



Quantity Surveying Division
Sr Paul Wong QSD Council Chairman

CPD Events in Hong Kong and First CPD Talk in Macau

In my February Chairman's Message, I mentioned that 2015 will be a challenging year for the QSD CPD Sub-committee. In the April issue of Surveyors Times, the QSD announced 39 CPD events (with 27 events completed by the end of May) scheduled through August 2015. It is inspiring to note that nearly all the completed CPD events organised for this year were attended by a full house. I am also happy to announce that all 12 upcoming CPD events announced before May 2015 will be full house. I must thank our members for their continuous support for the CPD events organised by the QSD. As seats are limited, members are encouraged to register for future CPD events announced from May before it is too late.

For the benefit of our members working in Macau, the first CPD entitled "Contractor Bonds and Contractor Bonds Arrangement in Macau" was successfully held there on 14 May. The talk was conducted by a specialist insurance advisor, Mr John Lam. As the talk was most relevant to practitioners working in Macau, over 90 members and practitioners attended, making it a full house. The event ended with a good interactive session between the speaker and participants. The seminar shed important insights into issues relating to proper contractor bonds and how to arrange for them in Macau.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the QSD Macau Sub-committee Chairman, Sr George Chan, for his efforts in organising this talk in Macau. I will keep you updated on any upcoming CPD event organised for Macau.



- 1 The first CPD talk in Macau on 14 May 2015
- 2 QSD Chairman, Sr Paul Wong, and QSD Macau Sub-committee Chairman, Sr George Chan, present a souvenir and certificate of appreciation to the speaker, Mr John Lam, and his company's Director, Ms Pamela Yuen.

QSD Social Event – Golf Fun Day

Over 40 members (including HKIS Vice President, Sr Thomas Ho, and QSD immediate Past Chairman, Sr Keith Yim) of the QSD stepped away from their work on 17 May to take part in its first social event of the year – a GOLF FUN DAY. This event was organised by the QSD Social and Welfare Sub-committee and held on a spectacular day at the driving range of Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course, Sai Kung. After members were coached on the basics of swinging a golf club, they were each supplied with one and unlimited balls to practice their swings. During the one-hour session, the coaches watched and corrected the swings of each participant. Most members showed great interest in learning this sport. Even though adverse weather later approached the driving range, members were still keen on honing their newly-learnt skill.

Thereafter, members enjoyed a buffet lunch. Our QSD Honorary Treasurer and Social and Welfare Sub-committee Chairlady, Sr Amelia Fok, and QSD Honorary Secretary, Sr Raymond

Kong, took this occasion to conduct a quiz to test members' familiarity with the Institute, the QSD, and the game of golf. Prizes were given to anyone who could answer a question correctly. Overwhelming responses were received from the participants.

Before leaving the picturesque golf course, members were given some free time to enjoy the environment and take photos. It was a day of cheers, energy, food, drinks, and, most importantly, fun.

If you want to relax, meet new friends, and socialise with other members in a casual atmosphere, stay tuned for our next social event in the summer.



Are You Moving Fast in BIM?

The QSD BIM Sub-committee was set up in 2012. Its main purposes are: (1) to keep members updated on the use and development of BIM; (2) to promote BIM to and train members in its use and application; and (3) to collaborate with other organisations to study and review the use of BIM and the BIM Standard Methods of Measurement. Since being established, the BIM Sub-committee has worked with various organisations by attending and organising a number of BIM events, which included attending the 2012 BIM Conference in Singapore, organising the 2013 International QS BIM Conference in Hong Kong, attending BIM Committee meetings during each year's Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors Congress, organising BIM CPD talks and training courses, conducting BIM research papers, etc.

This year, the QSD successfully organised three BIM CPD talks with high attendance rates on 6 January, 17 March, and 14 April. Certainly attendees learned a lot about BIM by attending them. Another BIM CPD talk, which is over-subscribed already, is scheduled for 29 June.

The QSD has organised various introductory hands-on and intermediate BIM training courses since 2012. In order to help members gain more knowledge of BIM, the QSD has arranged two new intermediate BIM training courses for July. Class 1 will be held on 4 and 11 July, while Class 2 will be held on 18 and 25 July. Designed to attract more QSD members to learn BIM, the course fee has been fixed at an attractive rate of \$1,200 per class and members who complete it are eligible for 12 CPD/Divisional PQSL hours.

Members should try to attend either class. Please check the link at the HKIS website: http://www.hkis.org.hk/en/professional_cpd.php and register as soon as possible.

2015 QSD Annual Dinner – An Upcoming Full House Event!

I announced in my February Chairman’s Message that the 2015 QSD Annual Dinner will be held on 12 June (Friday) in the Grand Ballroom of the Royal Plaza Hotel. This year, it is our pleasure to have Mr Eric SC Ma, Under Secretary for the Development of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as our Guest of Honour.

On behalf of the QSD, I have also invited other honourable guests, sponsors, the HKIS President, Past QSD Chairpersons, and fellow members to join the dinner. Shortly after announcing this event, we received an overwhelming number of responses from invited guests, sponsors and members and I am happy to announce that all 33 tables have been fully booked.

In order to allow participants to enjoy the dinner, we will have famous artists as our MC and performers. I can confidently predict that everyone will enjoy this evening. I look forward to meeting you and your guests.

HKIS and AIQS Joint Conference

Over the past two years, two QS-related international gatherings, namely the International BIM QS Conference and the 18th Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors Congress, were successfully held in Hong Kong in 2013 and 2014 respectively. As announced in my last Chairman’s Message, the QSD has planned to organise a joint conference with the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) in November. This will be the first time for the HKIS and AIQS to jointly organise a conference. Its details are as follows:

Date:	14 November 2015 (Saturday)
Time:	9 AM to 5:30 PM
Venue:	VTC Auditorium, HKDI and IVE (Lee Wai Lee), 3 King Ling Road, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories, Hong Kong (Tiu Keng Leng MTR Station A2 Exit)
Fee:	To be advised

The joint conference will carry the theme of “**How QS will succeed in tomorrow’s world.**” The conference aims to discuss future opportunities in the field of quantity surveying and how to improve the quality of QS services. It will also examine topics such as risk management, data management, BIM, BEAM, life cycle costing, green buildings, maintenance contracts, and dispute resolution. Local and international speakers will be invited to present worldwide issues concerning quantity surveying. I will keep members informed of further developments for this conference, such as registration and participation.

Practice Notes for Quantity Surveyors

The QSD launched six Practice Notes for Quantity Surveyors in October 2012 covering the following core subjects:

- Tendering
- Cost Control and Financial Statements
- Valuation for Interim Payment Certificates
- Valuation of Variations
- Contractual Claims
- Final Accounts

These Practice Notes were prepared jointly with the Association of Consultant Quantity Surveyors (ACQS) and the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) to produce some basic guidelines for quantity surveying core practices. They have been available in both hard and soft copies for some time. The QSD has arranged some hard copies for members' collection during the CPD events. The QSD Professional Practice/Practice Notes Sub-committee has prepared another set of two Practice Notes for Quantity Surveyors on the subjects of "Procurement" and the "Pre-contract Estimate and Cost Plan". If members want to obtain copies of these eight Practice Notes for Quantity Surveyors, they may download them from the HKIS website: http://www.hkis.org.hk/en/publication_sales.php.

ASSESSMENT OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE (QSD) FINAL ASSESSMENT 2015 PART I AND PART II ASSESSMENTS

Details of the APC Final Assessment 2015 are listed below:-

Type of Assessment	Part I Written Assessment	Part II Written Assessment
Exam Date	19 August 2015	15 & 16 September 2015
Application deadline	6:00 pm, 30 June 2015 (Tuesday)	
Venue	Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre (KITEC)	

Application form can be down-loaded from

http://www.hkis.org.hk/en/professional_apc.php?division=QSD&x=15&y=13