



**Young Surveyors Group**  
Sr Chris Mook YSG Committee Chairman

## Young QS Programme of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) Congress

(Reported by YSG Hon Secretary, Sr Karen Wong)

The PAQS Congress is held every year in a country located along the Pacific Rim. This year, it was held in Vancouver, Canada.

The Young QS programme, which has met every year since 2012, had a successful meeting from 21-22 July. Two YSG members, Sr Frank Poon and I, attended the Programme and met nearly 20 young QSs from Brunei, Canada, China, Japan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand.

The two-day programme provided a platform for younger QSs from the above countries to share their experiences and backgrounds. The theme of this year's Congress was "Green Developments: the New Era". During the sharing session, participants were introduced to the implementation of the latest green technologies and methodologies in each country such as prefabricated construction in China, the Comprehensive Assessment System for Built Environment Efficiency (CASBEE) and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) in Japan, and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Building Guidelines (EEC) in Brunei.

On the second day of the programme, the group visited Vancouver Lookout to discover how geography and natural resources spurred Vancouver's growth and learn the facts on Vancouver's history, infrastructure, local community, current trends, and future expansion.

The PAQS Congress and Young QS Programme serve as the glue that connects quantity

surveyors around the world in many ways. The Young QS Programme offers wonderful networking opportunities for younger QSs from different countries to network in a relaxed atmosphere and exchange information on the current industry, their professions, and community affairs. Everyone enjoyed this year's programme very much and look forward to meeting each other again in the future.



## YSG Social Event: Wine-Pairing & Knowledge-Learning Workshop (22 July)

YSG invited Mr Louis Wong, the sommelier of the Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET), to host a wine-pairing workshop.

During this 2.5-hour event, participants learned the way sommeliers savour wine. The first steps of wine-tasting – noting the colour, nosing, tasting, and after-tasting – were taught in detail. After that, participant tried to pair the various canapés (e.g. cheeses and hams) with their approximate red and white wine counterparts from different origins. Most participants were amazed by the enrichment of the in-mouth impressions of both wines and foods which they experienced during the wine pairing.

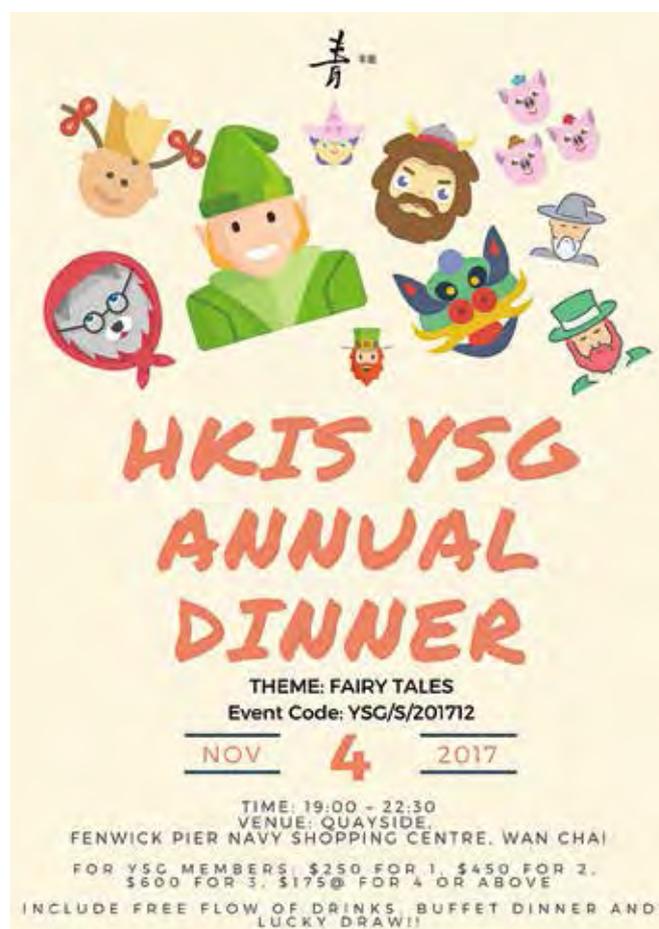
By teaching our younger members the proper ways to savour wine, Louis hoped that they will know how to select suitable wines by themselves. He finally encouraged the participants to take good care of their sense of taste for exploring the vast world of red and white wines. Special thanks go to YSG Committee member Sr Alice Ko for organising this enjoyable event.



## Upcoming YSG Annual Dinner 2017 (4 November)

The YSG Annual Dinner 2017 will be held at Quayside located near the Wan Chai Pier. The theme of this year's dinner is "Fairy Tale World". A nice buffet dinner, exciting games, and awesome lucky prize draw are on the itinerary, so it should certainly be a cheerful night to meet new friends!

Prizes will be given to the best-dressed King and Queen, so prepare to dress yourselves up for this night! Seats are limited, so please register ASAP. If you register with your friends, you will receive the maximum 30 per cent discount!



## Upcoming YSG Study Tour 2017: Harbin (14-19 October)

We look forward to seeing our younger members register for this study tour to Harbin.

EVENT CODE	2017150
DESTINATION	HARBIN, CHINA
DATE	14 OCT (SAT) - 19 OCT (THUR) 2017
CPD HOURS	16
FEE	HK\$4500 PER PERSON (SHARE BEDROOM) +HK\$1350 FOR SINGLE ROOM
QUOTA	20
DEADLINE	Registration Extended to 8 Sep 2017
ORGANIZER	YOUNG SURVEYORS GROUP



## Wanted: Young Surveying Guys and Gals!

If you are interested in serving as a guest speaker at a career talk or as an OC or helper during YSG events, please kindly e-mail us at [ysg@hkis.org.hk](mailto:ysg@hkis.org.hk). Please also feel free to attend our monthly regular meetings and refer to our Facebook page, "HKIS Young Surveyors Group 香港測量師學會青年組," for the latest information.

The dates of the upcoming YSG meetings are as follows (all held at 7:00pm in the HKIS boardroom):

- 19/09/2017 (Tue)
- 10/10/2017 (Tue)
- 17/11/2017 (Fri) AGM



## Photos of the Month

**YSG Committee and Co-opted Members@Drinks Gatherings with the Buildings Department on 11 August and the Planning Department on 16 August**

(PS – these two events represent valuable opportunities for our committee and co-opted members to meet with directors and senior officials of these government departments.)