



Quantity Surveying Division
Sr Raymond Kong QSD Council Chairman

Visit by the President of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) (24 April 2019)

The President of ICES, Mr Chris Preston, visited the Institute on 24 April. He was accompanied by the CEO, Mr Bill Pryke; the Chairman of ICES (Hong Kong Region), Mr Daniel Sum; and a delegation of eight. I had the pleasure to attend the meeting along with Sr Paul Wong (HKIS Honorary Treasurer and QSD Past Chairman), Sr Thomas Ho (HKIS Past President and QSD Past Chairman), Sr Amelia Fok (QSD Vice Chairperson), Sr Dr Lesly Lam (LSD Chairman), and Sr Michael Wong (LSD Council member).

During the meeting, Mr Preston and Mr Pryke briefly updated everyone on ICES's recent developments and its membership status, as well as the benefits of reciprocal membership for members of both institutes. In return, Sr Paul Wong and I updated everyone on the QSD's issues of membership and reciprocal membership interviews.

In recent years, ICES (Commercial Management) and the QSD have jointly organised CPD events in Hong Kong and Macau. During the meeting, both parties agreed to not only continue conducting joint CPDs, but other joint functions as well, including:

1. Seminars to explain to ICES members the requirements for reciprocal membership along with the reciprocity agreement route
2. Mentoring workshops for ICES members on the reciprocal membership interview
3. Social events and YSG activities



Sharing Session on Singapore's Implementation of Prefabricated and Prefinished Volumetric Construction (10 and 18 April 2019)

In the February issue of *Surveyors Times*, I reported that I led a team of QSD members to visit our Singapore counterpart, the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV), and other organisations in January.

QSD Chairpersons Sr Amelia Fok and Sr Sunny Choi, QSD Immediate Past Chairman Sr Raymond Kam, QSD Past Chairman Sr Paul Wong, and I delivered two CPD talks to members on 10 and 18 April to share the details of the meeting. The sharing session covered the implementation of PPVC in Singapore (including

Design for Manufacturing & Assembly [DfMA]; the flow of PPVC's application from design and off-site fabrication to on-site installation; the challenges, procurement arrangements, and financial implications; etc), and the application of PPVC (MiC) to Hong Kong.



The QSD has been consolidating the information collected during its Singapore visit. After delivering the said two talks to QSD members, it is preparing a report that will include PPVC, BIM, and the Security of Payment Act for future sharing with members.

The 1st QSD Social Event: Photography Class (3, 8-9 April 2019)

This is the first QSD social event of 2018-2019. Two theory classes were held at a Tsim Sha Tsui workshop on 3 and 8 April and one practice session was held in Admiralty on 9 April. Members learnt some fundamental photography skills and practiced taking amazing night scenery photos. My heartfelt thanks go to the HKIS Honorary Treasurer and QSD Past Chairman, Sr Paul Wong, who came to lend his support; QSD Social and Welfare Chairperson, Sr Christina Wong and her associate Sr Frank Poon, for successfully organising this event; and all QSD members who participated in it.



QSD APC Workshops (8 and 15 June 2019)

In order to help candidates familiarise themselves with the QSD APC Parts I and II requirements, the QSD arranges two Part I workshops and two Part II workshops each year. The schedule of the 2019 QSD APC workshops is as follows:

Part I APC workshops: 30 March (done) & 8 June
Part II APC workshops: 6 April (done) & 15 June

The Part I workshop includes a briefing on the requirements for and assessment criteria of the Part I APC and reviews the questions of and expected answers to the Part I written assessment held in recent years.

The Part II workshop aims to help candidates gain a better understanding of the requirements and techniques for solving the written practical problems of the APC Part II using critical and analytical thinking. It focuses on the ways to identify the key issues in different types of questions; the expected answers from previous papers; the focus on interviews, diaries, and logbooks; and PQSL training.

During each APC workshop, there will be a forum for candidates to learn more about the assessors' expectations. It will include discussions held in small groups, each of which will be led by an experienced assessor, so interaction is expected between assessors and candidates. Topics will include both pre- and post-contract issues.

2019 QSD Annual Dinner (31 May 2019)

Members are cordially invited to join the 2019 QSD Annual Dinner, which is scheduled for 31 May (Friday) at the Grand Ballroom of the Royal Plaza Hotel in Mongkok. Please mark this important event in your diaries.

Last year's dinner attracted a full house of 33 tables. This year is the HKIS and QSD's 35th anniversary. It is the QSD's pleasure to invite Ir Lam Sai-hung, JP, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) of the HKSAR Government, as its Guest of Honour. In addition, I have invited other honourable guests, sponsors, HKIS Office Bearers and EC members, QSD Past Chairpersons, and fellow members to join the dinner.

As you may already know, it is a QSD tradition to hire famous artists to serve as dinner MCs and performers. I believe everyone will enjoy this event and reunite with old friends from the surveying profession, other professional institutions, and government service, as well as make new ones.

Please check the link below to download the Standard Reservation Form for the 2019 QSD Annual Dinner and register.

https://www.hkis.org.hk/en/professional_cpd2.html?id=4683

I look forward to meeting you and your guests there.

Assessment of Professional Competence Parts I and II Written Assessments Final Assessment 2019 (Part I: 14 August 2019; Part II: 11-12 September 2019)

The schedule of the APC Final Assessment 2019 is as follows:

Type of Assessment	Part I Written Assessment	Part II Written Assessment
Date	14 August 2019	11-12 September 2019
Application Deadline	12:30 pm, 29 June 2019 (Saturday)	
Venue	Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre (KITEC)	

Probationers who wish to sit for the APC Written Assessment(s) 2019 must complete the form and return it to the HKIS Secretariat by **no later than 12:30 pm, Saturday, 29 June 2019**. Late submission will not be accepted. The application form could be download from (https://hkis.org.hk/en/professional_apc.html?division=QSD&S=5)

The current QSD APC system has been followed since 2012. Candidates should refer to the *Rules and Guide to the Assessment of Professional Competence Quantity Surveying Division*, which could be downloaded from (<https://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/papers/qsd/APCQS-RuleNGuide.pdf>) for more details.

Candidates should also note that starting this year, the answers to the APC Assessment will be based on *HKSM4 Building Works* (Fourth Edition), which has been revised to incorporate Corrigenda 1. A copy of this work is available for sale at the HKIS Secretariat.

Security of Payment Act: Learn from our Singapore Counterparts

Three senior members of the SISV have kindly accepted an invitation to attend the QSD Annual Dinner on 31 May 2019.

During their stay in Hong Kong, they will deliver a talk to QSD members on Singapore's Security of Payment Act on 30 May 2019. The QSD will announce more details of this talk once they become available.

Appointment of QSD member to the Housing Authority

I am delighted to share the news that Sr Cheung Tat Tong, JP have been re-appointed by the Chief Executive to the Housing Authority for the third term from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021. And Sr Leung Hing Fung continued to serve the Housing Authority Committees.

Sr Cheung Tat Tong, JP – re-appointed as member of the Housing Authority, Chairman of Tender Committee, member of Strategic Planning Committee, member of Building Committee and member of the Audit Sub-Committee.

Sr Leung Hing Fung - member of Building Committee and member of Tender Committee.

I would like to congratulate Sr Cheung Tat Tong and Sr Leung Hing Fung on the appointments and express my gratitude for their meritorious contributions to society.