by self-learning.

The council, however, considered that it would be better for the candidates if they could attend a training course to learn the basic skills of quantity surveying, such as estimating and contract management, in a structured manner. The taskforce led by Mr. Sunny Chan launched a pilot structured learning training course in November 2009. The course will provide up to 62 hours of PQSL for graduates.

E-training

Members are required to fulfil the CPD requirements by attending a minimum no. of hours of CPD events each year. However, it may be difficult for those members working outside Hong Kong SAR to attend CPDs. It may also be inconvenient for those members being busy at work to attend CPDs.

In view of this, the council had explored the possibility of arranging e-learning by the division. This would allow the members to attend CPDs at their leisure time.

Unfortunately, the preliminary finding was that e-learning for QSD alone would not be feasible in terms of cost and technical issues. Hence, e-learning may have to be explored together with other divisions or by the General Council.

Conclusion

I am delightful that most of the tasks and events planned at the beginning of the year have been achieved. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the council members, co-opt members, the Vice Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer for their efforts. Without their contributions, we would not be able to attain the achievements.

Further, I would like to thank you for your support. As you are well aware, we will not be able to meet our missions without your participation.

Lastly, it is my honour to be nominated again as the Chairman of the QSD in the coming year. I can assure you that I will continue to devote my time and effort to serve the council in my next term. I am looking forward to receiving your continual support and participation in the coming QSD events.

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Annex A

List of CPD events Year 08-09

Item	Speaker	Event Name	Brief Description	Co-organizer	Participant No.
1	Mr Stephen Chung	China Real Estate Black Swan?	Impact of the global financial tsunami and the danger or opportunities of investment in the China real estate market.	nil	55
2	Mr Kenneth Poon	How the project quantity surveyor can make a difference	The demands interactive participation by quantity surveyors in both the design and construction stage	nil	158
3	Mr Michael Charlton	The valuation of variations, what does the contract require?	Elaborate the meaning of the terms with reference to Clause 61(1)(b) and (c) of the Hong Kong Government Conditions of contract	nil	122
4	陳廣言教授	國內建設工程造價諮詢業及造價工程師執業制度	1 制度建立的過程 2 工程造價諮詢企業的註冊和造價工程師註冊制度 3 造價工程師執業資格考試制度 4 有關執業與職責的規定 5 行業發展趨勢	nil	101
5	陳廣言教授	汶川大地震建築物毀分析及重建思考	播放一部《四川地震及救災》短片: 1.汶川地震巨災損失慘重 2.房屋建築的震害特徵和震害原因分析 3.建築震害規律總結及災後恢復重建的思考	nil	85
6	陳廣言教授	金融海嘯對中國建築業的影響	內容提要: 1.我國擴大內需促進增長 10 項措施 2.世界金融危機對中國建築業的影響及機遇 3.深港跨境基建不能再等了	nil	115

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7	Mr David Leung	HKSAR Conditions of Contract for Civil Engineering Works - practical use of important clauses	Introduction to the HKSAR Conditions of Contract for Civil Engineering Works with emphasis on the practical use of various important clauses	nil	154
8	Mr David Leung	Special Conditions of Contract for Mega Engineering Projects	Introduction to special conditions of contract for mega projects which are modified from the previous Airport Core Projects Conditions of Contract. Explaining various clauses	nil	140
9	Mr D S Chan	The Concept of Construction Programming and an Introduction to Delay Analysis	Concept of construction programming and illustrate the basic in the proper establishment of construction programmes, also introduce various delay analysis methodologies	nil	182
10	Mr Edward McMullen	'Love my Tender' The risk of non-reciprocation remains, but do submitted tenders need to be considered fairly?	The bidding relationship between the procuring party and those bidding for success is a contractual one. The terms of those contracts and the nature and extent of the procuring party's duty	HKIPM	75

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11	Mr Gilbert Kwok, Mr Yeung MS, Mr Justin Yuen, Ms Christy Yiu	NEC Contract	The Hong Kong government wants to promote the NEC contract. This seminar will examine this form in details.	nil	96
12	Mr Trevor Main	Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on the QS Profession in the Region	Review the impact of the global financial crisis on the QS profession in the region.	AIQS	34
13	various	Assessment of Professional Competence (QS) Workshop 2009 - Review of Past Papers	Assist candidates to have a better understanding of the techniques in solving the written practical problems of the APC using critical and analytical thinking.	nil	143
14	Mr Jeffrey Wong	建築合同: 損失索償之籌備及追討損失及開支的索償	證明及講述索償報告的技巧,提交通知及有關資料的需要 建築期延長及其它開支的索償,利潤的損失,追討利息的不同方法,計算方法: 單息或複息?	nil	173
15	various	QSD APC Revision Course 2009	various	YSG	313

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16	Mr Steven Yip, Mr James Yeung	Construction life-cycle's beginning phase - How to ensure we have a construction contract	Look at the elements constituting a valid construction contract, circumstances where the court will not enforce such contract and the rights of a third party who is not privy to the contract.	nil	82
17	Mr Gilbert Kwok	Civil Justice Reform and Case Law Update	Explain the reform and to update members on some recent construction cases.	nil	129
18	Representatives from the factories	Technical Site Visits at Shenzhen, PRC	Visit a timber manufacturing factory and a precast concrete manufacturing factory in Shenzhen.	nil	38
19	Mr Steven Yip, Mr James Yeung, Mr Dennis Wong, Ms Scarlett Cheung	Construction life-cycle's execution phase - How to ensure performance under a construction contract	Examine some obligations that are specific to the employer and the contractor to ensure performance during the life of the project.	nil	94
20	Mr Teoh Wooi Sin (PAQS Chairman), Mr Khoo Sze Boon (SISV Vice President)	(1)Constructing a Zero Energy Building (2)Green Cost; What are the considerations that go into cost estimates	(1) Highlights challenges and some of the lessons learnt for the construction of this Zero Energy Building. (2) sustainability through its Green Building Master Plan	nil	131

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21	Ms Bolivia Cheung, Mr Victor Chong	China Tax and Investment	The taxation cost, the critical tax terms in the contract, the potential tax and foreign exchange issues, set up a representative office.	nil	88
22	Mr Steven Yip, Mr Dennis Wong, Ms Scarlett Cheung	Construction life-cycle's completion phase - How to ensure proper termination of a construction contract	Right of a party to rescind or terminate a contract because of breach by the other party either pursuant to the contract or under common law.	nil	141
			Total		2,649