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Greetings for CNY

The Year of the Rooster calls and I would like to take the opportunity to wish all members, Office Bearers and members of the General Council, Divisional Councils, Young Surveyors Group, Boards, Panels, Committees, Forums, Working Groups, Liaison Groups and Task Forces a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Moves to fuel further growth

Our growth and development continue smoothly, with two new committee and working group already established and one committee in the pipeline to cope with our expansion. The Working Group on HKIS Long Term Branding Project pursues long-lasting and sustainable ways to elevate our image. We hope we will be able to consolidate a constant format this year and roll it out in all 18 districts of Hong Kong. As this year is the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China, we aim to mark the event by elevating our image and involving the public with more works and activities.

The specially formed Government Departments Liaison Committee should shortly be introducing various objectives to foster communications with Government related to its policies and industry-related issues. Last year we started liaising with Government departments so now a dedicated team has been formed to promote meetings and unofficial gatherings between Government and the surveying sector. I am also hoping for more frequent communications between the Government and our six divisions and the Young Surveyors Group.

While the Investment and Office Premises Committee is still in the pipeline, we have started planning with the ultimate goal of buying our own office as part of necessary

expansion. Having saved prudently, we have some funds sitting in the bank drawing low interest. Indeed, where practical, we should explore options to snowball returns. As a result, views and suggestions will be sought while studies will be conducted based on our established risk-management policies and rules.

Building our brand

The Working Group on HKIS Long Term Branding Project was officially formed with the first meeting held on January 10. Two competitions have already been proposed. One is aimed at students – a map-making competition supplemented with guided tours to encourage the students to consider surveying for their undergraduate studies and ultimately enter the surveying profession. There is also a cartoon competition open to HKIS members, which will be launched in March, a novel way for them to enhance the public's understanding of the responsibilities and duties of surveyors. The map-making competition will be launched in September, supported by an event secretariat.

Like us on Facebook

I urge members to regularly visit the HKIS Facebook page for updates on our latest developments and activities. There is no better way to keep your finger on the Institute's pulse than to go to www.facebook.com/hkisofficial. You must like the page to access it. From there, you will be constantly connected with us and be able to obtain lots of institutes' information.

Positive Policy Address

The HKIS welcomes the direction and commitment made by the Hong Kong Government on housing, land supply and Smart City development (spatial data sharing). We also urged Government on the establishment of the Building Repair and Maintenance Authority. Additionally, demand for professional services from regions in the Belt and Road initiative is strong, so we applaud the HK\$200 million earmarked to encourage studies and overseas study tours to Belt and Road countries. The HKIS therefore will actively look for funding opportunities.

Likewise, the Built Heritage Conservation Fund is under our radar because it subsidises professional bodies to study repair and conservation. The fund has already been involved in existing heritage building measures and works, such as the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme and the Financial Assistance for Maintenance Scheme. Two new subsidy schemes which were added in January 2017 touch on preservation of historic architecture with public participation and thematic studies. In future, the HKIS will consider assertively organising activities such as public education and community involvement.

Worrying delays in LegCo funding

Legislative Council funding delays last year triggered the postponement of infrastructure and building construction. Regrettably, such delays are likely to continue this year. HKIS expressed grave concern over these projects having to be halted. Such start-stop procedures set off a vicious cycle as industry development is affected. Logically, there must be reconciliation between Government and LegCo members to speed up funding approval and get work on these projects restarted.

Effort on green buildings

The HKIS is proud to take up the Chair of the Professional Green Building Council for the next two years. This two-year tenure means more forums and activities will be staged during that period. From the HKIS' perspective, we truly encourage members to join these activities and contribute their valued views.

New events need your participation

In February, we will hold our annual retreat, providing a very timely platform for Council members to brainstorm what more the HKIS should be doing about future goals. A luncheon talk by the Chief Executive on land and housing supply will also be held on 24 February co-organised by the HKIS, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), The Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP) and The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA). This will be followed by a joint institutes' CE Election forum in March co-organised by the HKIS, HKIA, HKIP and HKILA. We will invite all candidates to meet our 30 electing members. Obviously, your support is indispensable and we hope you can take part in it. Further details will be announced soon.

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踏入雞年，我在此恭祝全體會員、執行理事、理事會成員、各組別委員會成員、青年組成員、各委員會、政策組、議會、工作小組及聯絡小組成員新年快樂、身體健康、萬事如意。

精益求精

本會發展步伐穩健，現已增設兩個委員會和工作小組滿足發展需要。品牌推廣計劃工作小組務求以長遠、可持續的方式提升學會形象，我們希望在今年制訂長遠計劃，並將計劃推廣至全港十八區。適逢今年是香港回歸祖國二十週年，我們將舉辦更多項目和活動給公眾參與，從中提升學會形象。

此外，政府部門聯絡委員會即將推出多項計劃，促進本會與政府就政策及行業相關議題進行討論。我們去年開始與政府各部門溝通，如今已設立專責小組，推動政府與測量業界舉行會議及非官方聚會，我亦寄望政府與本

會六個專業組別及青年組加強溝通。

投資與購置辦公室研究工作小組仍在籌組當中，我們已展開計劃工作，最終目標是購置辦公室，以配合未來的發展需要。本會奉行審慎理財，現於銀行存有若干資金，但在低息的環境下，本會有必要根據實際情況，設法賺取更多回報。有見及此，我們將徵詢相關意見及建議，並按照風險管理政策及規定展開研究。

建立形象

本會已正式成立品牌推廣計劃工作小組，並於1月10日舉行首次會議，建議舉辦兩項比賽活動。第一項是為學生而設的地圖繪製比賽，當中包括導賞活動，藉此鼓勵學生入讀大學時修讀測量課程，畢業後投身測量業。另一項是為會員舉辦的漫畫設計比賽，該比賽於3月舉行，希望會員發揮創意，讓公眾更深入認識測量師的職責和職務。而地圖繪製比賽將於9月舉行，由活動秘書處協助統籌。

讚好 HKIS Facebook

本會將定期在 Facebook 專頁更新發展動向及活動，歡迎會員定期到訪本會的 Facebook 專頁 www.facebook.com/hkisofficial，緊貼本會最新動向。會員只要點擊讚好專頁，今後即可時刻與我們保持聯繫，獲取各種各樣的會本會資訊。

對施政報告持正面態度

本會贊同香港政府在房屋、土地供應及發展智能城市（分享空間數據）等方面的施政方針和承諾，同時我們亦致請政府成立樓宇維修工程監管局。此外，鑒於一帶一路沿線地區對專業服務的需求殷切，政府撥款兩億港元鼓勵業界開展研究，以及到沿線國家進行交流，本會對此表示歡迎，亦將積極爭取撥款。

另外，本會亦有意申請保育歷史建築基金。該基金旨在資助專業機構進行歷史建築的修復及保育研究，如今已應用於現有歷史建築措施和項目，例如活化歷史建築伙伴計劃及維修資助計劃。基金於2017年1月推出兩個新資助計劃，當中涉及公眾參與和專題研究的歷史建築保育工作。本會未來將考慮舉辦活動，加強公眾教育及社區參與度。

立法會撥款延誤令人擔憂

立法會去年工程撥款審批的拖延，導致部分基建及建築工程被逼押後，而今年亦很可能重蹈覆轍，情況令人擔憂。本會對有關情況深表關注，若工程展開不久即被剎停，即會影響業界發展，並導致惡性循環。情理上，政府與立法會議員應儘快協商，加快審批撥款程序，重新展開工程。

為環保建築出一分力

本會很榮幸於未來兩年出任環保建築專業議會的主席機構，我們於任期內將舉辦更多論壇及活動，亦衷心鼓勵本會會員參與其中，並提出寶貴意見。

踴躍參與新活動

我們於二月舉行年度退修會，理事會成員可藉此集思廣益，討論如何使學會精益求精，完成未來發展目標。此外，本會將於二月二十四日與香港工程師學會、香港建築師學會、香港規劃師學會及香港園境師學會合辦午餐會，屆時行政長官將就土地及房屋供應發表演講。其後，本會將於三月與香港建築師學會、香港規劃師學會及香港園境師學會合辦行政長官選舉論壇，邀請各候選人與本界別30名選委會面。以上活動極需會員支持，請各位踴躍參與。有關詳情將於稍後公布。

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