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1. Seminar: Surveying Practice – Art and Science Combined with Positive Energy, 1 June 2017 (Reported by Mr Gareth Chan, YSG CPD Sub-Committee Member)

Throughout the presentation by Sr William Ho, members enhanced their capabilities by listening to him describe his valuable experiences, which he passionately shared to summarise several key elements of his success in the surveying practice. He also showed how to prepare oneself as a professional surveyor, protect oneself from trouble, uphold dignity without spoiling one's work relationships with one's partners, work as a team with different parties, along with the importance of maintaining one's diligence at work and the necessity of good time management in one's daily life.



Souvenir Presentation to Sr William Ho

After hearing Sr Ho's speech, members not only understood more about professional ethics, but also how to evaluate themselves, both of which are undoubtedly important for professional surveyors.

2. Seminar for Current Problems and the Future Development of Public Open Spaces, 2 June 2017 (Reported by Ms Candy Ho, YSG CPD Sub-Committee Member)

Mr Jeffrey Wong presented the concept and development of public spaces in three main aspects: academic, practical, and his own promotional experience. After introducing the definition and importance of public space, he revealed the dilemma behind and concerns among different stakeholders, including the government, the general public, urban designers, and the business sector, over their use. There is a need to achieve an optimal balance between formality, informality, public utilisation, and marketability here.

Open space is categorised at the regional, district, and local levels. Statistics show that the existing amount of open space in Hong Kong's various districts, mainly in urban areas such as Mongkok and Wan Chai, did not meet the minimum amount suggested in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), since these areas were already densely-populated before the introduction of the open space concept. The provision of additional open spaces in those areas largely lay with those in private developments, as required by their land leases.

In addition, Mr Wong shared his experience in place-making and promoting public open spaces, including the "Walk DVRC – Des Voeux Road Central Initiative" and "Design Our Dream Park" Yau Ma Tei Community Project. He recommended involving the community in the planning, design, construction, and management of public open spaces, so as to foster greater social cohesion and create a sense of place.



Souvenir Presentation to Mr Jeffrey Wong, Immediate Past Chair of the HKIP YPG, Secretary General of HKPSI, & Founder of LEAPS



3. Visit to Hong Kong Observatory Headquarters, 10 June 2017 (Jointly Organised by the QSD & YSG and Reported by Sr Gigi Mok, YSG CPD Convener)



Participants Group Photo



Seismometer Used from the 1950s to 1970s



Pendulum Clock Used from the 1950s to 1960s



Introductions to Fury of the Elements and Earthquake and Tsunami



Logo of the Royal Observatory Hong Kong used before 1 July 1997

4. Drone Applications and Developments in Relation to Industries (Session 2), 10 June 2017 (Jointly Organised by the PDD & YSG and Reported by Sr Victor Ng, PDD & YSG CPD Convener)



Participants Group Photo



Souvenir Presentation to Mr Rickson Chow, President of the International Unmanned Aircraft Systems Association



Lucky Draw of Mini Aircraft Systems for participants

5. Kowloon East – a Smart City Pilot Area, 5 July 2017 (Reported by Ms Noel Chi, YSG CPD Sub-Committee Member)

At this seminar, a speaker from Energising Kowloon East, Ms Joyce Tang, presented the development of Kowloon East as a smart city pilot project. The goal is to transform Kowloon East into another attractive CBD in Hong Kong. Examples such as Fly the Flyover Operation and the replacement of traffic directional signs were raised to illustrate how different urban development solutions facilitate connectivity, enhance the environment, and unleash a district's development potential. Moreover, the establishment of a smart city framework to achieve a green and smart neighbourhood was explained. Last, but not least, the My Kowloon East Mobile App was introduced and the audience learned about the concept of "Walkable Kowloon East" using information and communications technology.

During the Q&A session, some issues regarding the ongoing initiatives in Kowloon East (e.g. environmentally friendly links and kerbside loading/unloading bay monitoring systems) were discussed. Joyce explained the constraints and challenges to implementing various smart city initiatives.



Souvenir Presentation to Ms Joyce Tang, Representative of Energising Kowloon East

