



### Planning & Development Division

Sr Prof James Pong PDD Council Chairman

The HKIS Retreat on 12 March was a good opportunity for Office Bearers and chairmen of the various divisions, boards, and committees to reflect upon and review what we have accomplished in the past, as well as to project what the HKIS should do in the future. For the PDD, its prime objective remains to enrich its membership in terms of quantity and quality. I certainly look forward to welcoming PDD constituents with diverse academic and technical backgrounds, as well as those of different ages and genders.



In order to encourage more young surveyors to join the PDD, the PDD Council recently proposed to the General Council changes in the HKIS Bye-Laws to lower the threshold for co-opting more YSG members into the PDD Council. The PDD's Honorary Secretary, Sr Victor Ng, is currently drafting such an amendment and I shall keep you posted on new developments in this area.

This Year, the PDD will hold its Annual General Meeting cum Annual Dinner at the World Trade Centre on 10 November 2016. It will be a great occasion for all PDD members to share in the fellowship and exchange contacts and work experiences. The PDD needs your support. Please mark your diaries and join us at this event, for which you may book your seats through the HKIS or through my personal assistant, Miss Cindy Zhao, at 2269-8715. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM and will be shortly followed by the Annual Dinner at 7:30 PM.

On 23 March, I attended the Financial Secretary's Budget Lunch at the Bankers'

Club in Central. During the luncheon, Mr John Tsang elaborated on his budget for 2016-2017. Although the painted economic outlook for the coming year seems a bit gloomy, Hong Kong's economy should be strong enough to withstand its challenges and PDD surveyors should continue to play an important role in the construction, planning, financial, and management sectors by contributing their quality professional advice and services.

### CPD Events

The CPD event, "Hong Kong's Emerging Co-working Spaces – the Shape of Things to Come?," was successfully held on 14 March and stimulated participants' thinking about co-working spaces in the planning and development of Hong Kong. We want to give a big thank-you to Mr Jimmy CF Leung for delivering such an informative talk.



### Upcoming CPDs

The PDD Council will schedule more CPD events in the coming months. The next CPD will be "Conservation of the built heritage: Can you contribute?" on 2 June 2016. For that, we have invited one of our council members, Sr Bay Wong, and Dr Lee Ho Yin of The University of Hong Kong to share their experiences on this topic with us and then follow through with site visits to historical memorial buildings. Details of this event will be published in Surveyors Times.