



### Quantity Surveying Division

Sr Paul Wong QSD Council Chairman

## Promotion of the Quantity Surveying Profession

The QSD always plays an active role in promoting the surveying profession to the general public. Every year, it makes a number of secondary school visits and hosts other forums to introduce general surveying and quantity surveying to students. After these talks, it hopes that some of those students will be more interested in the surveying profession and will study surveying at Hong Kong's universities or the IVE before finally becoming members of the Institute.

Further to the two secondary school visits in December 2014 and January 2015, the QSD made two secondary school visits on 22 May and 26 June and gave a career talk to secondary school students on 24 June.

### i) Our Lady of Rosary College

On 22 May, Sr Raymond Kong (QSD Honorary Secretary), Sr Steven Tang (QSD Council Member and Promotion Sub-committee Chairman), Sr Tzena Wong (QSD Council Member), Sr Tiffany Chan (QSD Council Member), and I visited Our Lady of Rosary College to deliver a career talk. It was the QSD's first time visiting a girls' school knowing the growing number of female surveyors in Hong Kong. About 70 Form 5 students and ten teachers attended this talk. We introduced the background of the Institute, the roles of its six surveying professions followed by more details about QS, job opportunities and routes to HKIS membership.

Similar to past visits, we conducted a quiz on the surveying profession to break the ice after our talk and offered prizes (QSD flash drives) to



those who could answer them correctly. Some of the more enthusiastic students practically jumped up from their seats to answer the questions and impressed us with the accuracy of their answers. The School was delighted with our visit and wanted to invite us to deliver similar career talks in the future.

### ii) Hong Kong Baptist University Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School

Three QSD Council Members – Sr Sunny Choi, Sr Tzena Wong, and Sr Tiffany Chan – along with Co-opt Member, Sr Eric Ting, and I visited Hong Kong Baptist University Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School to deliver a talk to about 160 Form 3 students on 26 June. After the introduction by Sr Tiffany Chan, I introduced the background of the Institute, the roles of its six surveying professions followed by more details about QS, job opportunities, and routes to HKIS membership. Sr Sunny Choi delivered a speech on “Construction for Better Living” and Sr Tzena Wong and Sr Tiffany Chan shared their experiences with obtaining their professional surveying qualifications.

The last part of the talk was the interactive quiz session. Sr Tzena Wong chaired this activity with help from Sr Eric Ting and other QSD members.



### iii) Career Talk to Secondary School Students

Another fruitful and successful career talk (《把握未來大方向 探視專業測量前景》測量師行業就業講座) was held in collaboration with the Education Bureau on the morning of 24 June.

The HKIS introduced all six surveying divisions to an audience of about 150 students from more than 15 secondary schools. Sr Raymond Kam (Board of Education Chairman and QSD Vice Chairman) and Sr Tiffany Chan (QSD Council Member) represented the QSD at the talk.

During the quiz session, small HKIS souvenirs were awarded to those students who answered the questions correctly.

The three-hour event saw joyful interaction between the surveyors and students.



## Diploma Presentation to Qualified QSD Members

The HKIS Diploma Presentation cum Dissertation Awards Presentation was held in the Ballroom of the Royal Plaza Hotel on 19 June.

During the presentation, the HKIS President, Sr Vincent Ho, and I presented diplomas to 70 newly-qualified QSD members (one fellow member, 66 members, and three associate members).

Congratulations to all newly-qualified members for their achievements. Their growth will definitely strengthen the quantity surveying profession in the future.

## Visit by the ChongQing Construction Cost Association

The Councillor of the ChongQing Construction Cost Association (CCCA) (重慶市工程造價管理協會), Ms Jia Hui Yan, visited the Institute on the morning of 19 June 2015. She was accompanied by a group of ten delegates.

The meeting was organised by the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) (Hong Kong Region). Its Chairperson, Ms Miranda Lui, and two delegates also visited the Institute to meet with the CCCA representatives. I attended this meeting along with Sr Thomas Ho (HKIS Vice President and Past QSD Chairman) and Sr Antony Man (Past QSD Chairman).

During the meeting, all three groups shared their experiences with the development of quantity surveying/cost engineering. The QSD briefed its guests on the route to HKIS membership and the quantity surveying market in Hong Kong. The QSD will consider the possibility of future collaboration with the CCCA.



### Visit to the Architectural Services Department Quantity Surveyors Association

Sr Thomas Ho (HKIS Vice President and Past QSD Chairman), Sr Keith Yim (Immediate Past QSD Chairman), Sr Raymond Kong (QSD Honorary Secretary), Sr Amelia Fok (QSD Honorary Treasurer), Sr Antony Man (Past QSD Chairman), and I met with representatives of the Architectural Services Department Quantity Surveyors Association (ArchSDQSA) on 25 June. We were received by the ArchSDQSA's Sr Wong Chi Lok (Chairman), Sr Rachel Yu (Vice Chairperson), and four other members.

During the meeting, the discussion focused on the areas of NEC3 Contracts, independent cost consultants, maintenance contracts, the ArchSD's coming project volume, BIM studies and applications, and the implications of the Security of Payment Legislation. The QSD also informed the ArchSDQSA about the launch of the HKIS QSD's Facebook page, on which QSD events would be regularly uploaded for members' information.

After the meeting, we had an opportunity to meet with the Assistant Director (QS) of the ArchSD, Sr Sheron Li, to discuss collaboration between the QSD and ArchSDQSA. The QSD appealed for more support and participation in QSD affairs from the ArchSDQSA.



### Security of Payment Legislation Forum for Stakeholders (by Invitation)

The Development Bureau recently launched an open consultation on the proposed Security of Payment Legislation, which is available on its website: [www.devb.gov.hk/sop](http://www.devb.gov.hk/sop). The period of consultation is three months from 1 June to 31 August.

The proposed legislation will have a profound effect on the payment arrangements between contracting parties along the whole supply chain of building and construction works from contracting parties to professional services and suppliers. Apart from the conventional requirements of the contract, payers and payees will be required to observe the statutory duty when administering contracts, in particular when dealing with payment arrangements.

In order to provide a platform for stakeholders (contract administrators), namely architects and quantity surveyors, to share and exchange views on the said proposed legislation, the QSD arranged a Security of Payment Legislation forum for them in the Surveyors Learning Centre on 2 July. It was attended by Legislative Councillor, Sr Hon Tony Tse Wai-Chuen, BBS, and about 70 architects and quantity surveyors from the HKIA, HKIS, ICES and ACQS.

At the beginning of the forum, I delivered an opening speech, which was followed by a speech by Sr Tony Tse. Our Past QSD Chairman, Sr Dr Paul Ho, briefed the attendees on the background and major clauses of the consultation documents, as he was one of the members of the HKSAR Government Development Bureau Working Group who worked on the Security of Payment Legislation for the Construction Industry. Our Vice Chairman, Sr Raymond Kam, moderated the forum.

Another forum for HKIS members on this legislation was held in the Surveyors Learning

Centre on 20 July. During this forum, our Past QSD Chairman, Sr Dr Paul Ho, briefed members, while our Vice President and QSD Past Chairman, Sr Thomas Ho, moderated the event.



I expect these two forums to better prepare stakeholders to formulate their concerns, comments, and opinions on the proposed legislation and submit them to the Development Bureau both collectively and individually by 31 August.

## International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS) Coalition

The International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS) Coalition was established by non-profit organisations representing professionals in over 140 countries. Collectively, the group aims to create overarching international standards that will harmonise costs, classifications, and measurement definitions in order to enhance comparability, consistency, statistics, and the benchmarking of capital projects.

Over 30 professional bodies from around the world met from 15-17 June at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) headquarters in Washington, DC to launch a major initiative that seeks to create international standards in construction measurement for the quantity surveying and cost engineering professions. Our Past QSD Chairman, Sr Dr Paul Ho, represented the Institute at this initiation meeting.

During the meeting, some of the attending organisations signed a declaration to join the Coalition. In this connection, the QSD discussed and proposed that the Institute join the Coalition. This was approved by the Executive Council and General Council, which stated that:

1. the Institute shall join the ICMS Coalition and the President will sign the declaration document on its behalf and
2. Sr TT Cheung shall be nominated as the Institute's Trustee for a term of two years with effect from 1 July 2015.

In early July, the Coalition was formally launched and will continue to grow as more professional organisations come forward to align themselves with its high-level principles. Corporations, contractors, and key government stakeholders are also encouraged to contribute to and adopt the new international framework in their capital markets.

In early July, the Institute also received two papers (namely the Role Description and Work Plan) in respect of the setup of the ICMS Standard Setting Committee (SCC). After reviewing the papers, the QSD proposed that the Institute apply to become a member of the ICMS SCC and nominated Sr KC Tang to represent the HKIS in the organisation. These two proposals were endorsed by the Executive Committee.



Over 30 organisations participated in the ICMS Coalition meeting at IMF HQ in Washington, DC

### Social Event – Porcelarts Course

Porcelarts has been a big hit in Japan for quite some time. It is a portmanteau of the words “porcelain” and “art”. The QSD Social and Welfare Sub-committee organised a porcelarts course, its second social event of the year, at an art and design workshop in Causeway Bay on 18 July. Two classes were organised to accommodate members.

Thirty-three QSD members, including Sr Thomas Ho (HKIS Vice President and QSD Past Chairman), Sr Paul Wong (QSD Chairman), Sr Raymond Kong (QSD Honorary Secretary), and Sr Amelia Fok (QSD Honorary Treasurer and QSD Social and Welfare Sub-committee Chairlady), participated in the porcelarts course. At the beginning of each class, members chose either a mug or a plate. They proceeded to create their own designs and transferred them to the porcelain through a sheet of transfer paper. With laughs and chats, our members joyfully completed their personal and unique creations in two hours.

The main purpose of organising social events for members is to allow them to meet new friends and socialise with other members in a casual atmosphere. It was wonderful to see all members enjoy the course by being able to produce their own porcelain designs by the end of it.



### HKIS and AIQS Joint Conference: How QS will succeed in Tomorrow’s World

After more than four months of hard work, the Joint Conference Organising Committee (OC) has confirmed more details of the HKIS and AIQS Joint Conference scheduled for 14 November:

Date: 14 November 2015 (Saturday)

Time: 9 AM to 5 PM

Venue: VTC Auditorium, HKDI and IVE (Lee Wai Lee), 3 King Ling Road, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories (Tiu Keng Leng MTR Station A2 Exit)

Fee: Early Bird (before 11 September 2015): HK\$450 HKIS or AIQS Member: HK\$550 Non-member: HK\$700

CPD/Divisional PQSL Hours: 6 Hours

I am pleased to announce that Prof Anthony Cheung Bing Leung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Transport and Housing Bureau, HKSAR, will be the Guest of Honour at the conference. As of today, the OC has secured four overseas and four local speakers on the topics of international costing, BIM, life cycle costing, risk management, BEAM, maintenance contracts, future roles of QS, and dispute resolution. More details on the conference are available at the HKIS website: [http://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/general/broadcast/hkis\\_aiqconf2015.pdf](http://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/general/broadcast/hkis_aiqconf2015.pdf).

Members are encouraged to register for the conference as soon as possible (i.e., by 11 September) to take advantage of the attractive early bird rate.

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