



Building Surveying Division

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The BSD Council's honeymoon is over and most BSD committees and working groups have commenced their duties.

Promotion

The first series of 「入實驗室搵十粒掣」, launched on 1 March, brought members to the laboratory to see the concrete cube test requirements, procedures, and assessments of the test results. Please browse the BSD Channel to watch the episodes. Thanks go to the promotional team for its hard work, while special credit goes to CASTCO for offering the venue for the test.

To provide timely responses to building-related affairs, the BSD produces videos to address them from a building surveyor's perspective and provide professional knowledge to educate the general public. Its first video discusses mandatory window inspections in response to a court case in which an authorised signatory of a qualified person was convicted and fined for not personally conducting a window inspection under the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS).



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Publication

The Consumer Council recently held a press conference to summarise recent problems in the fitting-out industry. Prior to the conference, the HKIS was asked to review 40 quotations and point out their deficiencies. Then it held its own press conference on 27 February, which was widely reported in the media. BSD and QSD representatives promulgated the following solutions to improve the industry:

- I) Use a Standard Form of Contract for Decoration, Repair, and Maintenance Works, which the HKIS first published in 2008.
- II) The HKIS shall prepare a checklist of essential information and fitting-out contract information to facilitate landlord inspections.



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- III) Promote the use of expert determination services administrated by the HKIS in case a dispute occurs.
- IV) Support the formation of a “whitelist” accredited by a reliable and creditable organisation.

The BSD & QSD will work together to review and update the Standard Form of Contract for Decoration, Repair and Maintenance Works in the next few months.

Connection

The BS Connect series started with a happy hour gathering on 28 February. Over 40 students, professionals, and fellow members representing different companies joined the event. Everyone enjoyed socialising and sharing ways to promote and strengthen the roles of building surveyors.

I was happy to see some members express an interest in helping the BSD on various matters. The next gathering will come in May and I look forward to seeing and connecting with you soon.





A Mainland and Hong Kong construction forum is scheduled for 26-27 March 2024 in Guangzhou. Its theme is, 深化內地香港建築領域合作，高質量建設粵港澳大灣區，攜手推進“一帶一路”建設。 Around 30 HKIS delegates will attend the forum and BSD representatives will explore any opportunity to collaborate with their Mainland counterparts during the event.

Education

“The HKIS Training Course on Heritage Conservation for Building Surveyors,” organised by the HKIS, BSD, and HKU SPACE, has attracted a sizable enrolment. The 48-hour course will start on 23 March 2024 and continue every Saturday until early June. The programme aims to equip members with the necessary knowledge of built heritage conservation in Hong Kong, the ability to develop heritage conservation plans, and the skills to manage heritage conservation projects.

This course has been included on the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund. Its quota is filling up quickly, so please enroll soon if you are interested.

BSD Retreat 2024

The BSD will organise a retreat on 16 March 2024 to brainstorm the strategy and way forward for the Council to achieve its four main targets: promotion, publication, connection, and education. The retreat also aims to establish greater cohesion and cooperation among Council and Co-opted members.

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