



Building Surveying Division

Sr Arthur Cheung BSD Council Chairman

APC

Practical Task 2023 and Final Assessment

On 4 March, the BSD successfully held its first final assessment of 2023. Sitting for interviews were 29 probationers.

To those probationers who passed the FA, please don't forget to submit your election applications. The BSD welcomes you into the family. A warm reminder to all probationers: the FA interviews queue has shortened. Please prepare for it as soon as you submit your FA application.

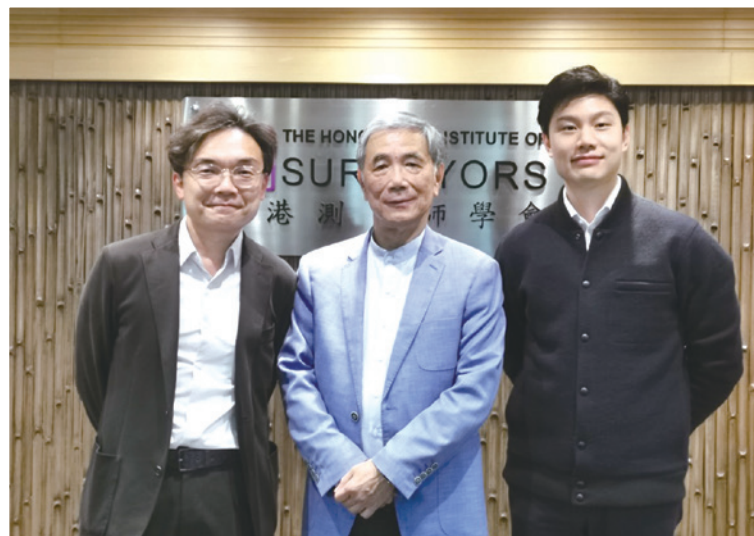
Besides, the first Practical Task this year will occur from 24-27 May 2023. Over 50 probationers have registered for it. Good luck to all of them! Also, the BSD needs more members to volunteer as assessors. Please contact Judy at the HKIS for details.



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Understanding Projects for Health Services in Hong Kong Series [Seminars and Visits] Seminar Two: Good Facility Management for Hospitals (6 March 2023)

After Seminar One on the planning and design of a new hospital, the BSD was delighted to invite Sr Daniel Lam, JP, again to share with members the way to carry out improvement and A&A works within existing hospitals to fulfil up-to-date operational requirements and enhance efficiency. In the last three years, Covid-19 has placed greater demands on such enhancements. Also, Daniel shared his knowledge of smart hospital development and why good facility planning and management is so crucial for assuring the reliability of these healthcare projects and life-saving facilities.



Hospital FM
Critical Mission 1



Safe Environment –
safe operation for staff and patients






How to achieve?



- 3 Capital Projects → Building extension and alteration
- 2 Additions, Alterations & Improvement → Facility renovation and enhancement, equipment modernization
- 1 Day-to-day Maintenance → Small scale repair and replacement

Building Affairs Expert Determination Centre (BAEDC) Pilot Scheme

Following the official launch of the BAEDC pilot scheme in October 2022, the committee recently met to review the pilot scheme's execution. On 24 March, Sr Margaret Chan and Sr Arthur Cheung conducted a sharing session for BD and JO staff on common water seepage investigation issues from a user's perspective and the BAEDC's background, vision, and structure.

The BSD would like to see the BAEDC offer a more economical and practical dispute resolution alternative to the public.

Briefing Session on the Electronic Submission Hub (21 March 2023)

Stage 2 of the ESH launched on 31 March 2023. The system will be extended to include plan submissions of various building works under the Buildings Ordinance including demolition, drainage, excavation and lateral support, ground investigation, foundation, hoarding, site formation, and all structural works (excluding alteration and addition works).

Buildings Department (BD) representatives were invited to deliver a two-hour briefing on ESH basics including its overview, requirements, features, and functions for submitting electronic plans during ESH Stage 2 to help members gain a greater understanding of and adopt the ESH in their daily work.



CIC Ceremony to Pledge Support for the Construction Industry Integrity Charter (RMAA Sector)

I attended a CIC launch ceremony on 31 March. Upholding and enhancing the professionalism and integrity of the construction industry, one of the key stakeholders in the repair, maintenance, alteration, and addition sectors, are important, so the BSD encourages all RMAA companies that employ its members to join the Charter and implement the Integrity Management System (IMS). For more details, please refer to the ICAC website:

http://cpas.icac.hk/EN/info/TP_Library?cate_id=10025

Following the ceremony, the CIC arranged a seminar for participants. A speaker from the CIC's Committee on RMAA was Sr Henry Chau, who is also a BSD Council member. Thanks go to Henry for his valued contributions to the RMAA sector.

Buildings Department Forms Dedicated Processing Units (DPUs) and Introduces Streamlining Measures to Process GBP

On 15 March, the BD announced the formation of seven DPUs for private residential projects with at least 500 residential units. These DPUs would proactively assist and facilitate during an early stage with the involvement of senior officers, when appropriate.

Following the announcement, revised PNAP ADM-19, ADV-33, and ADM-2 were released on 30 March to detail the simplified measures and stage submission requirements for GBP submission. The BSD welcomes this arrangement and believe that its measures will save 3-6 months during the early design stage.

Also, I attended a media interview in March. Members are encouraged to check out the PNAPs.



BSD Channel

From under 100 channel subscribers in early 2022, the number has grown to around 650 now. Thanks go to all subscribers for their continuous support. However, to encourage the BSD Channel team to produce more meaningful content, more members should subscribe to it and make their opinions heard. Then they should share the channel with their BS friends and probationers.

Don't miss any episode of 《鍾SIR解構123》. The team is considering producing a special episode after the first season ends if the number of subscribers reaches a certain level.

Meanwhile, the team also needs more helpers to support future channel content productions, so members who are interested in joining it should contact me.



BSD Youtube Channel



Building Surveyors Award 2023: Inspiring Our Next

The BSA 2023 received an overwhelming response. The first screening of the nominations by the Jury Sub-committee is underway. Finalists will be announced thereafter. Please stay tuned for all future developments!

