



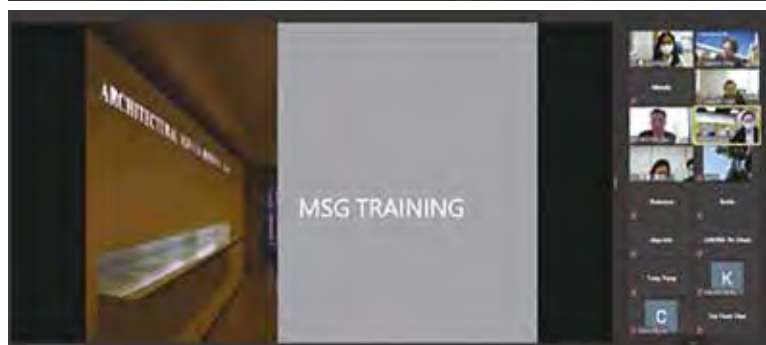
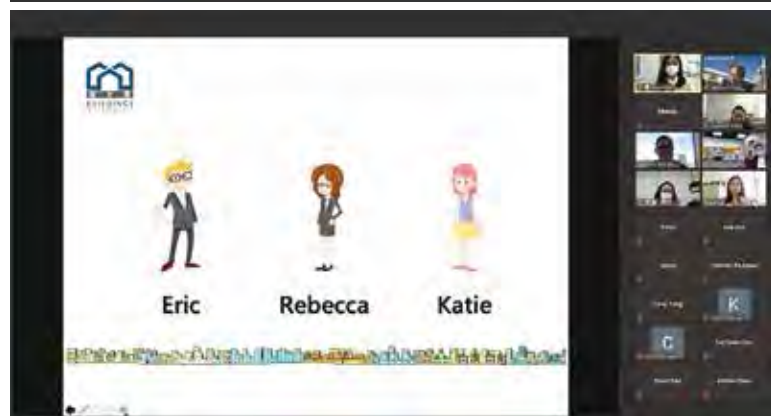
Building Surveying Division  
Sr Billy Wong BSD Council Chairman

## FOR STUDENTS

### Online Career-Sharing Roadshows at Universities

The BSD arranged online career-sharing sessions at four local universities to meet with current surveying students during the first quarter of 2021. Representatives from the Architectural Services Department, Buildings Department and Housing Department, as well as the private sector, were invited to share their training programmes with final year students. The online career talks at HKU and THEi were successfully conducted on 5 and 19 February, respectively, while those for CityU and PolyU are scheduled for early March.

I thank all speakers for taking time out of their schedules to speak to Hong Kong's aspiring surveyors and the universities for arranging these events. The HKIS hopes that the students found the information useful to plan and prepare for their future career paths.



|                                   | Speakers for HKU<br>on 5 Feb  | Speakers for THEi<br>on 19 Feb   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Architectural Services Department | Sr Paul LAU<br>Sr Vincent CHAN<br>Mr Ryan CHOI (MSG)<br>Mr Jason CHEUNG (MSG) | Sr Liny LAU Ling-yee<br>Sr Anson WONG Wai-yan<br>Mr Andy NG Chun-fung (MSG)<br>Miss Yanki SIN Yan-ki (MSG) |
| Buildings Department              | Sr Rebecca LO<br>Mr Eric YEUNG (BSG)<br>Ms Katie LUI (BSG)                    | Sr Rebecca LO<br>Mr Kelvin CHAN (BSG)<br>Ms Kanice YIP (BSG)   |
| Housing Department                | Sr Grace LEE<br>Mr Cyrus LUK (MSG)<br>Mr Eric TSUI (MSG)                      | Sr Grace LEE<br>Mr Cyrus LUK (MSG)<br>Mr Eric TSUI (MSG)   |
| HKIS Building Surveying Division  | Sr Billy WONG, BSD Chairman<br>Sr Coolidge SIU, YSG Committee Member          | Sr Peter DY, BSD Hon Secretary<br>Sr Coolidge SIU, YSG Committee Member                                    |

## FOR PROBATIONERS

Since the BSD's 1st Final Assessment Day in October 2020, which cleared up a significant backlog of Final Assessment candidate applications, it has accumulated almost 100 more applications. The next Final Assessment Day is scheduled for 6 March 2021 (Saturday) at the Henrietta Secondary School.

## FOR MEMBERS

The BSD will soon open the Building Affairs Expert Determination Centre (BAEDC) for those seeking expert determination on building-related technical issues or disputes such as water seepage, decoration or fitting-out works, repairs and maintenance works on existing buildings, etc. In this connection, lists of expert adjudicators will be set up to admit interested HKIS professional members with the appropriate experiences and expertise on building-related disputes. A structural training course organised in collaboration with HKU SPACE will commence in March 2021. It has already received very positive feedback and full enrollment.

## FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### **BSD Channel: Episode 3** **[10 億救喉 夠唔夠喉?]**

The Financial Secretary announced the 2021-2022 Budget on 24 February. In order to relieve low income Hong Kongers' hardships, \$1

billion will be earmarked to provide subsidies for owners of over 3,000 older buildings with relatively low rateable values to allow them to carry out improvements on their drainage systems.

After the announcement of this beneficial subsidy scheme, the BSD Channel broadcast a live YouTube segment on 26 February to discuss the matter. Sr David Chan, Sr Vincent Ho, Sr Kenny Tse, Sr Billy Wong, and Sr Arthur Cheung were invited to express their views on the scheme. The general public has become increasingly concerned about environmental hygiene issues in buildings during the pandemic. One issue discussed was the difficulties and complications in buildings with dilapidated or poorly-aligned drainage pipes, such as the "three-nil" buildings. The speakers suggested short, medium, and long-term solutions that the Government could initiate.

During the YouTube feed, a phone-in hotline was set up for audience members to express their views and interact with the speakers. In the last year, the BSD has prepared user-friendly publications for the general public including, 《家居排水抗疫錦囊》 and 《家居排水系統保養全攻略》, to introduce proper drainage maintenance tips. In the future, the BSD will issue 《救喉秘笈》 and 《驗喉秘笈》 to introduce guidelines to the general public during periods of drainage maintenance. Stay tuned!

Members can view the episode at:  
<https://youtu.be/z4TRNVZB5Yc>



Speakers (Left to right) Sr Billy Wong, Sr Vincent Ho, Sr Arthur Cheung, Sr Kenny Tse and Sr David Chan



Behind the scene

## Members Corner Needs Contributions from You!

Editorial Board invites articles for the Members Corner, a regular column in *Surveyors Times* for members to share their views on current topics and future trends, implications of new technologies and recent court decisions, the sharing of lessons learnt in members' professional practices, the highlights of new practice notes, the introduction of practical apps and ideas gained during members' recent gatherings with fellow professionals, good-natured and industry-related humour, etc.

An article need not be restricted to the professional practice of a surveyor, but neither is it intended to express a member's views on everything. It should connect or have implications for fellow members, be they serious thoughts on the constitution or future of the profession or simply as a gadget or trick that can benefit the day-to-day practices of surveyors. Articles should not be political or directly related to one's personal benefit for fear of litigation from individuals or organisations. The sensitivity and security of information presented also need to be borne in mind.

### House rules:

- Articles should not be academic.
- Articles from the same author(s) will not be published consecutively for more than two issues within a six-month period.
- The final decision on publication or otherwise rests with the *Surveyors Times* Editorial Board.
- Word limit: 1,300 words
- Format: Word file via email to [steditor@hkis.org.hk](mailto:steditor@hkis.org.hk)
- Credential: Author's name, designation (FHKIS/MHKIS, not any other\*), division affiliation(s)

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