Planning & Development Division

Sr Prof James Pong PDD Council Chairman

The second council meeting was held on 7 January. This year, members have been very zealous in contributing their valuable efforts to the council's affairs, judging by their competitive bids for seats on the various sub-committees.

Nomination of PDD Members to the HKIS Committees

Administration	Sr Victor Ng, Sr Dr Cyrus Mok
BIM	Sr Joseph Ho, Sr Eureka Cheng, Sr Bay Wong
Community & Charity	Sr Dr Tony Leung, Sr Joanmi Li, Sr David Mui
Dispute Resolution	Sr Ben Chong, Sr Edmond Yew
Editorial Board	Sr Dr Cyrus Mok, Sr Victor Ng, Sr William Yip, Sr Francis Lau
Finance	Sr Dr Cyrus Mok
HKIS/RICS Liaison	Sr Stephen Chan, Sr Francis Lau, Sr Dr Tony Leung
IT	Sr David Mui, Sr Victor Ng
Mainland Affairs	Sr Edwin Tsang, Sr Joseph Ho, Sr Dr Tony Leung, Sr Joanmi Li
Members Welfare	Sr Stephen Chan, Sr Joseph Ho
Project Management	Sr Ben Chong, Sr Francis Lam, Sr William Yip, Sr Joanmi Li
Public & Social Affairs	Sr Victor Ng, Sr Francis Lam
Research	Sr Dr Cyrus Mok, Sr Eureka Cheng, Sr William Yip
Sport and Recreation	Sr Joanmi Li, Sr David Mui, Sr Edwin Tsang, Sr Dr Cyrus Mok
Standing Committee on the Code of Measuring Practice (PS)	Sr Joseph Ho, Sr Francis Lam
Strategic Planning	Sr Eureka Cheng, Sr Prof James Pong, Sr Dr Tony Leung
2016 HKIS Conference OC	Sr Victor Ng, Sr Eureka Cheng
2016 HKIS Annual Dinner OC	Sr Dr Tony Leung, Sr Joanmi Li
Housing Policy Panel	Sr Edwin Tsang, Sr Prof James Pong, Sr Francis Lam, Sr Bay Wong, Sr Dr Tony Leung
Building Policy Panel	Sr Raymond Chan, Sr Bay Wong
Land Policy Panel	Sr Edmond Yew, Sr Eureka Cheng, Sr Francis Lam, Sr Francis Lau

Due to the impetus of the exuberant council members this year, I am confident that the council will charge forward in terms of membership growth and strive to provide more CPD events and social benefits to our members.

PDD Brainstorming Session

16 January was a memorable day because my fellow council members had the very first brainstorming session since the establishment of the PDD in 2003 to map out its future development and growth.

The session was held in a warm, cozy, and insulated room of a private restaurant. With the guidance of the moderator, all council members were encouraged to voice their impromptu ideas freely. Throughout the four-hour deliberations, discussions, and sincere exchanges of views, council members suggested to inject more resources into the following important domains:

a) To let the public know the core competencies of PDD members.
b) To get the government (in particular the Planning, Lands, and Buildings Departments, as well as the Development Bureau) to recognise PDD qualifications in its recruitment drives.
c) To increase membership by having more university courses gain PDD accreditation and multiple accreditation for HKIS members.
d) To provide structural learning and APCs for graduates and widen the training avenues for them, such as having secondments to the Planning, Lands, and Buildings Departments.
e) To promote PDD Surveyors through public relations or promotional campaigns to establish a well-defined PDD surveyor image.
f) To establish better governance within the PDD Council.

I totally concur with my council members that Item (a) above is vital to the road map for the growth and right direction of PDD surveyors. This induced a lot of council members, if not all those present, to proactively and constructively advocate their views on the necessary skills, knowledge, and competencies of a good PDD surveyor. After over two hours of discussions, council members reinforced and elaborated the qualities of a good PDD surveyor as follows:

a) knowledge and practical skills in town planning: this is of paramount importance and the council reckoned that they should not only be confined to Section 16 applications;
b) knowledge and practical skills in property development: it encapsulates, *inter alia*, feasibility studies, valuations, the Buildings Ordinance and other regulations, lease matters, project management, construction costing, building services, green buldings and construction technoogy; and
c) asset management, market research, and analyses of market trends.

PDD Brainstorming Session on 16 January 2016

Coming CPD Event

The PDD will organise a CPD talk on 13 March 2016. The topic is "Hong Kong's emerging co-working spaces – the shape of things to come?" It is our great pleasure to invite Mr Jimmy CF Leung as our speaker. Mr Leung is the government's former Director of Planning, an honorary professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Design at the The University of Hong Kong, and an adjunct professor in the Department of Geography and Resource Management at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Finally, I wish you all a Healthy, Joyful, Successful and Prosperous Year of the Monkey.