



Divisional Council & Young Surveyors Group Reports

Building Surveying Division



Kenneth YUN
Chairman

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Council for 2008-9 with our guests in Annual Dinner

The number of corporate members under Building Surveying Division increased 78 to 857 and we have more than 600 probationers under professional training. I would like to take this opportunity to thank for the indisputable efforts of Divisional Education Committee, the assessors and the probationers. Without your concerted efforts, we could not have 10% surge in membership during 2009. In this annual report, I am going to summarize our member output in different regimes as follows:

Publications

The following publications have been released or about to be released:

1. *Guide to Preparation of Maintenance Manual*
The first edition was launched in September 2009. Thanks for the effort from the convenor of the working group, Mr Kenny Tse and the research done by Dr Edward Yiu. It was well received by the practitioners as it was the first publication in this aspect.
2. *Standard Form of Contract for Maintenance and Renovation Works*
The joint venture project with QSD is about to be completed after continuous effort paid by the working group.
3. *General Specifications for Maintenance Works*
The drafts have been finalized and due for release. Thanks for the effort from the convenor Mr Alan Sin, and working group members including Mr Nathan Lee and Mr Vincent Ho.

Public Consultations

Our views on building-related matters have been expressed either through written submissions or attending the LegCo Panel Meeting during public consultations from the Government.

1. Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (BWIS)

Building surveyor is one of the stakeholders of the MBIS and MWIS. As the related legislations will be submitted for Legco's approval, we have set up a working group to closely monitor the development of this scheme and the preparation of associated Code of Practice.

2. Public Engagement on Measures to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment

We took the lead to respond to the consultation paper on behalf of the Institute with the written response submitted in November 2009.

3. Buildings (Minor Works) Regulation

Our representative has attended a LegCo sub-committee meeting on the proposed legislation to express our support to the proposed system and urge for early implementation.

Relationship with the Media

In recent years, we have been considered as relatively low profile comparing with other divisions or professional institutes. In 2009, we invited three experienced and esteemed practitioners, Mr Raymond Chan, Mr David Chan and Mr Vincent Ho to be our spokespersons. Through their established links with the press and TV media, our views and comments on Annual Budget of the HKSARG, Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment and Review of Air Quality Objectives, etc. have been announced. Besides, we have expressed our views on the Budget Speech 2009 through press release on aspects related to Green Buildings, Establishment of Development Opportunities Office to Promote Private Development Projects, Urban Renewal and Building Maintenance. Moreover, a press release was adopted to express our views on establishing a registration system on signboards.

Liaison with China Association of Engineering Consultants (CAEC) and China Counterparts

Representatives from the HKIS attended two annual summits organized by the CAEC held in Beijing in December 2008 and in Namning in December 2009. Mr C.K. Lau and Mr Raymond Chan, being the speakers in the summits in Beijing and Namning respectively, shared their invaluable experience in construction project management. Moreover, representatives were sent to attend the Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Forum held at Chengdu in April 2009. During the forum, Mr Samson Wong delivered his speech "Quality Building Maintenance

and Management for Sustainable City" while Mr Cheung Hau Wai chaired a discussion forum named "Building a High Quality City". Seizing these precious chances, close liaison has been made with Guangdong Branch of the CAEC in order to furnish the way for our members who have obtained the necessary qualifications to firstly complete the registration and then start practicing in Guangdong Province as agreed by the Ministry of Construction in the trial scheme.



Delegates from the HKIS attended the CAEC Summit Conference in Beijing in December 2008.



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CPD Events and BS Conference 2009

CPD events organized by BSD in 2009 are listed as follows:

1. Evolution of Surveyor as Independent Expert Witness
2. Workshop for Water Seepage
3. Integrity and Quality Building Maintenance and Renovation
4. Building Information Modeling A Revolution in Building and Construction

5. 歷史建築的保護和作用
6. BSD APC Revision Course 2009

Moreover, BSD Conference 2009 with the theme 'Building a Green and Sustainable Future' was successfully held on 5 September 2009. I believe those who attended the conference would find the content informative and useful in his/her professional career. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizing committee led by Mr Nathan Lee for their concerted effort.



Keynote Remarks of the Conference was delivered by the Under Secretary for the Environment Dr Kitty Poon Kit.



(From right to left) The Under Secretary for the Environment Dr Kitty Poon Kit, the HKIS President Mr Francis Leung, our distinguished speakers Mr C. W. Tse and Mr Alfred W. H. Sit.

Other Initiatives

1. Working Group to follow up maintenance initiatives
Working group has been formed under the leadership of Mr Peter Dy and Mr Kenny Tse. This working group will look after both current issues and public consultations related to maintenance aspects like Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme.

2. Expert Determination on Water Seepage
In view of the formation of joint mediation centre, we anticipate the number of disputes relating to water seepage will increase and hence the demand for alternative means of dispute resolution in turn. A task force has been set up to follow up this initiative so that building surveyors would be recognized to provide expert advice/determination on water seepage cases in dispute resolution. We are liaising with academic institutions to organize training course so as to strengthen our members knowledge in law of evidence, which is an essential knowledge in practicing expert determination.
3. Attract secondary school students to take surveying courses
A scholarship scheme will be offered to secondary school students with a view to attract them to take Surveying courses in their future education path.
4. Encourage more probationers to obtain professional qualification
As mentioned above, we have a fruitful year as there are 78 newly qualified members in 2009, which is slightly more than 10% of our membership size of 779 in 2008. It is anticipated that the recent increasing trend will continue in the coming years.

Vote of Thanks

With the assistance and supports from Office bearers, Council members, Co-opt members, representatives from the YSG, and an increasing number of active young members, we have completed the above tasks successfully. I have to express my sincere gratitude to all of them who have devoted a lot of their time in Council for the future development of Building Surveying Profession.

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General Practice Division



Lawrence POON
Chairman

An Uncertain Year

Last year, I used “A Challenging Year” to begin my Chairman's Report as our economy was seriously hit by the then financial tsunami with Hang Sang Index dropping by more than 50% within a few months. Financial institutions were reluctant to release loan and as a result many potential property buyers could not proceed with deals that would otherwise be within their ability to complete. It was one of the reasons for the downturn of the property market with residential property price suddenly decreasing by more than 20%. The scale and pace of the financial tsunami might be out of the expectation of most, if not all, investors and financial advisors, but equally out of our expectation was the pace and extent of “recovery” of our economy particularly in the stock and luxury property markets now we have. However, this so-called recovery is full of uncertainty as many global economic indicators are unclear and even contradictory. In Hong Kong, we are under the worry of whether the hot money will flow out in a pace and scale that our economy can bear not mentioning the possible rise of interest rate. In my last Chairman's Report, I mentioned that while individual members might have their own ways to deal with the challenges ahead, the Council would continue to make its endeavor to work for our members, creating the best environment for them to meet such challenges. Although the current economic environment is very different from that of last year, it seems the said statement can also be adopted in my Chairman's Report this year. With our concerted effort, the uncertain year will turn out to be a prosperous year of us.

Members of the Council, Committee and Panels

The current Council comprises the following office bearers and members:

Chairman: Poon Wing Cheung Lawrence
 Vice Chairmen: Chan Chiu Kwok Charles
 Chiu Kam Kuen
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 Honorary Secretary: Wan Wai Ming Tony
 Honorary Treasurer: Au Sing Hei Edward

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 Chan Tat Shing Jeremy
 Cheng Hoi Lai Simon
 Cheung Yat Fai Ronald
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 Ho Kwong Ngai Eric
 Ho Siu Keung Alan
 Lam Yam On Jim
 Lau Kin Man Clement
 Lee Suk Yee Ruth
 Tang Chiu Man Thomas
 Tse Wai Hung Cliff

Immediate Past Chairman

Lau Sze Wan Serena

YSG Representative

Jeffrey Wong
 Evangeline Chan

To deal with the wide range of demanding divisional works in an efficient and quality manner, one committee and eight panels have been formed under the Council; they are Education Committee (Louie Chan and Thomas Tang as Co-Chairmen), Business and Property Valuation Standards Panel (Joseph Ho as Convenor), CPD Panel (Serena Lau as Convenor), Disciplinary and Professional Ethics Panel (Jim Lam as Convenor), External Affairs Panel (K K Chiu as Convenor), Internal Communication Panel (Jeremy

Chan as Convenor), Professional Practice Panel (Simon Cheng and Tony Wan as Co-Convenors), Public Relations Panel (Serena Lau as Convenor) and Sales and Marketing Panel (Ronald Cheung as Convenor).

Members may note that for the Education Committee and Professional Practice Panel, there are respectively co-chairmen and co-convenors to reflect the importance and heaviness of their works.

Highlighted in this report are some of the works accomplished by the Council during the past year.

Education Committee

Apart from the perusal of interim reports and approval of diaries, the Education Committee has organized a de-briefing on 12 January 2009 where we had 16 panel assessors attending to share their views on the oral assessment with a view to improving our assessment. The Committee has also organized an APC workshop on 11 July 2009 to help probationers and students to enhance and update their knowledge in this area from four distinguished practitioners. Dr Andrew Chan, a veteran town planner and the Managing Director of PDI Consultants Ltd, has

discussed issues and problems involved in town planning applications. Ms Daisy Wong, Senior Estate Surveyor of the Lands Department, has given an outline of the major aspects of development control under the lease conditions, followed by applications to vary lease conditions to implement planning intention. Mr Andy Leung, an experienced architect and the Managing Director of Ronald Lu & Partners, has shared his insight about the building plan approval process. Mr Eric Ho, Senior Manager of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd and Council Member of the GP Division has provided his side of the story as a practising surveyor. Mr Ho will also review previous APC questions relating to property development.

The Committee, together with the Board of Education, is also in the course of reviewing the APC system aiming at having the review completed next year.

Continuous Professional Development Panel

We have CPD events covering wide spectrum of topics this year. We are delighted to have speakers who are our senior fellow members, experienced practitioners as well as professionals from other professions. The topics covered are:

Date	Topics	Speaker(s)
10 February 2009	Plant and Machinery Valuation Procedures	Mr Mario Maninggo
26 February 2009	Development Potential and the Buildings Ordinance	Professor Barnabas Chung, Professor Chung
18 June 2009	Elderly Housing Challenges & Opportunities	Mr Daniel Lau
11 July 2009	Property Development in Hong Kong	Dr Andrew Chan, Ms Daisy Wong, Mr Andy Leung and Mr Eric Ho
6 August 2009	The latest PRC regulations in real estate and its effect on the property yield	Mr Yu Kam Hung
17 September 2009	Hotel Markets and Trends in Values	Mr Dan Voellm
29 October 2009	Performance and Growth Prospects of Hong Kong REITs.	Mr Tony Tse
30 October 2009	Visit to Shenzhen	Joint CPD with YSG and Guangdong Forum
6 November 2009	Visit to Zhuhai and Macau	Joint CPD event with Planning and Development Division

Membership Reciprocity with the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Estate Agents (CIREA)

A forum on the possibility of having another membership reciprocity arrangement with the

China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Estate Agents (CIREA) was held on 19 March 2009 to solicit members views on the subject issue. Further to the forum, the Council has decided to proceed with the reciprocity arrangement and a working group has

been set up to follow up the matter with the CIREA. According to the current schedule, applications will be invited early next year aiming at having the reciprocity arrangement completed in the first quarter of 2010. Tentatively, we adopt the same quota that was set for the first batch i.e. around 100 for both the HKIS and the CIREA.

Memorandum of Understanding for Recognition of Designations

Thanks to K.K. Chiu, Convenor of the External Affairs Panel, an agreement between the Australian Property Institute (API), Appraisal Institute of Canada (AIC), The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), Property Institute of New Zealand (PINZ) and Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV), who are all members of the World Association of Valuation Organisations (WAVO), has been reached so that a member of any one of the said professional institutes will be recognized by all other institutes. It is targeted to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Recognition of Designations at the 4th WAVO Valuation Congress to be held in Guilin during the period of 23 to 26 November 2009. It will be the first time we have a mutual recognition with an appraisal professional institute from North America.

Closer Relationship with Taiwan and Macau

To recognize the importance of outreaching our profession not only to the Mainland but also to other parts of the Greater China, visits have been paid to Taiwan and Macau to foster our link and explore the business opportunities for our surveying profession in these areas. Agreement has been reached to organize a land conference by our Institute in Hong Kong jointly with Macau, Taiwan and Mainland counterparts.

Joint GPD & PDD Fellowship Dinner

The General Practice Division and Planning & Development Division held a joint fellowship dinner on 21 January 2009 at the World Trade Centre Club in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, with great success. It was the first fellowship dinner for the two Divisions since the establishment of the Institute in 1984. The event was even more meaningful as it happened in the first month of 2009, which is the year our Institute will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

We were most honoured to have our President, Immediate Past President, Office Bearers and other Divisional Chairs joining the dinner. As the dinner

was open to the HKIS members only, members could chat under a very relaxing environment or exchange views on the future development of the Institute with the senior and council members. Views have been expressed by the members that we should make this fellowship dinner an annual event of our Division.

Professional Practice Panel

The various hot issues that have been dealt with include Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment, Urban Renewal Strategy Review, Revitalization of Industrial Building, Land Supply System, Re-implementation of Home Ownership Scheme, Provision of Public Facilities in Private Developments, Provision of Information in Sales Brochure, and Development in the Closed Area.

In addition to submission of our position papers on some issues, we have also published a booklet explaining how the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance (Cap 545) is operated from the laymen perspective. A press conference was held on 26 April 2009 for the launch of the said booklet.

Business and Property Valuation Panel

Due to recent changes to the financial reporting standards and the development of the commercial sectors, the Business and Property Valuation Panel is in the process of rewriting the HKIS Business Valuation Standards and the Property Valuation Standards to meet the current changes in Hong Kong.

At the same time, the Panel is now reviewing the Guidance Notes for Surveyors acting as Independent Experts in Commercial Property Rent Reviews (First Edition 31 October 2000) to cope with the current market need.

Vote of Thanks

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my wholehearted thanks to all the Council members, Committee and Panel members, and other members in various working groups and subcommittees for the efforts and hard works, without which our Divisional works would not have been so successful.

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Land Surveying Division



SUNG Hon Kwong
Chairman

This year is not a quiet year as Hong Kong is still battered by the swine flu and the full recovery of the world economy was still remote though both the stock market and property market in Hong Kong are booming. Luckily, the government had resumed recruitment of land surveyors and survey technicians so employment opportunity of our members is much better by now. The major infrastructure projects are coming so the future of the land surveying profession will not be too bad. In fact, the construction industry is fighting for land surveying staff to the point that not enough staff is recruited for some of the projects.

As far as Land Surveying Division is concerned, this is a very busy year. Quite a number of working groups and committees have been established in the Institute to look into matters of concern to both the public and the members. A large number of members have been nominated to join these working groups and committees. The Council has also done a lot to serve the members and to keep the business of the Division going.

Conferences

The 10th South East Asian Survey Congress in Bali

Being one of the participating organization, the Institute sent Mr Simon Kwok and I to attend the 10th South East Asian Survey Congress held between 3 - 7 August 2009 in Bali, Indonesia. The theme of the Congress was "Integrating Geo-information Islands". The idea comes from the fact that Indonesia has 17,508 islands and is the largest archipelagic country in the world. The event was held in the Bali International Convention Centre at the Westin Resort Nusa Dua, Bali. Lots of technical papers were presented to arouse fruitful discussion between delegates.

The FIG Regional Conference in Hanoi

The FIG Regional Conference was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, between 19 - 23 October 2009. A delegation of three, including the President from the Institute attended the event. The theme of the event was "Spatial Data Serving People: Land Governance and the Environment - Building the Capacity". Simon was there to present a paper to update the international participants on the Satellite Positioning Reference Station System of Hong Kong. The talk was well received though too little time was allocated for further and in-depth discussion. We also met the President of the FIG to discuss the contribution of the HKIS in this organization and the assistance the FIG could offer to the business of the HKIS.

6th Beijing, Hong Kong and Macao Geomatics Conference

The 6th Beijing, Hong Kong and Macao Geomatics Conference (第六屆京港澳測繪技術交流會) was held between 12 - 15 November, 2009 in Beijing. The theme of the 6th Conference was "城市信息化測繪技術發展及應用". This was also the 50th Anniversary of the Institute of the Beijing Survey and Mapping (北京測繪學會) and we witnessed the grand celebration ceremony. The organizer also arranged technical visits for the delegates to the China National Opera House (中國國家大劇院) and the Olympic Stadium. We had the privilege to visit the VIP area of the Stadium which was not normally open to the general public.

The 6th Across-the-Strait Geomatics Conference

The 6th Across-the-Strait Geomatics Conference (海峽兩岸測繪發展研討會) which would be held in November 2010 in Macao held its first preparatory meeting in Beijing on 16 November 2009 after the

Beijing, Hong Kong and Macao Geomatics Conference when all the representatives from the four regions were in Beijing. Both Simon and I represented the Institute to join the preparatory meeting.

Local and Institution Affairs

Meeting the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works)

To express our concern on the less than adequate land and quantity surveying support in government consultancy civil engineering projects, the Institute had a chance to meet the Permanent Secretary of Development (Works), Mr Mak Chai Kwong, on 25 August 2009. Representatives included the SVP, two QSD members and three LSD members. During the meeting, we provided the Bureau with figures of surveying staff strength of some projects together with our observations. The Bureau agreed to look into the cases and suggested that the two parties might meet regularly in the future.

Research Project in Spatial Data Infrastructure

Dr Conrad Tang, Mr Lesly Lam and Mr Chan Yue Chun had proposed a project titled "Evolutionary Process of the Development of Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) in Hong Kong - Part I: Top Directive and Policy Support". If approved, the research project will be carried out in 2010. As the proposal paper stated, "The research will form a general study of SDI development in Hong Kong. Though the technical and co-ordination issues involved are enormous, the researchers feel obliged to advise that many of our neighbouring countries, and many cities in the Mainland, are already far more advanced than us in the setting up and implementation of a standardized infrastructure that allows a diverse community (including utilities companies, private enterprises, government officials and citizens) to access and share spatial data and their attributes (location, installation, life cycle maintenance and replacement), thus facilitating decision making and reducing administrative costs. The Spatial Data Infrastructure should work for the benefit of the community starting from the top directive and policy support, rather than simply becoming a technically imposed solution".

Advisory Committee for the Department of LSGI, HKPU

Simon, as the representative of the Institute, attended the Advisory Committee for the Department of LSGI, HKPU, held on 2 November 2009. The meeting was chaired by Mr Wong Chung Hang, our Past President.

Prof Ding and his fellow professors introduced the development of the relevant courses in the Department.

Co-operation with HKPU LSGI

The LSD has jointly organized with the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-informatics of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University a poster design competition titled "Contribution of the Land Surveying and Geomatics Profession to Infrastructure Projects". The poster design competition aims to promote the land surveying and geomatics services to professionals, employers and the general public. It also enables geomatics students to understand the role of a land surveyor in infrastructure projects. The winning posters may be selected as promotion material for the profession.

CPD Events

The LSD arranged a number of CPD events for the members this year. The most notable one was a technical visit to the Stonecutter Bridge construction site on 11 July 2009. Instead of only arranging highly technical CPD, the Council also decided to arrange CPD on basic surveying topics such as land boundary survey, engineering survey, hydrographic survey etc. to allow members to share their knowledge with those who may not have the privilege to work in these areas.

Education

This year, the LS Divisional Education Committee (LSDEC) organised an APC Workshop for our probationers. The Workshop briefly introduced the APC system and the Rules & Guides. The general content of Cadastral and Engineering surveying was touched upon. Comments from the assessors, typical mistakes and wrong conceptions of candidates were also been discussed. As the response to the workshop was overwhelming, LSDEC decided to organize similar workshops in the future.

Social Functions

LSD Annual Dinner

The LSD Annual Dinner was held on 4 September 2009 at the Eaton Hotel in Kowloon. Honorable guests included Dr Lilian Poon of the Department of the Land Surveying and Geo-informatics of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and President of HKIS, Mr Francis Leung, and most of the Office Bearers,

Divisional and Board Chairmen. About 70 guests and members enjoyed a night of good food, chances of relinquishing old friendship and acquainting new ones. Fabulous prizes were given to the lucky ones of the night.

Conclusion

The LSD council accomplished a lot this year. The hosting of the 6th Across-the-Strait Geomatics Conference in 2010 goes to Macao thus the Division should be prepared to host this event in the not too distant future. It would be a good chance for land surveyors to organize yet another great geomatics conference.

There was not much progress in the recognition of our Technical Associate membership by the government this year. As we have a chance to regularly meet government officials, it will not be too remote before our Technical Associate qualification could be recognized by the government as a qualification for employment of land surveying technicians.

There is also not much progress on the mutual recognition with the Registered Surveyors of the Mainland and there is still a long way before the issue comes to fruition. The CEPA committee would continue to solicit chances of establishing a link with the Mainland to work out how we can go about the issue.

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Planning & Development Division



Edwin TSANG
Chairman

Year 2009 is an extraordinary year in that it is the 25th Anniversary of the Institute and the 60th Anniversary of the Nation.

Although Planning & Development Division was included in the 1984 Constitution, the Division Council has only been recently formed, working from Provisional Council in 2003 to establishing a formal Divisional Council in 2006. 2009 is the end of the second two-year term.

1. Membership

The Division began with a small membership of seven in 2003, and it has extended to 53 as at November 2009 including one student: —

As at 31 Dec 2008		As at 30 Nov 2009	
Fellow	: 11	Fellow	: 17
Member	: 26	Member	: 31
Probationer	: 2	Probationer	: 4
Student	: 1	Student	: 1
Total	: 40	Total	: 53

The Fellows admitted during the year 2009 included Wu Moon Hoi Marco, Chung Hung Kwan Barnabas, Lam Chun Daniel, Lau Chi Keung, Wong Chik Wing, Victor Chan and Members included Chan Jing Yun Stephen, Mok York Yee, Lam Mei Po Mabel, Chau King Man, Li Chi Man.

2. Education

APC Examination

The number of Probationers seeking APC Exams increased from two in 2008 to four members in 2009.

Extension Programme

During the Mainland Committee visit to

universities to China in 2008, it was proposed to the mainland universities to organize an extension of Planning & Development programme in China, However, experience shows that the proposal is pre-mature due to current university staff set-up in mainland Universities.

3. CPD Events :-

Four Professional Continuing Development events were organized in 2009, including :-

3.1 Professional

- 1) "Planning Law and Practice in Hong Kong" by Ms Fiona Lung, Senior Town Planner of Planning Department on 3 June 2009,
- 2) "An introduction to Real Estate Project Development Procedures in Mainland China" by Dr Tony Leung on 3 September 2009,
- 3) "The Concept of Planning and Development Control in Hong Kong" by Mr P. Y. Tarn, President of the HKIP on 22 September 2009,
- 4) "Linear City Developing Commercial & Residential Property" on Railway Land by Daniel Lam on 25 November 2009.

3.2 Health Management in the Workplace :-

- 1) A Health Talk on "How to prevent and control Diabetes & Metabolism" by Dr Frederick Chan on 24 July 2009 and
- 2) A Health Talk on "How to prevent and control Heart Diseases" by Dr So Yui Chi on 20 October 2009.

3.3 6th Cross Strait /4 Land Conference 兩岸四地學術研討會

At the 5 Cross Strait /4 Land Academic Conference held in Kunming in July 2009, it

was decided that the 6th Cross Strait /4 Land Academic Conference will be hosted by Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors. The theme has yet to be decided. It was proposed that the 4 Land (China, Taiwan, Hong Kong & Macau) will each prepare information on Land & Planning Management as background material for the papers to be presented at the Conference next year.

3.4 Professional Site Visits

A professional visit to Lands and Planning Department of both Zhuhai Province and Macau Special Administration Region was arranged on 6 November 2009. About 35 participants took part in the event. The delegates found the talks given by the government authorities informative and interesting.

4. Annual Conference on Surveyor in Urban Regeneration

The Chairman was a member of the Organizing Committee of the Conference and our Hon Secretary James Kenneth Pong was one of the moderators of the Conference.

5. Annual Dinner

The Division held its first Fellowship Dinner in conjunction with General Practice Division on 21 January 2009. The Institute celebrated its 25th Anniversary on 17 November 2009 at Grand Hyatt Hotel. The Division reserved a table with four honored guests.

6. Accounts

As at October 2009, the Division has a reserve of HK\$47, 000.00. This fund has been accumulated through the organization of CPD Events.

7. University Visits

7.1 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Two visits to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University led by the Chairman of Board of Education, K.C. Tang was conducted in 25 September and 14 October 2009. The first visit was on the new "334 university course set up" with the Department of Building & Real Estate and the second visit was with the Faculty of Construction and Land Use. A dialogue with the professors and lecturers was proved useful. However there has been a misunderstanding that the programme has not yet been accredited by the Planning & Development Division. Nevertheless, a formal

request for accreditation was submitted by the University to the Board of Education. But the course still needs to be strengthened in Planning & Development contents. It is hoped that more students will elect to choose Planning & Development stream as their major programme.

7.2 The City University of Hong Kong

A BOE visit to the Division of Building Science & Technology was conducted on 16 October 2009. The course has not yet reached accreditation level by Planning & Development Division.

7.3 The Hong Kong University

A BOE visit to the Department of Real Estate & Construction was conducted on 24 November 2009. The visit revealed that co-ordination between the HKIS and the University needed to be strengthened in particular on mentorship and practical training of students. It is note that the MSc programme on Real Estate and Finance would be of interest to Planning & Development Division.

8. Disciplinary hearing

Our Hon Secretary James Kenneth Pong has represented PDD to sit in two panels of Investigation Committee. PDD has also furnished its views on the interpretation of some provisions of the HKIS Rules of Conduct.

9. Comments on Government Public Engagement Exercises

The Division has taken an active part in contributing Division's view on government Public Engagement Exercises, for examples :-

9.1 Urban Regeneration Proposals

9.2 *Air Quality Objectives* - initial PDD's paper has been drafted by our Hon Secretary James Kenneth Pong and it would be incorporated into the final HKIS Review Report,

9.3 *Building Design to foster a Quality and Sustainable Building Environment* - our Hon Secretary James Kenneth Pong has furnished a ppt presentation as the background for the review. Vincent Ho of the BSD will finalize the report.

9.4 Public Forum on Central Kowloon Route, etc

9.5 *Closed Border Area Proposals, etc.*

10. **Promotion Pamphlet**

The first draft is almost completed and will need to be vetted in the next Divisional Council.

11. **Way forward**

The Division has been growing in the number of membership. It is anticipated that next Council will be devoting more efforts in the coming year in :-

11.1 *membership development,*

11.2 *more liaison with the Universities on mentorship and practical training to students,*

11.3 *holding more CPD Events,*

11.4 *taking more active part in contributing Division's view on government proposal.*

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Property & Facility Management Division



Kenneth CHAN
Chairman

PLAN 2009 = 3R + 2P + 1C

Six major activities/ events have been planned for this New Year. In 2009, we shall see the completion and promulgation of two research reports in the benchmarking of management and maintenance fees in residential and office buildings respectively. The third of such research will be in the benchmarking of management and maintenance fees in shopping malls. The HKIS Guide on Good Property Management is being finalised for publication in first quarter of 2009. Furthermore, the write-up for the Green Management Practice Handbook is half completed under the leadership of Charles HUNG. If everything goes smoothly, we shall be publishing the Handbook in the third quarter of 2009. Finally, more relevant CPD events and an annual conference will be organised under the leadership of our CPD convenor Daniel Hui.

We have not finished all the planned tasks but I am proud to announce that we have done tremendous progress in getting the public knowing about the dynamic and professional division. The publication of the corporate brochure of the Division had assisted greatly in the promotion of the Division. Here is an account of the activities and achievement of the Division in 2009.

Visit by the Guangdong Property Management Association (廣東省物業管理行業協會) - 23 April 2009

The Guangdong Property Management Association (廣東省物業管理行業協會) visited the HKIS on 23 April 2009. The team of more than 20 delegates was led by its President Xu Jian Hua (許建華會長), Vice President Luo Xiao Gan (羅小鋼副會長) and President of Guangzhou Property Management Association, Mr. Li Zhuo Zhang. President Xu is also the Vice President

of the China Property Management Association (中國物業管理協會副會長). They were received by our Vice Chairman Gary Yeung, Honorary Secretary Dick Kwok, Council Members Dr K.W. Lam and K.S. Wong. In the close-to-two-hour discussion, members shared experience and professional examination arrangement in property and facility management areas from Hong Kong and China perspectives. Vice President Luo raised interest of the HKIS Rules of Conduct and requested a copy for their future reference.

Publication of The HKIS Guide to Good Property Management Practices

The long-awaited and first divisional publication on property management practices has just been produced. The HKIS Guide to Good Property Management Practices is the first of its kind in Hong Kong. It is expected to set a professional standard in practices in property management. Each member of the division will be provided with a copy free of charge and any additional copy will be charged at HK\$100.00 for members and HK\$200.00 for non-members. I hope this will be a good reference guide to members in undertaking their daily property management activities and duties. I must also use this opportunity to express my appreciation to the working group chaired by Daniel WL Hui in finalising the guide. The group included Gary Yeung, Alan S Wong, Eddie CM Hui, Kenny Chan, Daniel Kwok, Oliver Chan and Daniel Tsoi.

Benchmarking of Management Fees for Residential Properties in Hong Kong

This is the resulting publication of the research commissioned by the PFM Division. Copy of the research report is available at the HKIS office. The

follow-on research is on office buildings in Hong Kong. We hope to have that completed by the end of the year.

Extraordinary General Meeting - 7 September 2009

An EGM of the PFM Division was called to consider the amendment of the provisions of the Divisional Regulations in respect of the composition of the Divisional Council and requirements for election to members of the Divisional Council. We have a quorum of over 12 members attending the EGM at 6.30pm. We have also received 38 proxies for the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Honorary Secretary. The proposed three amendments were passed unanimously. The new provisions are as follow:

"Clause 5.2(b)

*Vice-Chairperson or such other **number of Vice-Chairperson** as considered appropriate by the Divisional Council*

Clause 5.2.(e)

*At least five but not more than **fifteen** members from the following areas:*

- i) Academia (minimum 1 number);*
- ii) Facility Management (minimum 1 number);*
- iii) Property Management (minimum 1 number); and*
- iv) Government, Institution and Public Bodies (minimum 1 number).*

Clause 5.3

*Only Corporate Members of the Division shall be eligible to be Office Bearers or members [except for 5.2(g) and (h)] of the Council. The **Chairperson shall be Fellow** of the Division."*

I am greatly encouraged by the support of the Membership. I would also like to take this opportunity to appeal to members to come follow to join the Council and contribute directly to the development of the Division. The Division needs your support.

The HKIS Guide to Good Property Management Practices and Research Paper

These two publications have been sent to local related institutions, government and public bodies and we are receiving good comments. It has been a great encouragement to our effort and I would like once again to thank those members of the Division who had made these possible. There were also enquires about whether there is a Chinese version of the Guide.

World Workplace 2009, Orlando, Florida - 7- 9 October 2009

Gary Yeung, Dick Kwok and I were in Orlando during 6 to 10 October 2009 attending the World Workplace 2009 organised by the International Facility Management Association. This time I attended the conference and expo as a Full Guest and I had the opportunity of participation in facility visit and the keynote speech.

This year's keynote opening address was delivered by Mr Andrew S. Winston, co-author of the book entitled "Green to Gold - How smart companies use environmental strategy to innovate, create value, and build competitive advantage". He has done extensive research into the green operation of many major US corporations. Many of them had carbon emission reduction targets ahead of the US government's lead. The facility management professionals were heeded to act responsibly as the existing building stocks in the US accounted for 40% of the total fuel consumed, consumed 70% of total electricity generated and 40% of the carbon dioxide emission.

A copy of the book is now kept in the HKIS library for members' reading

The City University Information Day - 17 October 2009

I attended a special briefing session for S7 students at the City University organised by the Department of Building and Construction and talked about property and facility management surveyors. The event was attended by some 70 students.

Conference on Property and Facility Management - 31 August 2009

The joint conference with the RICS on "Property and Facility Management: A Greater China Perspective" was successfully held on 31 August 2009 with an attendance of about 200 persons.

Reciprocal Visit to the Guangdong Property Management Industry Institute (廣東省物業管理行業協會)

Several things were achieved during this visit. We signed the "Memorandum on the Cooperation and Exchange Programme" between the GPMII and HKIS, agreement on the provision of training course for the HKIS members for the Certified Property Manager examination which would likely be conducted next year, visited four developments

respectively managed by international firms and local management companies. During various discussions with the President, Mr Xu Jian Hua (許建華會長), it was proposed that closer and deeper collaboration between the two organisations be forged in forming a forum for property management firms in Guangdong and Hong Kong SAR and the provision of the HKIS Property and Facility Management experts to the Guangdong Institute to participate in their annual evaluation of performance of property management companies. It was expected that such collaboration would lead to eventual reciprocal recognition of property management professionals between Hong Kong and the Mainland. It was also agreed that the HKIS Property Management Awards be extended to cover buildings and developments in the Guangdong province. There are a lot of tasks for the incoming Council to follow up.

Finally

I wish every success in the further endeavour of the Division under the leadership of your new Chairperson, Gary Yeung and collaborative effort of the Councilors.

Divisional Council & Young Surveyors Group Reports

Quantity Surveying Division



Daniel HO
Chairman

In the past 12 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

The 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 Thomas Ho, K C Tang and 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 the Mainland visited the QSD on 8 January 2009.

They had a meeting with eight QSD representatives, viz. the Chairman of the Mainland sub-committee and the immediate past Chairman, Stephen Lai, Vice Chairman, Antony Man and Honorary Secretary, Thomas Ho, Vice chairman of the Board of Education of the HKIS, K C Tang, Past QSD Chairman, Sam Cheng, Alan Cheung, Y M Lee and K C Chang. They were briefed by Antony Man, K.C. Tang and Sam Cheng on the organization and the membership structure of the 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 the HKIS, T.T. Cheung, and me.

Delegates to Beijing and Tianjin in June

Our President, 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, Stephen Lai, and the Vice-Chairman, Antony Man, of the Mainland Sub-committee, TT Cheung and CY Wong.

Beijing Forum

On 21 June, the President together with us met 13 members in Beijing Forum at the restaurant (崇文門便宜坊烤鴨店) 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.

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 the 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 the CECA and the HKIS was then signed by the presidents of both institutes with the presence of 11 delegates from the CECA and 12 delegates from the 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 Yu Ye Wei, President of Tianjin Cost Engineering Association (TCEA), and other TCEA representatives, we attended a half-day seminar organized by the TCEA in the Tianjin Polytechnic University.

Our members, Lo See Wing and 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 details about the future development of Tianjin including an eco-town through a number of models.

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 Zian Lijun, Director-General of the Department of Exchange & Cooperation in the HKMAO, and 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 Lijun and 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 the 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, Francis Leung, and I had a meeting with the 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 second quarter 2010.

Registration of Cost Engineers in the Mainland

In October, the China Engineering Cost Association (中國建設工程造價管理協會) (CECA) approved another seven members to register as cost engineers in Mainland. We now have 72 members registered as cost 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, Yan Hong Hua, visited the 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, Stephen Lai, Vice Chairman, Antony Man, Hon Secretary, Thomas Ho, Past QSD Chairman Sam Cheng,

and three Council Members viz. Keith Yim, Anthony Lau and Peter Ng.

They were briefed by Stephen Lai and Antony Man on the progress of the reciprocity agreement between the 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 the HKIS and the SCCA in the area of project management.

Further, they invited the 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, Francis Leung, and I were invited by Professor Yin Yi Lin [尹貽林教授 - 天津理工大學管理學院院長] 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" (「招投標及合約管理 - 香港特別行政區經驗」) by Francis Leung
- "An Overview of Cost Estimating in Development Projects" (「物業發展的工程成本估算實務探索」) by Daniel Ho

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 15 to 19 August 2009 in 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, 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. T T Cheung, our ex-President, is the Technical Director of the ICEC and the Chairman of the Sustainability Committee of the PAQS. Dr Paul Ho, the ex-Chairman of the 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 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 Strategies and Practices - Kenny Chan
- An Introduction to the Construction Workers Registration System in Hong Kong - 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 the 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. 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 the 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, 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 the HKIS, Office Bearers of the 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.

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 the HKIS, Office bearers of the 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 the 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, Wong Bay, together with the representatives of the QSD, viz. Thomas Ho (Honorary Secretary of QSD), Sam Cheng (Past Chairman of QSD), 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 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 the

HKIS. The team was led by the Chief Examiner for Commercial Management of the 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, Antony Man, Honorary Secretary, Thomas Ho, Honorary Treasurer, 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 continued during the delicious lunch hosted by the CICES. It was agreed that there would be ample opportunities for arranging continuous professional development events to the members of both organizations in future.

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

The reciprocity agreement between the commercial management stream of the CICES and the QSD of the 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 were being assessed by 338 assessors. The assessors were briefed on the assessment criteria during an assessors' briefing held at 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.

Linkage with members

Newly Qualified QS Welcoming Party

To welcome the 71 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 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 have 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 of 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 13 tables.

We took the opportunity to present the 2008 APC Best Performance Award to our new member, 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 the 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 web 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 news 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 the BSD and the 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 the BSD.

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

To cater for large scale of 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 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 Subcommittee started the review since September this year. Hopefully, the SFBC can 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 favourite 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 at the City University and the University of Hong Kong on 17 October and 24 October respectively. There were about 400 audience 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 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 nominated a number of representatives joining the committees and taskforces in the government and non-government bodies, which included:

- Construction Industry Council (CIC)
- 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)

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 the 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 the HKIS and other stakeholders such as members of the HKIA and the 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, 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 Sunny Chan arranged 22 CPDs for over 2,600 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 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 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 number of hours of CPD events each year. However, it may be difficult for those members working outside the 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 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 the 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.

Annex A

CPD events 08-09

Item	Speaker	Event Name	Brief Description	Co-organizer	Participant No.
1	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	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	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

Item	Speaker	Event Name	Brief Description	Co-organizer	Participant No.
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
7	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	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	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	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
11	Gilbert Kwok, Yeung MS, Justin Yuen, 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	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	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
16	Steven Yip, 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

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17	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 in Shenzhen, PRC	Visit a timber manufacturing factory and a precast concrete manufacturing factory in Shenzhen.	nil	38
19	Steven Yip, James Yeung, Dennis Wong, 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
21	Bolivia Cheung, 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	Steven Yip, Dennis Wong, 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

Divisional Council & Young Surveyors Group Reports

Young Surveyors Group



Joseph CHONG
Chairman

Where are we?

Division	BS	GP	LS	PD	PFM	QS	Total
20-40 (Qualified YSG Members)	357	619	58	10	242	855	2,141
Total HKIS Qualified Members	779	1,556	206	30	681	2,057	5,309
Percentage of Qualified YSG Members vs all Qualified Members	46%	40%	28%	33%	36%	42%	40%

Table 1 : Qualified YSG Members (upto the end of 2008)

Up to 2008, 2141 (40%) qualified members in the HKIS are YSG Members. If we add the above figure to 280 student members and 2,350 probationers, we can come up with a total of 4,771 YSG members in HKIS.

Qualified Members	2,141
Students	280
Probationers	2,350
Total YSG Members	4,771

Table 2 : Composition of YSG Members (up to the end of 2008)

YSG is obliged to take care of 4,771 members and we are representing the voice of 40% of professional members. At the YSG AGM held in December 2008, we set up five missions this year, namely sustainability, serving young members, demonstrate professionalism, going international and enhance local knowledge. With the hard work of our YSG team, we made remarkable achievements for these five missions during the past 12 months, and I am pleased to report some of them below.



Sustainability - To attract more young members to join YSG and the profession, and enable our sustainable growth

We recruited 12 new committee members to join the YSG committee this year. Half of them are renominated as committee members in the incoming YSG committee.

Throughout the year, YSG has promoted the surveying profession to high school, associate degree and surveying degree students in different occasions, so that more high caliber new blood will join the surveying profession.

Visit to Associate of Science in Surveying Students at the City University

The Division of Building Science and Technology of the City University of Hong Kong invited YSG to give a seminar to their Associate Degree students and introduce the surveying profession and the Institute to them. Eight members from the YSG Committee and K C Tang, Chairman of Board of Education, attended the seminar in the evening of 9 December 08.



Introduction of HKIS during oral exam training for Form 5 and Form 7 students

In December 2008, YSG sponsored the venue for an oral exam training for Form 5 and Form 7 students organised by the charity 'Air Monitor' for the third consecutive year. As a sponsor of the event, YSG had a chance to talk to about 150 students in the two seminar sessions. We showed the HKIS corporate video to them and briefed them about the six types of surveyors in the HKIS.



Joint Visit to HKU Surveying with Board of Education

On 1 April 2009, the YSG visited some surveying undergraduate students at the University of Hong Kong jointly with the Board of Education. We shared with the students about the surveying profession and career prospects.



Visit to Poly U BRESS

Representatives from the YSG committee and some young HKIS members visited the surveying degree and high diploma students from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on 14 October, in a career event organized by the Building and Real Estate Students' Society. About 30 students attended our seminar and group sharing session afterwards.



Visit to LSGI by YSG Representatives

The YSG was invited by Land Surveying and Geoinformatics Students' Society of the PolyU for a Career Talk. Two YSG Past-Chairmen, Lesly Lam and Joseph Wong, and Kenny Chan, YSG Committee Member, attended the talk and gave a brief introduction of career prospects in land surveying profession and the HKIS APC to LSGI Students. Over 30 students attended the talk.

HKU Information Day

On 24 October 09, YSG was invited by the Department of Real Estate and Construction of the HKU and the Surveying Society to give an introduction of the HKIS to the high school students and their parents during the HKU Information Day for Undergraduate Admission 2009. During the event, I introduced the HKIS and different kinds of surveyors to them. Daniel Ho, Chairman of the Quantity Surveying Division was also invited to introduce the quantity surveying profession to the students. Many questions were received from the students regarding the passing rate of APC and the career prospect of being a surveyor.



Joint University Drink

A Joint University Drink Party was jointly organized by surveying students from the City U, the Poly U and the HKU on 6 Nov 2009 at Club No. 9, Central. This is an annual event sponsored by the YSG to facilitate surveying students from different universities to foster a closer relationship before they graduate.



Diploma Presentation

This year YSG was delegated by the Executive Committee to organize the HKIS Diploma Presentation with the support from the HKIS Admin Office. The Presentation was held on 22 May 2009 at the Ball Room at Eaton Hotel. Anthony Yu and Alison Lo of the YSG were the MCs of the event.

Other YSG Committee Representatives including me, Cyrus Siu, Joanna Kwok, Jasmine Kong, Joanmi Li, Jeffrey Wong, Kenny Chan, Linda Lui, Joseph Wong, Evangeline Chan, Tang Chi Wang also joined the event. We met 150 newly qualified members and shared with them our experience and opportunities in the YSG.



Training for Committee Members

The General Council has approved a funding to provide training for YSG Committee members this year and last year. Two training courses in Putonghua and presentation skills were organized in February, March and September this year and most of our Committee members joined these trainings.



Serving Young Members - To echo our Institute's plan, we will spend more resources to serve our young members at large, not only for a particular group of people.

This year we organized some new social events for members and established two new Sub-Committees including Career Support Sub-Committee and Lifestyle Sub-Committee. These events were free of charge or heavily subsidized to attract more young members' participation.

YSG Kitchen

The "YSG Valentine's Kitchen" was successfully held on 7 February 2009. 24 members attended the cookery class for making the Baileys Irish Cream Cheesecake and Liqueur Chocolate before the Valentine's Day for their loved ones.



Community Chest New Territories Walk - Tolo Harbour Cycle Track

Young surveyors, together with family members, friends, and pets, formed a team of 26 persons and completed the "New Territories Walk for Millions" hosted by the Community Chest on 15 February 2009. The HKIS team, led by the YSG, started from the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks and enjoyed a

leisurely walk along the Tolo Harbour Cycle Track for 1.5 hours on the Sunday morning.



Career Talk - Success in Surveying Career in an Uncertain Market

Mr Chris Urban, the manager for property and construction of Michael Page International, a leading professional recruitment consultancy, provided our YSG members the insights into the current employment situation with the impact of global economic crisis on 25 February 2009.



30-min Team Relay in Hong Kong Open Indoor Rowing Charity Rowathon 09

For the third consecutive year, YSG participated in the 30-min Team Relay in Hong Kong Open Indoor Rowing Charity Rowathon 09 which was held at the Kowloon Park Sports Centre. Our team comprised our Committee members and students reps from the HKU surveying and the Poly U LSGI. 10 of us had to row three minutes each. We were ranked 16 out of 26 teams and we rowed 7,747 metres together! Through this meaningful event, YSG donated \$600 to the ORBIS for helping visually-impaired people.



香港青年專業人士國情培訓班課程

為增強香港年青測量師對國家政治、規劃、經濟、軍事及外交政策等各方面的瞭解及對珠三角地區經濟及其他發展的認識，本青年組以及中聯辦於09年五月廿三及廿四日在廣州中山大學舉辦香港青年專業人士國情培訓班課程。本會青年組有11位年青會員以及另外22位香港建築師學會、香港園景師學會、香港規劃師學會的青年會員一同參加了這個課程，課題包括：《中國基本政治制度、政府架構及其職能》、《當前國際形勢以及我國外交政策》以及《CEPA主要內容以及香港服務業與內地合作的前景》。本組特此鳴謝中聯辦協調部的贊助及安排，以及吳圓副處長的陪同及聯繫。



Joint Mingle Party with HKICPA and HKIE YMC

On 12 Jun 2009, YSG jointly organized a mingle party with the HKICPA and Young Members Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (HKIE). It was held in a trendy club called Pi in Central with about 200 participants.



Coffee Tasting

Our young members joined a special gathering on 30 July 2009 at the Surveyors Learning Centre to listen to a barista who shared the secrets of coffee tasting and to taste the inviting aroma of real coffee. The speaker shared with us the origin of coffee, different types of coffee beans and how they taste, as well as different type of coffee machines.



Professional Image Course

A two hour course designed to train our young surveyors on table manner and professional image was held on 7 August 2009. Professor Desmond Chan, an expert in colour and image, was invited to share some tips on the essential elements in projecting a professional image including the use of colour, matching clothes with face shape and body shape, basic business and social etiquette, impression management and table manner. With many interactive exchanges between the participants and the speaker, the seminar was enjoyable and fruitful.



YSG Annual Dinner

YSG Annual Dinner was successfully held on 23 Oct 2009 at Taiji Restaurant. The theme of the night was Traditional Chinese, so most of us dressed differently in 道士袍、中山裝、宮女服、中國軍服、小鳳仙、旗袍 etc. Other than the Shanghaiese cuisine, we had a Chinese wine drinking game, National Day video Q&A game and a lucky draw with attractive prizes including netbook and IPOd. In the same occasion, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to YSG Committee members for their hard work during the last year. Our ExCom members, Leo Chan and Johnson Lee, Chairman of the HKIE's and the CIARB's young groups joined us as guests of the event.



Demonstrate Professionalism To participate in more professional events and voice our opinion.

Young Surveyors Award

Early this year we proposed to the General Council to organize an inaugural Young Surveyors Award in the HKIS to select some outstanding young surveyors who had made significant contribution to the Institute and the profession and present them an award to recognize their contribution, and the idea was supported. The YSG had set up a Sub-Committee to set up the assessment guidelines, invite judging panel and provide assistance in the assessment process, as well as arrange newspaper publication for announcement of the awardees. The awardees were interviewed in a local popular newspaper to promote our professionalism.



Going Green

This year we set up a Green Group in the YSG called the Green Compass which was led by our Vice-Chairman Arthur Cheung. We have organized some CPD events about hot green topics including LEED and HK BEAM.

Public Engagement Events

Also this year we participated in several public engagement events to give our opinion on a major infrastructure project - Kowloon Central Route. The two events focused on Yau matei Urban Design and Yau matei Police Station Conservation (10 Jan 2009) and the Kowloon Bay reprovisioning of facilities & enhancement (7 Feb 2009).



SOE HK Symposium 09

The YSG was one of the supporting organizations of The Society of Operations Engineers HK Region (SOE HK) Symposium 09 held on 20 June 2009. The morning session topics included building-integrated photovoltaic technologies, energy audit and recycling of demolition materials etc.



Going International - To participate in international surveying conferences and international young groups

FIG

Our committee members had a conference call meeting with Ms Kate Fairlie, a member of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Young Surveyors working group. Kate told us that in Australia, the UK, Canada and the US, a downward trend in surveying candidates had been witnessed, with not enough graduates to fill available positions. She would like to understand the situation in Asia and we briefed her about the situation in Hong Kong. Also, she raised whether the YSG could become a regional coordinator in creating and coordinating a regional network of young surveyors in Asia. This issue is still going on and would be followed up in the next YSG committee.

PAQS

This year we intended to let more committee members to attend international conferences. Joanna Kwok, our Honorary Secretary (External), Alison Lo, our Committee Member and I joined the 13th PAQS Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 15 to 18 August 2009. In the PAQS Board Meeting, it was approved that an inaugural committee of YQSG could be formed and some terms of reference drafted were also approved. It is my honour to be elected as the

Chairman of the Inaugural Committee by the young representatives from other countries.



YSG Study Tour

Since 2004, the YSG has organized study tours to Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei, Dalian and Chengdu. The objective of these tours is to provide opportunities for our young members to visit government departments, professional bodies and private firms outside Hong Kong and learn the best practice and knowledge of the surveying profession in other countries. This year our destination was Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and our Sub-Committee Chairmen were Hazel Tee and Steve Yu. In our five-day study tour, we have visited the Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia (ISM), National Institute of Valuation (INSPEN), a land surveying and a quantity surveying firm, a shopping mall construction site, as well as some sightseeing spots. Our two Vice-Chairmen, Jeffrey Wong and Arthur Cheung, joined and led the delegation.

Enhance Local Knowledge -To equip ourselves well during the financial tsunami and look for more opportunities.

This year the YSG organized 41 CPD events (Appendix A) under the leadership of Tang Chi Wang, the CPD Convenor. We have made an income of

about HK\$300,000 to fund our expenditure of other activities. The CPDs covered a wide range of topics, including soft skills, technical visits, preparation course for APC etc. Some of the CPDs were jointly organized with other professional bodies, such as the Institute of Construction Managers, HK Institute of Value Management, HK Mediation Centre.



Conclusion

2009 was a successful year for the YSG. My thanks go to all Office Bearers, Council Members for their support throughout my term in office. I wish Jeffrey Wong, the incoming Chairman, every success for the new term and I would once again solicit your support to the YSG so that the YSG can contribute more to the Institute as well as serving all of you in return.

Appendix A

CPD Events 08-09

Event Name	Event Date
All about paint! Technical seminar from a paint manufacturer	15/1/09
One-day Seminar on Contract Management	31/1/09
Crisises are oppotunities in disguise for young surveyors	23/2 09
Success in Surveying Career in an Uncertain Market	25/2/09
Mediation Training Course (jointly organized with HKMC)	14/3/09 - 13/6/09
Value Management in Construction	31/3/09
A Review on Licensing Mechanism of Club in Hong Kong	17/4/09
Critical aspects in Project Planning	18/4/09
The Purposes and Practice of Construction Insurance	22/4/09
Introduction to LEED and its application in practice	13/5/09
專業會話普通話課程	23/5 - 20/6
Introduction to BEAM and its application in practice	9/6/09
Bond, Indemnity and Guarantee, and Warranty. Can you see the difference?	18/5/09
How Hong Kong can play key role in developing global valuation norms?	10/6/09
GPD APC Workshop 09 Part One	20/6/09
中華智慧與現代管理 - 《六慧管理》導論	23/6/09

Negotiation Skills in Mediation	26/6/09
QSD APC Revision Course 09	12/6/09, 17/6/09, 24/6/09, 8/7/09, 15/7/09, 22/7/09, 29/7/09, 1/8/09, 8/8/09, 15/8/09
Revision Course on Valuation I	4/7/09
Suspension, termination, and other downturn issues for the construction industry	14/7/09
How to build a cantilever roof structure projecting over the Island Eastern Corridor	4/8/09
Professional Image	7/8/09
21世紀中國建築業管理改革	11/8/09
APC (BS) Series - Condition survey and diagnosis of building defects	12/8/09
Basic E&M design considerations: What a building surveyor needs to know in handling A&A works	19/8/09
Review of Buildings Ordinance and Building Regulations	26/8/09
Review of FRC	2/9/09
Review of BFA	9/9/09
Review of MOE	17/9/09
How to develop you scheme for practical task?	23/9/09
Preparation of Tender/ Contract Documents and Tender Analysis Report	30/9/09
Techniques and Strategies for Written Assessment in APC (BS)	7/10/09
What can a quantity surveyor see in technical specification?	27/8/09
GPD APC Workshops 09 Part three	29/8/09
Site Visit to The One	29/8/09
APC Revision Course on Valuation II and Workshop on Rating	5/9/09
LSD APC Workshop 09	19/9/09
A Quantity Surveyor as a Project Manager - Experience Sharing on Managing Interior Fitting Out Projects	28/9/09
How to win Corporation & Influence People in Business	21/10/09
GPD APC Series - Seminar for Oral Interview	21/11/09
Factory Visit of Eastern Pretech (HK) Limited E_mix Seminar on Renovation System Solutions	28/11/09

