



Planning & Development Division  
Sr Prof James Pong PDD Council Chairman

## Visit to BAUS Students at HKU

On 6 October, I, together with PDD Council Members Sr Bay WONG, Sr Francis LAM, Sr Edwin TSANG, and Sr Victor NG, went to HKU to brief students of the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS) programme on the work of planning & development surveyors and the potential job opportunities in this field, as well as shared our work experiences with them. Many of the students inquired about the routes they needed to follow in order to become professional surveyors in Hong Kong. I look forward to having more interactions and forging stronger bonds with the students in the coming years.



- Sr Tony TSE, BBS, LegCo Member (Architectural, Surveying & Planning), 2012-2016
- Sr WONG Bay, Chairman of the Hong Kong Green Building Council
- Ir Cary CHAN, Executive Director of the Hong Kong Green Building Council
- Mr KM SO, Chairperson of the BEAM Society Limited
- Sr Thomas HO, HKIS President
- Mr Benny CHAN, Honorary Treasurer of the HKIA
- Mr WONG Tak Yip, President of the HKILA
- Mr Ivan TAM, President of the HKICS
- Cr TANG Chi wang, President of the HKICM

I was introduced by the masters of ceremony, Sr Victor NG and Miss Michelle YEUNG (student in the HKU BAUS programme), before making a short speech followed by tossing glasses before the dinner began. The dinner featured great food, fine French wine (Burgundy white, La Cases, and Haut Laffite red), soft live music from some members of the HKIS Surveyors' Band, and lucky draws. The whole banquet hall was filled with chats, joy, and laughter. I want to once again thank our organising committee members for their excellent planning and arrangement, without which the annual dinner could not have been so successful.

## 2017 PDD Annual Dinner

On 13 October, the 2017 PDD Annual Dinner was successfully held at the Craigengower Cricket Club in Causeway Bay, Hong Kong. Ten tables were booked and occupied by over 125 diners. Many honourable guests attended this dinner including:

- The Deputy Researcher of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR Education and Technology Ministry
- Dr CHEUNG Tin Cheung, JP, Director of Buildings
- Sr Marco WU, GBS, SBS, JP, Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society
- Sr Victor SO, SBS, JP, Chairman of the Urban Renewal Authority
- Ir Eric MA, GBS, JP, Principal Consultant of the Hong Kong Science & Technology Park



## 2017 Building Surveyors' Conference

On 14 October, I attended the BS conference as an HKIS General Council member and sponsor of the conference, which was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tseung Kwan O. I was particularly impressed by the talk delivered by Sr Samson Wong on how to turn the risks building surveyors encounter into opportunities.



## Meeting the Director of Lands

On 16 October, I met the Director of Lands, Mr Thomas CHAN, JP, and his colleagues including the Deputy Director of Lands, Ms Karen CHAN; and the Assistant Directors Mr Albert CHEUNG, Mr Ray LEUNG, and Mr Alan LO at their North Point Government Office. Instead of a formal meeting, the Lands officials hosted a casual after-work party for all HKIS GC members and various HKIS working group members. There were nice snacks and drinks to enjoy and we exchanged some views on land policy and administration matters during this gathering.



## Passing the Torch

Finally, this is my very last chairman's message to you before I hand over the reins to the next PDD Council. To briefly recap some of my accomplishments over the past two years: during my tenure there were 14 CPDs covering a diverse range of topics from underground space developments to field visits for heritage conservation purposes and factory visits in China. The PDD Annual Conference 2017, which was well-received, was held in a hotel for the very first time. Furthermore, the 125 participants at our Annual Dinner 2017 broke the record for the number of attendees at an annual dinner. Furthermore, a closer and stronger bond developed between HKU BAUS students and the PDD Council and PDD membership increased by eight per cent during my term.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the past chairmen, all office bearers, and council members for their unfailing support, without which I could not have completed these two years at the helm so efficiently and smoothly. I expect the next council to be even more successful by continuing to increase membership without lowering standards and recruiting more new blood from the ranks of students and graduates of newly-accredited university courses, which will definitely provide the necessary impetus for the PDD's future growth.

## Upcoming CPD

The following is the upcoming PDD CPD event in the fourth quarter of 2017. We look forward to seeing you in the event.

23 Nov 2017 (Thur), 7 pm – 8:30 pm at HKIS SLC  
(Rescheduled from 9 October 2017)

CPD Talk by Dr Li Xin from City University of Hong Kong

Topic: Brownfield: Past, Present and Future

In December, we have invited Ms Rebecca Woo to hold a CPD sharing & casual dinner at K11 about their retail model. Details will be posted on HKIS website later.