



Building Surveying Division
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Scholarship Presentation Ceremony: HKIS Building Surveying Scholarship for Secondary School Students 2016 and the Eddie Lee Memorial Education Foundation (ELMEF)

The joint scholarship presentation ceremony for the HKIS BS Scholarship and ELMEF occurred on 2 March. This year, there was an overwhelming attendance of around 80 including awardees, guests, counsellors, and school staff, at the event. We were delighted to have the HKIS OBs, President Sr Thomas Ho, and Vice President Sr Dr Tony Leung, in attendance. For the BS Scholarship, there were ten awardees for the Stage I scholarship and two for the Stage II scholarship. Under the ELMEF, six probationers outperformed in the APC and, therefore, also deserved scholarships.

It was great to see a lot of networking and chit-chatting after the ceremony between the awardees and their fellow building surveyors. I want to take this chance to express my heartfelt thanks to the Scholarship Chairman, Sr Dr Daniel Ho, and Organising Committee members, Sr Peter Dy, Sr Henry Chau, Sr Jason Law, and Sr Lorraine Chan, for their continual efforts in organising this event.



Mutual Recognition Agreement with the China Association of Engineering Consultants (CAEC)

As mentioned in *Surveyors Times* last year, 2017 will mark the tenth anniversary of the signing of the mutual recognition agreement with the CAEC. To commemorate this important moment, a working group has been formed to work with its Mainland counterpart to arrange a series of events. In order to seek members' opinions on the activities to be organised, their willingness to work in China, and future mutual recognition with the CAEC, a questionnaire was issued to them on 17 February. A briefing session was held on 14 March to deliver the results of the questionnaire and exchange views with members on the subject. Those who responded showed an interest in working in China and supported the renewal of the mutual recognition agreement. Particularly noteworthy was a suggestion that market information on supervising engineers should be provided so that Hong Kong-based members would have a better understanding of the changes in the industry. On the activities front, technical talks/seminars, site visits, and liaisons with PRC officials were suggested. To this end, the working group will review the results of the questionnaire and formulate a plan in the coming months.

Building Surveyor Awards 2017

The deadline for BSA 2017 nominations closed on 28 February. Nineteen projects spanning three categories (new developments, A&A and conversion, and maintenance & rehabilitation) were received. In the coming weeks, the Jury Sub-committee will be very busy screening projects, conducting site visits, and shortlisting finalists. There will be a finalist presentation to the Jury Panel during a CPD event on 29 April. Members should note this date on their calendars and take this opportunity to learn from the great efforts of their fellow surveyors.

Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2016

Members may remember the Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme that was brought up in 2015, for which the BSD spent substantial efforts to safeguard members' interest. At this point, the relevant Bill was passed by LegCo on 1 March. In the future, the HKIS will be consulted when a law, such as those that established a registration committee and RFE qualifications, is proposed. With an RFE scheme in place, fire risk assessments and certifications of licence premises could be handled by private practitioners. I encourage young and interested members to keep this opportunity in mind.



Hong Kong Façade Association Seminar

The Hong Kong Façade Association invited the BSD as its supporting organisation for a half-day seminar titled, "Inspection and Maintenance of Old Buildings in Hong Kong". The seminar was held on 22 March with different professionals presenting their knowledge of and experience in the subject. We were delighted to have our Past President cum Past BSD Chairman, Sr Vincent Ho, present the theme of "Façade Inspection in a Dilemma," which aims to highlight the difficulties of conducting façade inspections and suggests considerations that strive for good façade designs.



Building Rehabilitation Platform from the Urban Renewal Authority

The HKIS BSD suggested establishing a Building Maintenance and Repair Authority in 2014 and continues to pitch this initiative to the Government. Despite the Government's unenthusiastic response, the BSD is glad to see that the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) will enhance its support to building owners who face the dilemma of making major repairs to their buildings. On 15 March, the URA held a briefing session with practitioners by introducing the "Building Rehabilitation Platform," which is an informative arena that provides contract documents & specifications, vendor lists, standards, dispute resolution tips, etc. The President, several BSD representatives, and Professional Building Surveying Consultants Association of Hong Kong (PBSCA) members joined this event, which was the URA's first step in rendering documentation-based support to the public. We trust that other forms of in-process support, such as works quality audits, will follow.

Construction Industry Alliance Rally

In view of LegCo's delay in funding approval for public works, the Construction Industry Alliance, of which the HKIS is a member, organised a rally on 19 March outside the LegCo Building. Its purposes were to express the concerns of the construction sector and highlight the effects of the delay on the livelihoods of practitioners ranging from consultants to contractors and workers, as well as their families. The HKIS

President was on the stage to stress the importance of public works and infrastructure for the development and betterment of Hong Kong. BSD Council members Sr Peter Dy, Sr Henry Chau, and I also attended to show our support for the President.



《香港測量師學會建築測量組暨李樹城紀念教育基金獎學金》頒獎禮於本年3月2日圓滿結束。頒獎典禮吸引逾80嘉賓出席，師生與建築測量同業踴躍交流，場面熱鬧。在此再次恭喜得獎同學及專業評核試考生，並特此感謝獎學金專責小組委員歷年來的努力。

為慶祝與中國建設監理協會（CAEC）互認十週年，學會工作小組於2月17日向建築測量會員發佈網上問卷，蒐集會員對相關活動的建議和參與內地工作的意向。調查結果簡介會於3月14日舉行，參與網上問卷的會員對延續互認表示歡迎，其中更有建議為在港會員提供內地監理市場資訊，以便掌握內地業界動向。學會工作小組將於未來數月擬訂活動時間表，請密切留意。

第二屆建築測量師大獎（BSA 2017）於2月28日截止報名。今年我們一共收到19個參賽項目，入選決賽的隊伍將於4月29日向評審委員簡介參賽項目，此觀摩活動同為會員CPD，萬勿錯過！

《2016年消防（修訂）條例草案》於2017年3月1日於立法會恢復二讀辯論並通過。學會將繼續支援立法會起草該項條例，在此鼓勵各位年輕測量師密切留意，深入認識此專項的發展機會。

建築測量組應香港建築幕牆裝飾協會（HKFA）邀請，以支持機構身份參與3月22日《樓宇保養檢查》研討會。前會長何鉅業測量師更以外牆檢查為題，分享有利維修的外牆設計。

學會自2014年積極與政府商討成立《樓宇維修工程監管局》，雖然至今未有落實，但喜見市區重建局將推出《樓宇復修資訊平台》，提供招標文件範本及承建商名單等，為需進行大型維修的小業主提供支援。市區重建局首度為市民提供維修保養的參考文件，寄望下階段能為業主提供施工期的監管協助。

學會代表於3月19日參與建造業大聯盟集會，會長更到台上發言，說明基建項目為香港帶來的整體利益，促請立法會正視撥款延誤對建造業從業員生計的影響。

多年來，建築測量師透過學會及組別層面參與各式各樣的義工服務，最近發起的綠化天台義工隊更是引起社會各界的關注。義務工作發展局（AVS）亦就此邀請我們到3月21日的義工服務座談會，擔任講者分享其中面對的挑戰及知識共享。



Voluntary Services on Green Roof Inspection

Over the years, the HKIS and BSD have been carrying out different types of voluntary services for the community. Inspired by the BSD's voluntary services for green roof safety inspections, the Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS) invited the BSD to deliver a talk on 21 March to enlighten the audience on the voluntary services it had undertaken jointly with the HKILA, challenges it faced, and the knowledge transferred. The presentation was jointly presented by Sr Kenny Tse and Sr Henry Chau and supported by heavyweight veteran Sr David Chan.

The speakers used this opportunity to inform the public on surveyors' contributions to Hong Kong's social needs.