



Property & Facility Management Division  
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## “Every cloud has a silver lining.”

This month, I want to share the above proverb with members. It used to imply that no matter how difficult a situation may become, there is always a positive side to it. I am sure that members have been very busy dealing with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, at home, in the office, and in public. Hong Kong’s preventive measures against the spread of the virus will help us gain a better understanding of our living environment and deficiencies, but also encourage closer cooperation with one another so that we will be better-equipped to care for the more vulnerable members of our community. Possibly, there may be some areas that we might have overlooked in the past, but under current challenges, we have to learn new knowledge, skills and strive for improvement.

On 28 March, the Government announced the “Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation” (L.N. 32 of 2020) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Hong Kong. The new rule has some important implications for managed properties and common areas in buildings. Members are encouraged to study the notice and advise their clients (commercial property managers, households, and incorporated owners) to observe the conditions of this regulation. While extensive cleaning is the basis of the fight against the virus, the law’s stringent measure of maintaining social distancing by prohibiting group gatherings of over four people in public places for 14 days, effective at midnight on 29 March, is the key to minimising its spread. Please note that the Regulation will be in effect for three months.

For updates on the pandemic, members should check their apps and data networks regularly for information from the Government,

the Surveyor Times February 2020 issue, and various interwebs to keep abreast of quarantine announcements, new outbreak locations, and new preventive and sanitising tools for combating the virus.

## CPD

### **BIM for Property/Facility Management: Barriers, Enablers, and the Way Forward (23 April 2020)**

With the advancement of information technology, the use of building information modelling (BIM) has been increasingly promoted across the globe. Whereas the BIM trend in building design and construction has been established in Hong Kong, its implementation in the property/facility management (PFM) industry remains limited.

Dr Joseph HK Lai of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University has conducted research to investigate the barriers to and enablers of the use of BIM by PFM practitioners. He also reviewed overseas cases of successful BIM applications and will share his findings and recommendations in a forthcoming online seminar, “BIM for Property/Facility Management: Barriers, Enablers, and the Way Forward,” on 23 April 2020.

The above CPD will be conducted online via ZOOM, which is a new way for the PFMD to cope with the current situation. Members are encouraged to join this event to further their professional development.

## Forthcoming Study Tours

### **1. Ocean Park Tai Shue Wan Water World**

(Final arrangements subject to the COVID-19 situation)

This visit to Ocean Park's Water World is intended to study facilities management in pre-development planning and sustainable operations. Water World's design features a series of terraced platforms along a hillside facing the South China Sea. It blends in perfectly with the natural terrain because it features extensive vegetation and green roofs. The sloping gradient of the complex makes it possible to build giant water slides without having to construct extensive supporting structures, thereby minimising the need for excavation and the consequent disposal of construction waste.

Water World will be the first and only coastal water park in Southeast Asia. It will set new standards by seamlessly integrating a state-of-the-art water park with its hillside surroundings through a series of terraced platforms and wave pools facing the majestic South China Sea.

The facility, which boasts 27 indoor and outdoor attractions, will feature not only extensive attractions for waterbased fun – many of which will be available in Hong Kong for the first time – but also a variety of dining and retail outlets.



## 2. Study Tour: Macau Tower

(Final arrangements subject to the COVID-19 situation)

This visit to the Macau Tower will study the management of its facilities. Macau Tower is a composite development that includes adventurous activities, restaurants, shops, and conference & entertainment facilities. It is 338 meters (about 1,108 feet) tall. Its highest observation level is the Outdoor Observation Deck on Level 61 at a height of 223 meters (about 732 feet).

Walking around the Observation Deck, one can experience a panoramic view of the Pearl River Delta, Macau Peninsula, Taipa, and Coloane. The Observation Lounge is on Level 58. Overall, Macau Tower is a prime location for seeing the sunrise in the morning and the spectacular night-view of Macau.



## PFMD Conference 2020 cum 15th Anniversary

Due to the outbreak of COVID-2019, the PFMD has re-scheduled the one-day Conference 2020 cum 15th Anniversary at Crowne Plaza Hong Kong, Kowloon East to 8 July 2020. The conference serves as a platform for industry stakeholders to exchange valuable experiences and ideas. Its theme this year is “Building a Livable City: the Role of Property and Facility

Management Profession”. The conference will explore ways to build a livable city centred on people’s needs, mobility, and sustainability.

The PFMD is honoured that several VIP guest speakers have agreed to come share their insights and visions. Confirmed so far are the Director of Buildings, Director of Architectural Services, Deputy Director of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society, Managing Director of the Urban Renewal Authority, etc. All members are encouraged to make time to join this meaningful event.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 活動日誌

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
<b>2020</b>			
<b>Apr</b> 23	Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>May</b> 28	3rd General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Jun</b> 23	Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Jul</b> 8	HKIS PFMD Conference 2020 cum 15th Anniversary	HKIS	Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East
23	4th General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Sept</b> 24	5th General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Oct</b> 22	Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Nov</b> 26	6th General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
<b>Dec</b> 11	Annual General Meeting	HKIS	SLC, HKIS

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