



Planning & Development Division
Sr Prof James Pong PDD Council Chairman

HKIS Charitable Foundation Limited

This year I was elected as the PDD's representative to the Board of Directors for a term of two years with the HKIS Charitable Foundation Limited (hereafter the Foundation). The Foundation was established by the HKIS on 9 April 2014 for the purpose of receiving voluntary donations and organising fundraising activities, as well as making monetary donations to provide relief or support to some academic researchers. I want to take this opportunity to appeal to our members to donate to the Foundation. The PDD will also take the initiative and make its best efforts to provide assistance and financial support to those in need.

Meeting with the Commissioner of the PRC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Song Zhe

On 20 May, I, together with other representatives of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services, attended a meeting with Commissioner Song Zhe of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong. During the meeting, Commissioner Song emphasized that Hong Kong, with its geographical advantages, well-established financial, dispute resolution and logistic hub, as well as the high international standards for its professionals and large talent pool, will definitely contribute to and share the benefits of China's initiative to foster global peace and development. Commissioner Song also highlighted the key role of Hong Kong's professionals in the China's "One belt, One road" plan. Hong Kong professionals, who have good knowledge and skills on planning, development, construction

coupled with the international perspectives and high English proficiency, can greatly facilitate the implementation of such initiative. Therefore, I am confident that there will be more opportunities for PDD surveyors, and we shall continue to provide our quality professional services in the planning, construction, financial and management sectors.



CPD Event

The CPD, "Provision of Age-Friendly Housing Units in the Private Sector," was held successfully on 24 May. A sincere thanks goes to Sr Hon Tony Tse for sharing his valuable ideas on age-friendly housing. During the event, the speaker and PDD members held a free-flowing discussion and experience-sharing session on elderly housing perspectives.



Upcoming CPDs

Following the CPD on the “Conservation of the Built Heritage” by Past President Sr Wong Bay and Dr Lee Ho Yin on 2 June 2016, we have arranged further site visits as part of the “Conversation Exploration Series” to some historic buildings.

Heritage Exploration Series – Site Visit 1 (FULL)

Location:

SCAD Savannah College of Art and Design at the Former North Kowloon Magistracy (北九龍裁判法院) and YHA Mei Ho House (美荷樓)

Date and Time:

18 June 2016 (Saturday), 10:30 AM to 1 PM

Details:

http://www.hkis.org.hk/pdd/en/professional_cpd2.php?id=3788

Heritage Exploration Series – Site Visit 2

Location:

Jao Tsung-I Academy(饒宗頤文化館建築群)

Date and Time:

2 July 2016 (Saturday), 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Conservation of historic buildings is currently a hot social topic. Hong Kong has 1,444 historic buildings and surveyors very frequently deal with them in terms of planning, revitalisation, A&A, and maintenance.

These site visits are joint event collaborations with YSG and the Heritage Working Group and guided by two honourable guest speakers – Sr Vincent Ho, Immediate Past President, and Sr Bay Wong, Past President.

These are distinguished site visit opportunities and we will arrange more with the Heritage Working Group in the future.

2016 HKIS Diploma Presentation

Congratulations to all new HKIS members, in particular our new Fellow Member Sr Stephen Chan, who is also a PDD member.



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