





# Building Surveying Division

To start with, I must express my wholehearted thanks to all divisional council members, co-opt members and helpers from JO for their supports throughout the council year. Without their contribution, we might not accomplish our major tasks. I am going to summarize our major activities and their progress in this year for members' information.

## **Mutual Recognition Agreement with the China Association of Engineering Consultants (中國建設監理協會) was signed**

The draft agreement was finalized in late March this year and the signing ceremony was held at Beijing on 27 June 2006. We started to invite applications in late September 2006 by various means and have received about 250 applications so far. It has been agreed recently that either side would recommend about 260 members for the training and assessment.

Specialist Panel of both sides would meet in January 2007 to finalize the training areas and detailed assessment arrangement. Training materials would be sent out afterwards. It was tentatively scheduled to conduct the training at Shenzhen over a weekend by end of May 2007; followed by the assessment at early June 2007.

BSD Regulations was approved in principle by General Council. Current "BSD constitution" was made in 1995. In order to accommodate changes over the years, including the introduction of technical membership under the HKIS, we started to revamp it in 2005. General Council has just approved the finalized draft on 23 November 2006. We renamed it as "BSD Regulations" and are going to table it for a vote in the BSD Annual General Meeting held on 1 December 2006.

## **Proposed Amendments to our APC Rules and Guides finalized**

We noted that some probationers were taking a sluggish approach in the APC and the growth of probationers has become unhealthy to our profession. To address this complicated issue, we started with a review on our APC system and collected constructive comments during the forum in March this year. We resolved to amend the rules and guides in a way to discourage slothful probationers. There will be an open forum on 20 December 2006 to solicit views from members and surveying students on the proposed amendments.

## **Preparation of Standard Form of Contract for Maintenance Works and Standard Specifications was in progress**

BSD and QSD were in collaboration to prepare such contract documents for maintenance works. The working group was commenting the draft Standard Form of Contract prepared by the consultant. Tender for drafting the Standard Specification was being invited.

The working group has also drafted a Simplified Contract for Decoration, Repairs and Maintenance Works. It was targeted for situations where building professionals would not be engaged and contract sum is limited to certain amount. We hope it could assist in demarcating the rights between the employer and the contractor in small-scale projects.

## **Public Consultation on Mandatory Building Inspection and Enhanced Window Safety Schemes was responded**

Based on the questionnaires returned from members, the working group has formulated HKIS's views and submitted to the government in March this year. In order to have a threshold for building maintenance and start cultivating a planned maintenance culture in our society,



we supported the principle direction of having such statutory provisions. We should give our views along the development of the legislative framework as well as its implementation details

What we devoted is a simple and workable statutory framework. Therefore, in commenting the draft Guidelines for the Inspection Schemes prepared by the Buildings Department, we stressed that the Guidelines should outline the performance requirements only whilst the details including testing methods should be left to the professionals. Moreover, the inspection should adopt a two stages approach and avoid unnecessary quantitative assessment.

### **Proposal on Building Affairs Tribunal encountered hurdles**

Although HPLB, HAD and major building or property management professionals are supportive to our proposal, there has been some hurdles on a key element, i.e. “no legal representation”. However, the Labour Tribunal and the Small Claims Tribunal have already demonstrated that a dispute resolution mechanism bearing the characteristic of “no legal representation” is beneficial to society. With such mechanism, the simpler but well-defined disputes could be resolved in a more efficient and economical manner. We trust what citizens want in case of building and maintenance disputes is also a resolution mechanism of similar nature. BSD would continue to pursue the proposal with appropriate adjustments.

### **BS Conference celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The conference was successfully held on 16 September 2006 at Four Seasons Hotel. It was well attended by more than 200 attendees. Distinguished speakers included senior BS members working at different sectors, BSD Chairman from RICS and 國家建設部 建築市場管理司 建設諮詢監理處處長. With the concerted efforts of the organizing committee and the support from various BS firms and exhibitors, we have run a successful and profitable conference.

Funding for Video on “Promotion of Planned Building Maintenance” approved. In mid 2004, BSD made an application to the Coalition of Professional Services Atypical Pneumonia Charitable Trust for funding on the production of a video to promote planned building maintenance in Hong Kong. There had been some technical error and the actual approval letter (a sum of HK\$200,000 approved) was received in April this year. We have just selected a production company to implement the project.

### **Publications were still a difficult task**

I must submit that there has been little achievement in this area due to resources constraint. However, our publication panel did manage to prepare some draft documents and hopefully you might see the products shortly.

### **Participation in preservation activities**

I have attended meetings/activities organized by 聖雅各福群會 藍屋社區保育小組 and 中西區區議會 中區警署及域多利監獄古蹟群保育行動專責小組. We have been relatively late in demonstrating to the public that BS professionals also have the skill on conservation or preservation. We moved a bit forward now.

Last but not the least, it is my honour to serve as the divisional chairman in the past two years. I wish young BS members could contribute in one way or other to foster the further development and promotion of the BS profession. We need more new bloods --- not only in combating our threats but also in grasping our opportunities!





Chairperson  
GPD Council  
Serena LAU

# General Practice Division

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Thanks to all Council members and panel members who have generously given their valuable time and expertise to the Council's work. Council could therefore function as usual and had been able to deal with a number of ad hoc issues in a timely manner.

At the beginning of the year, various working panels had been formed to focus on different aspects of daily council works. Apart from the normal operation and practices, some of the events and items are worthwhile to note here

### APC (Convenor: Susanna Kwan)

To admit more members and at the same time to maintain acceptable standards has always been a difficult job. This year, the panel had decided to arrange discussion forums after the APC exam, inviting the Assessors to come in and review the questions together with probationer members. We hope that candidates who failed in the APC exam could be able to identify their weakness and are well prepared for the next APC exam.

### Business Valuation Standards and Practices (Convenor: Joseph Ho)

In view of fast developments in the business valuation sector, members should further upgrade and expand his or her scope and quality of services to cope with the ever changing environment. This Council should have further discussions on the comprehensive development of CPD program to strengthen members' knowledge in this aspect.

### CPD and Education (Convenor: Tony Wan)

Life long education is a trend and is a must for professionals. The CPD events being organized during the year have been well received. More quality CPD events are expected in the coming year.

### Disciplinary & Professional Ethics (Convenor: Jim Lam)

We should always remind ourselves to comply

strictly with our Code of Ethics and update our professional knowledge. Enquiries and complaints had been received and the concerned members had been asked to justify their actions.

### External Affairs (Convenor: KK Chiu)

There is an increase in demand for information on the mainland market and to communicate with our counterparts in mainland is one of the effective ways to collect market as well as industry information. This year, we had about 70 mainland GPD members who came to visit us, the first-ever since the Institute's signing of a reciprocity agreement with the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Real Estate Agents. Members were also concerned with the registration and practicing requirements. This panel should explore further for members' reference.

To maintain and enhance our status in the global market, we should encourage our members and representatives to attend and speak in various conferences organized by international professional institutions such as International Valuation Standards Board, WAWO, FIG so on and so forth. We need to identify more senior members to represent us in those events and call for more papers from members.

### Internal Communication (Convenor: Ivan Ng)

The content of our web site has been improved with more papers, guidance notes, Standards for members' reference. This is the first step and the panel would explore more channels to communicate with members.

### Local Affairs and Government Practices (Convenor: CK Lau)

With the great support by active panel members, such as Eric Ho, Simon Cheng, Jim Lam, Stephen Yip, SK Pang, CK Chan, Rock Tsang, we have been able to offer quality comments and submitted papers to Government bodies as well as the public. Examples include:

- Premium Assessment Procedure Relating to



Lease Modification Transactions – Practice Note (Issue No. 1/2006) by Lands Department

- Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors welcome government’s proposal to facilitate private development under the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance
- Paper in response to Public consultation on Review of Domestic Rent Policy
- Paper in response to Consultation on Proposals to facilitate Private Redevelopment
- Letters to Lands Department expressing views on various proposed Practice Notes such as the one concerning Tree Felling
- Letter to Planning Department on The Practice Note on Calculation of Plot Ratio for Sites Straddling Land use Zone etc.

The working group, with Stephen Yip and KK Chiu, on professional fees for compensation claims had after various discussion with the Lands Department recommended members to use the “Standard Authorization / Appointment Letter” and a standard proforma of Valuation Submission for Compensation Claims. Both document are now uploaded to the web site.

Research study of this year topics is: “to identify the impacts of Section 12(c) of Lands Requisition Ordinance on compensation assessment.” It is anticipated to have the first draft by the first quarter of 2007.

### Property Valuation Standards and Practices (Convenor: Lawrence Pang)

Revision of the HKIS Property Valuation Standards (“the Standards”) to reflect the changes of the international standards is an on going and time consuming exercises. We are so glad to have core panel members like Lawrence Pang, Joseph Ho, Samuel Young to input their professional knowledge. We expect revision of certain chapters of the Standards would be released in the coming months.

The Chinese version of the Standards hopefully will be finalized by the end of this year.

Our panel members had exchanged views with the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants regarding our Standards and Hong Kong Accounting Standards. We would expect the exchange of views should be continued and shall keep members’ informed.

### Sales & Letting (Convenor: Ronald Cheung)

The HKIS Property Marketing Award 2006 was once again a successful industry event that attracted massive media exposure and managed to arouse in the public an awareness on the role of surveyors in real estate agency work.

### Ad hoc issues

**Revision of GP Firm List** Revision of GP Firm List had been completed with the Vice Chairman, Charles Chan who is also the convenor for the review application and updating procedures. “The Guidelines for Administration of List of Firms providing Professional consultancy Services of General Practice Surveying” is now available and can be downloaded from the web site.

**List of Independent Valuers** The procedure to appoint “List of independent valuers” has been reviewed and internal guideline has been set for Administrative Office’s reference. We anticipate that the guideline should able to enhance the time required to appoint “Independent Valuer”. Meanwhile, a working group with the Vice Chairman, Charles Chan being the convenor, is reviewing the fee issue and is expected to have certain conclusions by next year.

**Registered Professional Surveyors** Do we need a compulsory registration system or not? Vice Chairman KK Chiu has been appointed convenor of a working group to explore the way forward. This is an important topic and members should actively provide your opinion.

### Relevance and influence on community and other professions

2006 Election Committee Sub-sector elections have just finished. The process has been a golden opportunity for candidates (I was one of the candidates) to get in touch with members. Obviously members would like to see our profession to build up a closer relevance and influence to the community and other professions. As I told everybody, “Building our community – Contributing our Professionalism”, our Institute’s slogan, can only be achieved with member involvement and support! Your participation in Council work is a good start.

### Join as helpers

This Council has in the November meeting set a general guideline regarding re-nomination. In general, a member who has been our representative



for that external / internal committee continuously for 4 years or two continuous terms, whichever the longer period, should normally not be re-nominated, unless there was no suitable new nomination or not sufficient nominations. We wish to attract more members to get involved in Council work and familiarize with different areas.

### **Cooperative agreement with Shanghai and Shenzhen counterparts**

Enquiries have been received regarding the next round of reciprocity arrangement (RA) with the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREAA). Those members who had achieved reciprocity qualifications in 2004 should note that their registration certificates would have expired after two years. For the former enquiry, our major dilemma is the overwhelming numbers from mainland who would be eligible to join the RA scheme. It is practically difficult for CIREAA to scan only two digit numbers of members to meet with ours. Nevertheless, this Council would be pleased to learn the possible numbers of members who would be interested and eligible to participate in the RA Scheme. We may email to ask your feedback. For the latter enquiry, Vice Chairman and Convenor of External Affairs Panel, KK Chiu, would check with the situation and report to members in due course.

Meanwhile, we noted that increasing numbers of members (probationer as well as corporate members) have moved into the mainland to build their careers. In this regard, we noted the huge demand on CPD events and social events locally. This Council is reviewing and will amend the cooperative agreement with Shanghai Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents and Shenzhen Real Estate Appraisers and Agents. We wish to strengthen the communication with the two counterparts, allowing members from each side to participate in the CPD / social events organized by the other, if appropriate. Meanwhile, we may also arrange a visit to Shanghai this year. These messages have been initially conveyed to SIREAA during my recent visit to Shanghai and meeting with President Wu.

### **International Valuation Standards**

Please be informed that the IVS 2 issued by the International Valuation Board is under review and Convenor of External Affairs Panel, KK Chiu, would soon issue a note for your further information. Meanwhile, you can find the background information from the homepage.

### **Nominations and appointments of representatives**

Wilson Siu, our former council member, has kindly accepted to be our representative to the WG for purchase of HKIS premises. Kenneth Pang and Serena Lau were recommended to be GPD representatives in the Surveyors Registration Board.

### **Work for the coming year**

- Revision of GPD Regulation
- Professional Development in Asset Management
- Promotion of "List of Property Valuers for undertaking Valuation for incorporation or reference in listing particulars and circulars and valuations in connection with takeovers and mergers" to the market.

Once again, thank you for the support of all members who have devoted their invaluable time to this Council.





Chairman  
LSD Council  
Dominic SIU

# Land Surveying Division

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I must take this opportunity to thank my council members once again for their continuous and unfailing support during my term as chairman of the Land Surveying Division Council.

The accomplishment of LSD council in the last two years was marvellous. The council did an excellent job both in organizing technical and social functions as well as reaching out more to the media in local affairs (eg adverse possession, detecting illegal use of government land). Many of the divisional business and functions would not have been so successful without the devoted involvement from council members.

## Surveyors Lunch

Land Surveying Division successfully organized the Surveyors Lunch on 2 November and we had the privilege of inviting Prof Holger Magel, President of International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) as the guest speaker when he briefed the audience on the vision and future activities of FIG. On behalf of HKIS, I delivered the vote of thanks to President Magel. There were more than 50 participants joining the lunch including honorable guests Director of Lands Patrick Lau Lai Chiu, Director of Buildings Cheung Hau Wai, Deputy Director / Surveying and Mapping Man Wing Kan, President of the Institute CH Wong, together with Presidents and Vice Presidents from other professional institutes.

After the Surveyors Lunch, President Magel was invited to visit the HKIS office. He was very impressed by the library and training facilities available to members of the Institute, the work of the administration office and our efficiency of publishing monthly issues of Surveyors Times. He was also amazed by the success of many of our fellow members who had been playing very important roles in the society and contributing to policy decisions of government in land, planning

and development issues which directly affect the livelihood of the people in Hong Kong.

## Technical visit to Huizhou in Guangdong Province

The President and myself led a HKIS delegation to visit Huizhou from 19 to 21 October. We were warmly received by Zhang Xin Min, Deputy Director General of Department of Land Resources of Guangdong Province and Mai Jing Ru, Director of the National Land Resource Bureau of Huizhou city. There were other Land Surveying professionals from Macau, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Chungzhan who had joined the event.

We visited the National and Land Resource Bureau. A night tour of West Lake in Huizhou was arranged after the Welcome Reception Dinner hosted by National Land Resource Bureau of Huizhou. The next day, the delegates visited the Dayawan Economic and Technological Development Zone and a few major housing development projects inside and outside the city centre. The Institute reciprocated a dinner to the host and we all had a very enjoyable evening with excellent wine and food and most importantly the renewal of friendship with fellow surveyors in neighbouring cities. Lastly, I have to thank Wang Weimin, Vice President Guangdong Provincial Association of Surveying and Mapping; Ronald Chan and Ted Chan for their persistent efforts in organizing this technical event.

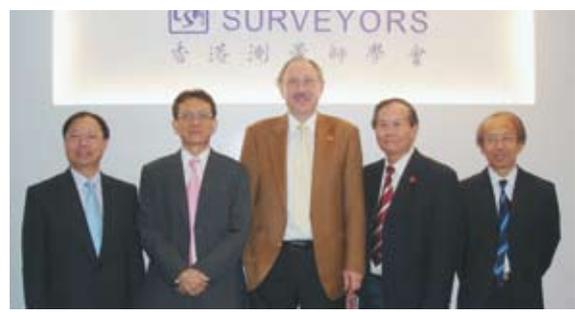
## Sung Hon-kwong elected chairman of LSD 2006-2007

My congratulations to Sung Hon-kwong, who has been elected as chairman of Land Surveying Division in the Annual General Meeting of the Division on 16 November. Elected officer bearers working along side with the new divisional council chairman are:



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| Kwok Chi-woo | Vice chairman |
| George Leung | Hon Secretary |
| Marvin Chau  | Hon Treasurer |

There are a lot of challenges lying ahead of the new Council. I wish the incumbent chairman and members of the new Council all the best in handling forthcoming institutional business. And I am confident that the new team can bring Land Surveying Division to a new height of success in the coming year.





Chairman  
PDD Council  
Edwin TSANG

# Planning & Development Division

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## Education

The Institute has accredited the two surveying courses at BSc levels of the University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Surveying students from the two universities are eligible to apply for APC Examination of this Division. Details of application can be downloaded from the Institutes websites.

The Board of Education of the Institute has received an application for renewal of accreditation from the HKU in BSc and MSc (Real Estate). A committee will be set up to take care of the matter.

## CPD Event

Planning & Development Division has jointly held with the General Practice Division a two days CPD event to visit Guangzhou on 17 to 18 November.

The visit included visits to the Planning Bureau in the morning and to the Lands Bureau in the afternoon. The second day included visits to the Guangdong Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Real Estate Agents, the Chu Kong Real Estate Consultants and site visits.

The Group is headed by the Chairman P&D Division and Serena Lau, Chairman of GPD with Yu Kam-hung as special adviser.



# Property & Facility Management Division

**I**t has been a hard year for all those involved and I would particularly like to thank all the divisional council members for their dedication and hard work. This has been clearly shown by our set up of Assessments for Professional and Technical Competence, our structured CPD program in alliance with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and your council members' involvement in the District Quality Management Competition. Well done, all of you. We now have over 650 members, but I do feel there is more that can be done to help in divisional matters by members in general. Please volunteer your services, we can be contacted through [rebeccatsoi@swireproperties.com](mailto:rebeccatsoi@swireproperties.com), or Tel. 2844-4988, or contact any council member, their names and contacts are below.

## Marketing

Over the next few months, we will be moving our emphasis towards marketing our new division to build the membership, now we have both APC and CPD well established. There are many potential members of the institute who have yet to join us, and I would emphasize to them that we are the only division specifically looking at the areas of asset management, facility management, property management, shopping centre management, and corporate real estate. Our CPD and APC programmes look directly at these areas. There is no additional fee to join. Why aren't you with us? Divisional council members and other supporters will be now looking for members over the next 3 months, application forms in hand, you have been warned.

## Cooperation with the RICS

As members will be aware, we have begun to

operate the divisional council as a joint council with RICS, to benefit all surveyors throughout Hong Kong. We will shortly be offering the first joint APC to service potential new surveyors, comprehensively, through one point contact. We are moving forward in the accreditation of university courses.

## Strategy

We will be reviewing our strategy for next 2 years with members shortly. This will include marketing to the major employers of surveyors in the property and facility management field, and a possible change of name of the division to the Facility and Asset Management Division. Moving into China will be coming onto the agenda, now we are one year old.

I look forward to seeing you at our first annual divisional dinner gathering which will take place in early next year, most likely at the Jockey Club. Be there and get all your fellow surveyors working in the field along also.

I would briefly report on a year of steady progress. It is your council's decision to build on the firm foundation we have made and look to market the division more effectively and increase membership over the next 12 months. We see this as our priority and will be making the necessary arrangements. We retain good relationships with other professional bodies operating in the P&FM area.

## CPD

Alan Wong, our divisional council member, has headed the development of targeted CPD lectures for practitioners in partnership with the



Hong Kong Polytechnic University. This has proved successful and we will build on this basis to ensure that we provide practical and useful CPD to all members especially when CPD is compulsory in the future. We have good relations with other CPD providers which are constantly advised to members. In 2007, our aim is a conference on Asset Management.

Your council is building for the future over the next 12 months and I hope in my final report next year, I would be able to share with you details of good membership growth and a far higher profile for the division. We already have over 650 members. We want the division to be a natural home for all surveyors operating in this field.

### RICS

We are now operating the council jointly with the RICS and we see this as a good initiative for surveyors in Hong Kong. The practical result of this will be a joint APC for Property & Facility Management.

Other initiatives that have been carried out include the setting up of a Corporate Real Estate Committee, the good relationship that we have with Home Affairs Department in respect of the Building Management Ordinance.





# Quantity Surveying Division

**F**or the council year 2005 - 2006 the QSD has done solid ground work and accomplished significant achievements.

## Mainland

QSD successfully completed all formalities under the reciprocity agreement after the presentation of diplomas by both institutes in May. In June, the HKSAR and Central People's Government signed CEPA Supplement IV which allows us to set up wholly-owned construction engineering cost consulting enterprises in the Mainland. QSD accomplished an important milestone since no other construction-related professional institutes has achieved the same concession under CEPA thus far. With council members' unflinching and collective effort, QSD will ultimately resolve various problems being encountered in the registration as cost engineers and setting up of wholly owned cost consulting firms in the Mainland.

## International

QSD actively outreached all relevant organizations to enhance our influence in the international arena. This year, QSD participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Cost Engineering, Project Management and Quantity Surveying and the 10<sup>th</sup> PAQS Congress and ICEC Region IV Meeting. Exchanges and visits were made by ICEC, ICES, BSIJ and RICS. QSD has discussed the proposed reciprocity agreement with BSIJ in some details and will continue to explore reaching appropriate reciprocity agreements with suitable professional institutes.

## Standard Form of Building Contract

The SFBC (without quantity version) was published in July. Now, all practitioners will have a complete set of contracts which fully reflect the specific needs of the local industry. In addition, QSD also drafted two new standard forms of contract for maintenance and renovation, one for layman use and the other for professionals. These draft contracts are expected to be finalized in due course.

## Hong Kong Standard Methods of Measurement

QSD published the SMM4. Over 1,000 copies were sold within a short period of time.

## APC and APC Reform

The passing rate of APC 2005 moderately increased by allowing those candidates marginally failed in written assessment to sit in the professional interview. QSD has thoroughly reviewed and reformed the existing APC Rules and Guide which is now in line with other divisions within the Institute, particularly on the minimum training period. The reform not only sharpens the existing modes of APC assessment but sets a new direction for the QS profession.

## APC

There were 351 APC candidates who had taken the written assessment this year. As each written paper will be assessed by three assessors to ensure the fairness of marking, we have successfully recruited 260 experienced members as assessors. Briefing meeting for APC assessors was held on 13 October so that all assessors could understand the key points in their assessment.

The General Council had at the meeting held on 28 September approved the revised APC Rules and Guide which will take immediate effect. However, there may be certain misunderstandings by some APC candidates. In this regard, I would like to highlight the transitional arrangements:-

- 18.1 Subject to the following transitional arrangements, these revised Rules and Guide will be effective from September 2006.
- 18.2 Existing Candidates who have already satisfactorily completed their approved professional training in accordance with the previous APC Rules and Guide by September 2006 are not required to comply with these revised APC Rules and Guide.
- 18.3 Existing Candidates who have not completed their approved professional training in



accordance with the previous APC Rules and Guides may select to follow either the old or the new APC Rules and Guide.

- 18.4 Existing Candidates may apply for the Final Assessment provided that they would have gained 24 months Minimum Training Period and 96 hours Pre-Qualification Structured Learning in accordance with these revised Rules and Guide by September 2007.

In addition, the revised APC Rules and Guide has also included some clear provisions for dealing with those APC Candidates who study a full-time sandwich degree, or part-time or distance learning undergraduate or postgraduate degree programmes. The relevant provisions are quoted hereunder:

- 4.1 To enter the APC Scheme, you must:
- (a) (i) hold a undergraduate or postgraduate degree or other academic qualification recognized by the Institute; or
  - (ii) have registered in a full-time sandwich degree programme recognized by the Institute and have started the placement training; or
  - (iii) have reached the final year of a part-time or distance learning undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme recognized by the Institute; and
  - (b) be in a suitable employment with an organization that can provide the appropriate professional training; and
  - (c) be a Probationer of the Institute (which status shall be continuously maintained by paying the relevant membership subscriptions throughout the APC period).
- 4.2 If you are registered with the APC Scheme under Section 18.1(a)(ii) and (iii), you are allowed to complete your first 12 months' professional training concurrently with your studies. The second 12 months' professional training must be attained after successful completion of the degree programme.

### CPD

The CPD Sub-Committee has organized 19 CPD seminars, which is the largest in number in recent years.

### Local Affairs

All businesses emphasize on marketing and image building. I have actively participated in local affairs related to the construction industry, aiming

to increase the publicity and social status of the QS profession. These included the WKCDD, New Cruise Terminal Development, Central Waterfront and Tamar Development, Wan Chai Development Phase II so on and so forth. We received encouraging feedbacks from major stakeholders.

### Visit from the QS and Construction Faculty of RICS

Michael Sullivan, the Vice-Chairman, QS and Construction Faculty of RICS, has visited QSD on 2 November. Sam Cheng, immediate past chairman; Stephen Lai, Honorary Secretary, Y M Lee and myself attended the meeting, during which we exchanged views on the latest quantity surveying practices. We have been invited to join the RICS working group on measurement initiatives linking between SMM, cost planning, shorter bills, full bills and whole life costing. Mr Sullivan also clarified that they have developed some measurement standards for various purposes, but these are not international SMM.

### Visit from the Ministry of Construction, Beijing

A delegation of top Mainland government officials, led by Deputy Minister of Construction Liu Zhi-feng, visited HKIS in the afternoon on 3 November. The meeting was attended by the HKIS President, Senior Vice-President, Vice-President, QSD Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and other council chairmen and council members.

The Deputy Minister of Construction introduced the various MOC departments, their respective roles and duties apart from suggesting that there should be more exchanges between both parties. HKIS expressed that while various reciprocity agreements had been signed with counterparts in the Mainland, our members are still not able to register under the current statutory registration system; it is our wish that they could resolve the difficulties in due course.

### Visit from Building Surveyors Institute of Japan (日本建築積算協會) (BSIJ) and Open Forum on the Proposed Reciprocity Agreement

Takayoshi Sato, council member of the Building Surveyors Institute of Japan (日本建築積算協會) visited QSD on 6 November to further discuss the proposed reciprocity agreement between HKIS(QS) and BSIJ. More than 10 QSD council members attended the meeting starting at 5:30



pm during which we learnt more about the BSJI and also clarified the classification/ranking of membership. Mr Sato also delivered a CPD seminar entitled "Regeneration of Construction Industry at Japan" to the general HKIS members. Over 70 members attended this CPD seminar.

Immediately after the CPD seminar, we held an open forum on the proposed reciprocity agreement between HKIS and BSIJ. The initially proposed conditions of the reciprocity agreement for both sides are as follows:

- one year's local relevant post qualification professional practice;
- submission of a detailed record of professional experience undertaken; and
- a professional interview to verify the applicant's professional competence and suitability for admission.

Since BSIJ members are subject to our assessment, the HKIS will only accept BSIJ members who can reach the same professional standards as other qualified members.

During the open forum, Mr Sato also presented the BSIJ and the types or ranks of BSIJ member. Since BSIJ is based on an entirely different institutional structure from ours, members have also raised a number of questions during the open forum. It is thus believed that our members should have a good understanding about BSIJ.

After the open forum, our council members had a dinner with our guest to explore further collaborative opportunities between both institutes.

### Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economics Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and 9<sup>th</sup> MOC Meeting on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification

The CEPA IV signed by the HKSAR and Central People's Government on 27 June agrees to allow Hong Kong services suppliers to set up wholly-owned construction engineering cost consulting enterprises (CECCE) in the Mainland. When applying for CECCE qualification, the performance of the Hong Kong service suppliers in both Hong Kong and the Mainland is taken into account in assessing their qualification in the Mainland.

A meeting was held with the ETWB of the HKSAR Government on 8 November morning in order to understand and facilitate the relevant arrangement. The meeting was attended by representa-

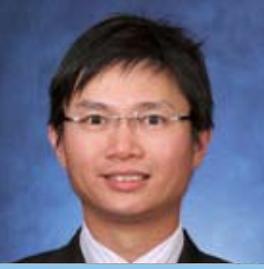
tives from most QS firms, including WTP, Widnell, Beria, L&B, DLS, Northcroft and Brechin. During the meeting, we discussed key issues such as how to register a QS firm under CEPA and whether this can directly be registered as Grade A firm. All in all, the meeting was useful for ETWB to understand our difficulties in a firm's registration under the framework of CEPA.

On the other hand, the QSD council is also eager to resolve the long-lasting issue on registration of individual members in the Mainland in the forthcoming 9<sup>th</sup> MOC Meeting on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification to be held at Beijing on 14 November. We hope that a simplified registration form (or system) could be sorted out before long.

### Concluding Remarks

I would express my sincere thanks to the Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary and all council members for their contribution. The QSD Annual General Meeting was held 5 December 2006 when a new council was elected. I wish the new QSD council a successful year.





Chairman  
JO  
Billy WONG

# Junior Organization

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Reports

**Y**ear 2006 has been a fruitful year for the JO. I truly believe our concerted efforts have achieved the major goals which we set at the last AGM:

- To promote and enrich the professional, educational, social and cultural life among members of JO;
- To serve as a link between the Institute and undergraduates;
- To promote volunteer service in the professional field and in the community

We had over 2,800 members who participated in various activities organized by JO this Year.

## Professional and education development

**CPD** One third of HKIS CPDs were organized by JO. A total of 33 events (out of 94 for HKIS as a whole) were organized this year, giving a wide variety of choice for members.

I would like to highlight that tailored-made APC series were organized for different divisions with a view to assisting probationers for their APC preparation and to enrich the professional development for members. The responses have been very positive.

**Site visit series for Four Cross-Strait Region 2006 (海峽兩岸四地考察)** To provide an opportunity for members to further understand current and further developments of the real estate and construction industries in the four Cross-Strait Region, we organized/participated this year 9 site visits covering the four Cross-Strait namely, Hong Kong, mainland China, Macau and Taiwan.

### Hong Kong

- Jan Half Day Technical Visit – Central Reclamation Phase III
- May Site Visit to Tsim Sha Tsui Hotel & Retail Development
- Jul Site Visit to the Public Transport Interchange (PTI) at TST East
- Oct A better understanding of MTR Operations – Visit to Operations Training Centre and

Operations Control Centre

### Mainland China

- Jan 深圳考察 - 華僑城地王 - 百仕達紅樹西岸營銷交流
- Jul Pearl River Delta Visit for Young Professionals
- Nov 廣東省城市規劃、建築、房地產、風景園林行業青年人員交流

### Macau

- Jul Macau Site Visit – The Venetian and Future Development of Macau

### Taiwan

- Sep JO Study Tour

## Social events

To promote a well-balanced life for members, a variety of social events has been organized.

### Sweat and Tears of the HKIS Dragon Boat Team

Hard work has paid off for the HKIS Dragon Boat Team. We are the CHAMPION of “B-Chinese Men’s Cup” amongst 34 competitors at the Stanley Dragon Boat Championship 2006 held on Tung Ng Festival, 31 May 2006. Our hearts and spirit won us lots of fans amongst the public spectators. I like to thank all OC members, paddlers, helpers and supporters for their contributions to turn the HKIS team into the CHAMPION.

## Other events

- Feb Hiking@Sai Kung
- Mar JO Basketball Cup
- Mar to Jun Dragon Boat Race Training
- May JO Golf Fun Day at Asia Golf
- May Pre-Dragon Boat Party
- May Stanley Dragon Boat Champion 2006
- Aug BBQ and Water Sports Fun Day
- Sept & Oct Dance Class (Jazz)
- Oct 筲箕灣國慶龍舟中龍賽
- Dec JO Annual Dinner
- Dec JO Kitchen

## Joint Institutional Events

We have actively co-organized and participated in



various joint professional institutions events. We not only served HKIS members but also built up a relationship with members of other professional institutes.

- Feb Badminton Competition
- Mar Soccer Competition
- Jun Joint Institute Tennis Tournament
- Oct Hong Kong Medical Association Swimming Gala, 4 x 100
- Nov Hong Kong Medical Association – Family Sports Day 2006, 4x100M, Inter-Professional Relay

**Community and volunteer services** JO has formed a working group for Community Services this year, the aim is to promote and encourage members to participate in volunteer work in the community. I would like to report our current development:

- On behalf of HKIS, we submitted a Nomination for Caring Organization Award organized by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service in September.
- To encourage members to participate volunteering services for the community, we have prepared a “Professional volunteer accreditation programme for HKIS members”. The programme is co-organized with Agency of Volunteer Service (AVS).
- HKIS General Council approved formally to form an Organizing Committee for community and volunteer services.

**A link between the Institute and undergraduates** JO has been invited by HKU, POLYU and CityU to conduct briefings on the surveying profession for undergraduates. I believe they can derive from these a better understanding on the Institute and the construction industry. They were encouraged to become our student members and to participate in JO events. We received over 100 applications from the visits this year.

- Jan The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Building and Real Estate Students’ Society – Seminar
- Mar The City University of Hong Kong Department of Building and Construction
- Apr The University of Hong Kong Surveying Students’ Society – JO Visit
- Oct The University of Hong Kong Surveying Students’ Society – Information Day

- Nov The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Building and Real Estate Students’ Society – Seminar

### Annual dinner

The HKIS-JO Annual Dinner Party 2006 was successfully held on 2 December at Paparazzi Club, Central. We were delightful to have over 170 participants joined the party. Special thanks must give to our President, CH Wong and our Vice President, KH Yu, HKIS Council members, representative from the Liaison Office and legislative councilor, the Hon Patrick Lau to be our honorable guests and shared our happiness moment. To cope with our party theme of Clubbing Professions we had invited representatives from other professional institutes such as HKIA Young Committee, HKILA, RICS-Matrix, Young Barristers Committee, Law Society YSG, CI Arb HKYMG, HKICPA, HKIP, HKIE-YMC, HKMA and Gammon YEG. JO members, students from HKU, PolyU and CityU.

### Conclusion

Last but not least, my gratitude must go to my office bearers, committee members, co-opted members and all helpers. I would like to express my sincere thanks to senior members and the HKIS administration office – without their efforts and support, the above would not have been possible.

