



Property & Facility Management Division Sr Daniel Hui PFMD Council Chairman

This has been a fruitful year for the PFMD. A number of issues and events were or will be successfully accomplished. Many quality CPD events were organised and received an overwhelming response. From these, members enriched their technical knowledge.

Below I will summarise the major activities organised and tasks performed this year for members' reference.

1. Research Studies

The PFMD commissioned The Hong Kong Polytechnic University to conduct a study, "The Use of Building Information Modelling (BIM) in the Property/Facility Management Industry in Hong Kong". The objectives of this study were to identify the barriers to and enablers of the use of BIM and recommend ways to promote the use of BIM by PFM practitioners in Hong Kong. The principal investigator of this study, which commenced in May, is Dr Joseph Lai. The literature on the barriers to and enablers of the use of BIM and cases of successful BIM applications in PFM were reviewed. A questionnaire survey was issued to solicit the opinions of PFMD members on the use of BIM. The study should be completed by December 2019 and a CPD will be arranged to let members understand the details of and findings from this study.

2. Regulation of the Property and Facility Management Industry

The Property Management Services Authority (PMSA) launched a public consultation on the Licencing Regime for Property Management Companies and Property Management Practitioners on 21 November 2018. The PFMD conducted a detailed study and submitted its results on 18 January 2019. Its main concerns were as follows:

- a. The definition of and differentiation between seven categories of property management services were not clear.
- b. The education background and professional requirements of the Tier 1 property management practitioners were too low.

To uphold the professionalism and status of property management practitioners, the HKIS was compelled to arrange a press conference with other property management institutions and the registration board to lodge their complaints. Then they arranged a forum to further discuss this matter on 11 January 2019. The former Chief Executive Officer, Mr Thomas Leung, and General Manager (Regulatory), Mr Kevin Cheung, were invited to brief members on the proposal and let them gain a better understanding of it, as well as exchange views. Over 100 members joined this forum. Due to the significant impact of the licencing regime on practitioners, the attendees raised many questions and the event did not end until 9pm.

After receiving the PFMD's comments, the PMSA fine-tuned the proposal and submitted it to LegCo's Home Affairs Panel, but the PMSA was asked to consult more property management practitioners before



re-submitting the proposal. Another round of consultation was arranged in August and the PFMD responded proactively to safeguard the interests of its members.

In August, the PFMD worked with the HKIS to prepare all documents and information for submission to the PMSA on how to apply to become a recognised professional body (RPB). The PFMD has just been informed that the PMSA has recognised the HKIS as one of the world's top RPBs. Any corporate member who possesses the required academic qualifications and relevant property management work experience is eligible to apply for the PMP (Tier 1) Licence.

3. Congratulations

It was my honour to congratulate The Honourable Sr Tony Tse, BBS; Sr Professor Eddie Hui, MH; and Sr Dick Kwok, who have been re-appointed/appointed as the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Member of the PMSA, respectively, for a period of three years each with effect from 1 December 2019. The PFMD appreciates their great efforts in upholding and promoting the professionalism and status of PFM surveyors and hopes that its success will continue with their unfailing support.

4. CPD Events and Site Visits

With the continued support from various Council Members, including CPD Committee Members, the PFMD successfully conducted 11 quality CPD events (listed below) from January to October 2019. These CPD events attracted the interest of many members and received very good feedback and comments.

Date	Event	Speaker(s)
11 January	Discussion Forum on the Proposed Licencing Regime for Property Management Companies and Practitioners	Mr Thomas Leung & Mr Kevin Cheung
17 January	2018: A Year of Revolutionary Change to Many Management System Standards & Introduction of the Certification of Passive Fire Protection Products (Fire Doors & Non-loadbearing Fire Partitions)	Mr Thomas Ma
24 January	Site Visit to the Co-work Space in Lan Kwai Fong	Mr Kay Kam
1 February	Sharing Session on the Research into the Application of RFID Technology to Facilitate E-waste Collection and Recycling	Prof Yung
5 June	Mediation in Building Management Disputes	Sr Eric Ting
12 July	Accounting and Finance for Property & Facility Management	Sr Benny Kwok
12 September	The Price Effect of Green Building Certifications on Hong Kong's Residential Properties	Prof Eddie Hui
27 September	Technical Visit to and Guided Tour of the Mills	Mr Gary Ng
17 October	Mediation in Building Management Disputes	Sr Eric Ting
24 October	實務 PFM Surveyor	Sr Ray Ng
26 October	Technical Visit to a Residential Care Home for the Elderly (RCHE)	Sr Daniel Hui

5. Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership (MMRM) between PFMD and the RICS

After over a year of negotiations and discussions with the RICS regarding the terms and conditions of the MMRM, the HKIS General Council finally approved it and both organisations signed the MMRM on 11 April 2019. The HKIS hopes that this will foster a closer relationship with the RICS to develop the surveying profession not only in Hong Kong, but worldwide. The PFMD plans to organise more social and technical events in the years to come.

With the MMRM in effect, HKIS members can apply to become RICS members by reciprocity and vice versa, subject to the following conditions:

- a. An applicant must have at least one year of relevant, post-qualification experience in Hong Kong.
- b. The HKIS accepts all RICS members who qualify through different routes provided that their memberships were not acquired through reciprocity agreements with other professional bodies.
- c. The HKIS will conduct professional interviews of all applicants unless there are some special circumstances that would exempt an applicant.

6. Quality Property and Facility Management Award 2018

Jointly organised by the HKIS and Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies (HKAPMC), the Quality Property and Facility Management Award (QPFMA) 2018 was a biennial award that recognised the exceptional achievements and excellence of the property and facility management industry. It has also become the most credible and prestigious industry

award in the PFM sector. The theme of QPFMA 2018 was “Smart Building, Smart Management”.

The winners of the QPFMA 2018 were revealed at the QPFMA Award Presentation Ceremony cum Dinner held on 8 January 2019. Over 300 industry leaders attended the ceremony along with the Guest of Honour, Mr Michael Wong Wai-lun, JP, Secretary for Development, HKSAR. The QPFMA 2018 featured ten award categories and each winner was recognised with an Excellence Award or Certificate of Merit. The most outstanding projects received the QPFMA’s highest honour, the Grand Award. All winners were selected by a panel of 15 jurors from diverse professional backgrounds who collectively assessed the projects according to strict criteria to ensure credibility and professionalism.

This year featured 118 submissions in total and 31 best projects were recognised. The organisers were honoured to have invited an esteemed judging panel led by the Head Juror, Dr Cheung Tin Cheung, the former Director of Buildings, to evaluate the entries. I take this opportunity to thank all jurors and assessors for their great efforts and earnest contributions.

7. PFMD Division Conference 2020 and 15th Anniversary

A Conference has been arranged for 13 March 2020 to celebrate the PFMD’s 15th anniversary. Its theme will be “Building a Livable City: The Role of Property and Facility Management Profession,” which will explore the ways to build a livable city centred on people’s needs, mobility, and sustainability. The venue will be at the Crowne Plaza Hong Kong, Kowloon East.

So far, some renowned speakers have accepted invitations to attend:

- a. Mr Walter Chan Kar Lok, SBS, JP, Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society
- b. Mr Cheung Yuen Fong, JP, Deputy Director/Trading Services of Electrical & Mechanical Services, EMSD, HKSAR
- c. Mr Alkin Kwong, JP, Chairperson of the Industry Training Advisory Committee – Property Management Qualification Framework, HKSAR
- d. Mrs Sylvia Lam, JP, Director of Architectural Services, Architectural Services Department, HKSAR
- e. Mr David Tang, Property Director, MTR Corporation
- f. Mr Wai Chi Sing, GBS, JP, Managing Director, Urban Renewal Authority

More speakers have been invited to share their insights into and knowledge of building a livable city. This Conference can provide an excellent platform for attendees to exchange views and ideas, as well as add to their knowledge.

8. The Way Forward

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all Council Members for their unfailing support for and valuable contributions to the PFMD. Special thanks go to all fellow PFMD members for their commitment to the Division's well-being. With your support, I expect the PFMD to continue its success in the years ahead.



“Sr” – The Abbreviation for Surveyor

“Sr” is adopted as the abbreviation for surveyor by The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors. The pronunciation for “Sr” is “surveyor”.

In order to promote its use to the public, corporate members are encouraged to adopt the abbreviation “Sr” in front of their English names in their official communications. Likewise, corporate members are also invited to address themselves as “測量師” after their Chinese names.

“Sr” – 測量師的英文簡稱

香港測量師學會採納「Sr」作為「Surveyor」（測量師）的英文簡稱。其發音與 Surveyor 相同。

為向公眾宣傳「Sr」的用法，我們鼓勵正式會員在日常生活中，在英文名字之前加上「Sr」。至於中文方面，我們亦會邀請正式會員在其中文名字之後加上「測量師」。

