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There are positive signs for the return of public events, and I had the honour of joining an important one at Hong Kong International Airport on 7 September: the ceremony marking the completion of third runway pavement was another milestone in Hong Kong's infrastructure development. No less noteworthy was the prize-giving for the PT 2.0 Public Toilet Design Competition, at which I represented the Institute—a supporting organisation—on 18 September at CIC-Zero Carbon Park in Kowloon Bay. Our Annual Conference was also successfully held on 25 September with about 45 guests at the venue and around 240 participants online.

Chief Executive's Policy Address in October

On 31 August, the HKIS submitted suggestions to the government for the Chief Executive's October Policy Address. My heartfelt thanks again to our Policy Panels on Land, Building and Housing as well as our Divisions for their hard work in putting together the institute's views, which I hope will be taken into consideration. Our nine key suggestions with emphasis on housing and land policies, include construction of more transitional housing, guidelines for age-friendly housing design, redevelopment of old public housing blocks, and to build taller to accommodate burgeoning demand. Our

submission was outlined at a 29 September press conference, and summarised in a press release.

Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2021

The HKIS in general welcomes the government's proposal to introduce tenancy controls on subdivided units (SDUs) given that demand outpaces supply, and submitted our views and comments on the bill officially to the Bill Committee on 3 September. We support the need for suitable measures to safeguard the interests of low-income individuals and families from unscrupulous landlords. However, this bill alone cannot solve the root causes of this blight on Hong Kong and must be buttressed with equally important enforcement measures to make buildings safe, eliminate health hazards, and provide more transitional housing through public-private collaboration.

Working Group on Unmanned Aircraft Systems

With the rising popularity of drones, the government has gazetted new legislation to regulate their operation to ensure public safety. The Small Unmanned Aircraft Order (SUA), under the Civil Aviation Ordinance, will take effect next June. Meanwhile, a new working group led by our LSD Chairman Sr TM Koo has for several months been exploring the wider adoption of drones for the surveying profession. It sent comments on the new regulatory framework under the SUA Order to Sr the Hon Tony Tse in mid-August, among its remarks that the HKIS supports the registration of drones and their pilots. Sr the Hon Tse kindly arranged

a meeting between government officials and representatives of our working group on 31 August that I attended and where we expressed our concerns. We were glad to learn that the Civil Aviation Department counts the HKIS as a major stakeholder to consult when drafting guidelines and operation manuals for when the SUA Order takes effect. The Institute hopes for a smooth transition to the new registration regime.

Greater Opportunities in the GBA and Qianhai

Events and advances this month helped shed a better light on the outlook for Hong Kong businesses in the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). On 6 September, the Central Government announced its Plan for Comprehensive Deepening Reform and Opening Up of the Qianhai Shenzhen–Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone (Qianhai Plan). The next day, a conference was held on how Hong Kong’s architectural, surveying, town planning, landscape architectural and engineering sectors can better become involved in GBA developments, which I attended.

In fact, the Development Bureau (DevB) has been working hard towards gaining Hong Kong’s building professionals and engineering companies greater access to development projects throughout the GBA. In this light, the HKIS will continue to explore ways to assist members to grasp the opportunities under the Qianhai Plan.

Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Election

With 17 validly nominated candidates vying for the 15 Architectural, Surveying, Planning

and Landscape (ASPL) Subsector seats in the Election Committee, a vote was required. As the Authorised Representative of the Institute, I felt it important to learn as much as I could about them and to hear others’ views to inform my choices in the poll.

On 15 September, I attended the online “Joint Institutes Forum for 2021 EC Subsector Ordinary Election (ASPL)” organised specially for the institutes’ Authorised Representatives and qualified members to learn about the candidates and ask them questions. Of the candidates, 16 attended, introduced themselves, and explained the criteria on which they would base their nomination of a candidate for Chief Executive of the HKSAR in 2022. They also spoke about how they planned to contribute to the ASPL Subsector should they be chosen. The other candidate provided a two-minute video.

Four co-chairs (the president or vice-president of the four institutes) were joined at the venue by eight council members, while about 50 qualified members of the four institutes took part online.

I discussed the candidates with other Office Bearers, except Vice-President Sr Dr Lesly Lam, who was standing for election, and encouraged General Council members to call me individually if they had any views on the candidates. This comprehensive and collaborative process was how I made my final choices before casting my vote on 19 September.

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樂見公眾活動開始逐漸恢復。9月7日，本人有幸出席香港國際機場舉辦的一項重要活動：第三跑道鋪設工程竣工典禮，這為香港的基建項目立下另一個重要里程碑。另一個不容錯過的活動便是「廁世代 PT 2.0 公廁設計比賽」，頒獎典禮在9月18日於九龍灣建造業零碳天地舉行，我代表學會出席以示支持。另外，學會的周年研討會亦於9月25日順利舉行，當日有大約45名嘉賓在場，另有約240名參加者以網上形式參與。

行政長官十月發表《2021年施政報告》

8月31日，就行政長官十月發表的施政報告，學會已向政府遞交相關建議。我再次由衷感謝土地政策小組、建築政策小組、房屋政策小組以及各專業組別通力合作，整合學會的意見。希望政府會將這些意見納入考慮範圍。我們針對房屋及土地政策提出九個重點建議，包括建設更多過渡性房屋、制定長者友善房屋設計指引、重建舊公屋及增加公屋樓層以應付殷切需求。我們於9月29日的記者會大致描繪相關建議，並已將重點概括到新聞稿中。

《2021年業主與租客(綜合)(修訂)條例草案》

由於房屋供不應求，學會大致上歡迎政府提出的劏房租務管制政策。我們已於9月3日正式向法案委員會表達意見。為保障低收入人士及家庭的權益，免受無良業主壓榨，學會支持制定合適的措施。不過，單靠草案本身並不能解決問題的根源，還需要配合其他重要的執法措施，確保樓宇的安全性和健康環境，以及透過公私營合作，提供更多過渡性房屋。

無人機系統工作小組

隨著小型無人機使用日趨普及，政府已訂立新法例規管操作，以確保公眾安全。《小型無人機令》是在《民航條例》下訂立的附屬法例，並將於明年六月生效。同時，在土地測量組主席古德明測量師帶領下，一個新工作小組在過去數月來，努力發掘將小型無人機更廣泛採用到測量專業的可能。針對《小型無人機令》的規管框架，小組已於八月將意見送至謝偉銓議員手上，其中包括學會同意無人機及其操作員需要預先登記。8月31日，謝議員特意安排會議，讓政府官員與我們工作小組的代表會面。我當天亦有出席會議，席上大家表達學會的意

見。很高興民航處視學會為主要持份者，當訂定《小型無人機令》的方針和守則時，處方會諮詢學會意見。我們希望新規管制度的登記系統可以順利過渡。

把握大灣區、前海地區更多機遇

本月的活動和政策方案出台讓香港企業於粵港澳大灣區的發展更明朗。9月6日，中央政府公布《全面深化前海深港現代服務業合作區改革開放方案》（《前海方案》）。翌日，我出席了相關會議，探討如何讓香港的建築、測量、都市規劃、園境以及工程專業融入到粵港澳大灣區的發展中。

其實，發展局一直致力為香港的建築專業及工程公司爭取機會，希望可以參與更多粵港澳大灣區的發展項目。有見及此，學會將會繼續尋求不同的渠道，協助會員抓緊前海方案的發展機遇。

選舉委員會界別分組一般選舉

由於建測規園界有17名合資格的候選人爭15席，所以需要進行投票。身為學會的獲授權代表，我認為於投票前，有需要盡力了解每位候選人的資料，以及聆聽他人意見。

9月15日，我參加了「2021年選舉委員會界別一般選舉（建測規園分組）- 專業學會聯合網上論壇」。論壇旨在讓獲授權代表和合資格的會員了解候選人資料，向他們發問問題。當日共有16名候選人出席，期間進行自我介紹，及闡述他們於2022年行政長官候選人的提名標準。假若成功當選，他們亦有分享如何為建測規園功能界別作出貢獻。其餘一名候選人則遞交一段兩分鐘的短片作介紹。

除了四位聯合主席（四大專業學會的會長或副會長）之外，還有八名理事會成員以及大約50名四大專業學會的合資格會員分別親身到現場及網上參加論壇。對內，我與本會執行理事（除了有份參選的副會長林力山博士測量師外）開會討論候選人名單，亦鼓勵年度理事會會員，倘若對個別候選人持任何意見可以單獨與我溝通。經過全面的探討及多方協作，我已於9月19日投票前敲定最終的候選人名單。

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