



### Planning & Development Division

Sr Prof James Pong PDD Council Chairman

Happy Chinese New Year! I wish you a healthy, peaceful, and successful Year of the Monkey!

I am delighted to inform members that on behalf of all PDD surveyors, Mr Francis Lam, who was our Past Chairman and currently a PDD Council Member, has been successfully elected Chairman of the HKIS's Board of Professional Development. This is the first time that the Board will be led by a PDD member.

With the company of the President of the HKIS, I, together with other Executive Committee Members and Chairmen of some of the HKIS's task forces, met the Director of Lands, Ms Bernadette Linn, and some of her senior officers on 22 February. It was an impromptu friendly and close gathering inside a cozy conference room of the Lands Department with the conference table and chairs removed. We were served some delicious snacks and drinks. During the close face-to-face conversations with the Director and her senior officers, I briefed them on the competence of PDD surveyors, as well as the nature of our members' work in the private sector.

I also delivered a sincere request to the Director for the Lands Department to consider accepting PDD graduates as some of its trainees. Her response was encouraging. With the concerted efforts of all my Council members, I shall follow up on this issue in the coming months.

Committee to liaise with the Government to plan for the future development of Lantau Island.

On the education front, our Council Members, Dr Tony Leung and Mr Edwin Tsang, met with students of Polytechnic University on 22 February. Their talk was well-received. I learned that a lot of students were interested in knowing more about the important work of PDD surveyors and how they could join the PDD ranks. I shall continue to put more emphasis on recruiting new blood to grow our membership, as well as focus on the career development of younger PDD surveyors.



On 2 February, I attended a media luncheon arranged by the HKIS, during which I met many media friends and news reporters. Aided by a few Powerpoint slides, I briefed them on the work of PDD surveyors and informed everyone that an Immediate Past Chairman of the PDD, Dr Tony Leung, would lead the HKIS's Lantau Development

## Upcoming CPD Event

- Topic:** Hong Kong's Emerging Co-working Spaces – the Shape of Things to Come?
- Speaker:** Mr Jimmy CF Leung (Former Director of Planning, HKSAR Government)
- Time and Venue:** 14 March 2016, 7-8:30 PM  
Surveyors Learning Centre

To better understand co-working spaces and their characteristics in Hong Kong, don't miss this valuable talk!