



Property & Facility Management Division
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Property Management Service Ordinance

The Legislative Council's Panel of Home Affairs (hereafter the Panel) discussed two LC Papers [Nos.CB(2)1662/18-19(01) and CB(2)1662/18-19(02)] on 24 June. The papers concerned the licencing regime proposed by the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA). Members of the Panel noted that under the Property Management Services Ordinance (PMSO, Cap.626), a property management company (PMC) had to fulfill all of the licencing criteria, including the minimum number of employees holding property management practitioner (PMP) licences, the company's suitability to hold a PMC licence, etc., which the PMSA would set out in the subsidiary legislation to enact the licencing regime.

Panel members generally considered it necessary for the PMSA to strike the right balance between the regulatory requirements and facilitating the development of the trade to formulate its proposals. However, members also noted a lack of licencing criteria in terms of academic and professional qualifications, along with work experience, in the draft, *Property Management Services (Licencing and Related Matters) Regulation* (Cap.626 sub. Leg. B), which the PMSA submitted to the Panel. Thus, members urged the PMSA to consult the trade as soon as practicable in respect of the licencing criteria and allow ample time for the trade and authorities to reach a consensus before submitting the relevant subsidiary legislation to LegCo for scrutiny. The PMSA followed up on this and took into account the views of all stakeholders concerning the draft's subsidiary legislation's finalisation.

To gauge the views of different stakeholders, the PMSA will hold separate briefing sessions on the proposed licencing regime for the property management industry on 8 and 12 August 2019. Members are welcome to join these sessions to reflect their views and let the PMSA understand

the industry's mode of operation so that it could formulate a practical licencing regime that will benefit both HKIS members and the property management industry.

Research Project

The PFMD has commissioned the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to conduct a research project – *A Study on the Use of Building Information Modelling in the Property/Facility Management in Hong Kong*. In order to collect the opinions of PFMD members on the barriers to and enablers of the use of BIM, a questionnaire survey will be sent to them. I seek members' kind assistance in completing the questionnaire when they receive it. After that, the survey data will be analysed to identify BIM's major barriers and enablers.

Mutual Recognition of Membership with the RICS

After the Memorandum of Mutual Recognition with the RICS was signed on 11 April, the HKIS has received many enquiries and applications from RICS members who have qualified as chartered facilities management surveyors for admission as professional members of the PFMD. Professional interview panels have been arranged to verify the applicants' professional competence and suitability for admission into the Division, which wants to recruit more high-calibre and experienced RICS members to expand the HKIS's catchment in the PFM surveying practice.