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Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL) is the focus of this issue's cover story. Several knowledgeable members in the Quantity Surveying Division share their insights into the background and significance of the proposed legislation. Members should understand that SOPL does not just affect construction workers, but consultants as well. It would mean a different concept for the ways consultants manage their contracts. Members who practice as consultants need to be aware of the likely burdens created by SOPL. I hope they will continue to keep an eye open for future talks on SOPL organised by the HKIS.

The Chairman of the Urban Renewal Authority, Sr Victor So Hing-woh, is this month's featured High-flyer Surveyor. A seasoned veteran, So participated in the early development of Hong Kong's real estate market when he started his career working on public housing in the Housing Department. Then he moved on to infrastructure-derived property developments.

We can learn a lot from his diverse exemplary career.

From September 6-8, the Mainland Affairs Committee Chairman and former HKIS President, Sr Stephen Lai, and I led an HKIS delegation to Beijing. The delegation held discussions with the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council and officials from other ministries and departments and professional organisations, associations, societies, and institutes. This annual event benefits Hong Kong surveyors who work in China and allows Mainland officials to know about our latest achievements. We also briefed the officials on the recently-established Beijing Forum and HKIS Beijing Office.

The HKIS Annual Conference 2015, "Development for a Smarter World City: Hong Kong," was held on 12 September. The Secretary for Development, Mr Paul Chan, delivered a comprehensive overview of Hong Kong's policies and vision for a smarter world city, while other industry heavyweights shared their forward-looking views. I hope members who attended the conference will continue to pay attention to the development of a smarter city and share their ideas on how they can contribute towards this goal.



As part of our Rebranding Programme, we organised the "Touring Central with Surveyors" event. So far, over 250 citizens have registered for the tour. The media have expressed interest in the further shaping of Central, but we believe it does not necessarily need more re-development because there are limitations to it. We believe that a city's transformation in a wider scope can be achieved through 'rehabilitation'. It is increasingly difficult to adopt the 'slash and burn' approach because it is tough to acquire the ownership of strata-titled buildings needed for redevelopment. We should consider new policies, approaches, and methods that involve innovative repairs, maintenance, and renewal.

You may notice there are a few companies or personnel presented themselves as 'surveyors' (公正行) and offer certification services for building inspections and quality checks. We have noticed that many staff at these companies are not members of any professional building or construction institute. This is cause for concern. The inspection and certification of building repairs and maintenance quality require highly-trained specialised professionals who give comprehensive professional assessments. I trust the government should reconsider the risk of letting non-professionals handle these highly-specialised inspections and I wish more members to express their views on the possible channel for safeguarding the public interest.

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期的封面故事以《建造業付款保障條例》為題，由數位經驗豐富的工料測量師分享見解，談談這項立法建議的背景與意義。《建造業付款保障條例》不但影響建造業工人，亦會改變工程顧問管理顧問合約的方式。擔任工程顧問的會員應了解該條例對我們業界管理合約時可能產生的問題。本會將就該條例舉辦會談，希望各會員繼續關注。

今期傑出人物為市區重建局主席蘇慶和測量師。蘇慶和測量師資歷深厚，早年任職房屋署，從事公共房屋工作，後來轉往私人公司參與發展鐵路沿線物業，隨後亦加入多家公營機

構工作。他的事業涉獵廣泛，成就出眾，我們定能從中獲益良多。

9月6日至8日，我與內地事務委員會主席兼香港測量師學會前會長賴旭輝測量師，連同一眾香港測量師學會代表遠赴北京進行年度的訪問及交流活動。代表團與國務院港澳事務辦公室等部門的官員，以及專業組織、協會等相關的專業對口單位會面。今年已是學會連續第五年拜訪北京的主要部委及協會，會面不僅可令學會主要代表和在內地工作的香港測量師增進聯繫，也能讓主要部委及協會知悉學會的最新情況。學會亦向主要部委及協會介紹近期成立的北京議會和香港測量師學會北京辦事處的最新情況。

2015年香港測量師學會年度研討會於9月12日舉行，主題為「發展香港：智能之都」。發展局局長陳茂波為我們全面概述香港發展世界級智能城市的政策與願景，不同界別的演講嘉賓亦多角度剖析如何帶領香港走向「智能之都」。我期望與會者繼續關注智能城市的發展，交流想法，為這個目標出一分力。

學會形象革新計劃，其中的一項重頭活動——「測量師帶你行街 GUIDE」導賞團，目前已有逾250人報名。傳媒很有興趣探討規劃中環這題目，在活動推出期間，仍繼續以不同形式採訪報導。惟學會認為重建有其限制，包括中環在內的很多已發展的地區，將來發展模式不一定要以「重建」為核心，大可透過「修葺活化」以持續發展更新我們市區的面貌。隨著收購分層樓宇的業權日益困難，難以配合重建所需。我們應考慮破舊立新，以新的政策、方式和手法進行修復及保育，以達成城市發展的目的。

各位會員也許聽聞過一些自稱為「公正行」的公司或人士，提供樓宇檢驗與品質檢查的認證服務。據學會所見，這些公司的員工大多不屬任何專業樓宇或建築機構，亦不是專業測量師，此情況令人堪慮。樓宇修復與保養工程必須由訓練有素的專業人士進行檢驗和認證，才能給予全面專業的評估。政府應三思當中的風險，切勿讓非專業人士從事這些專門的檢驗工作。此外，我希望會員能以各種途徑表達看法，保障公眾利益。

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