



Quantity Surveying Division
Sr Amelia Fok QSD Council Chairperson

Meeting with the Housing Department Quantity Surveyors Association (HDQSA) (27 August 2021)

Following the QSD's last meeting with the HDQSA in 2019, Sr Sunny Choi (QSD Vice Chairman), Sr Rex Ying (QSD Honorary Treasurer), Sr Paul Wong (HKIS Vice President and QSD Past Chairman), Sr Thomas Ho (HKIS Past President and QSD Past Chairman), Sr Tiffany Chan, Sr Sandy Tang, Sr HY Wan (QSD Council Members), Sr Tony Choi (QSD Co-opted Member), and I met our HDQSA counterparts at the Housing Authority's headquarters in Homantin on 27 August 2021 to brief them on the work the HKIS was carrying out.

The current Chair of the HDQSA, Sr Kanty Fu, led seven other council members to meet with us. Three senior Housing Department officials – Sr Didio Kong (CQS/1), Sr Andrew Lam (CQS/2), and Sr Ellie Yeung (SQS/PS) – also joined the meeting to exchange views with the QSD on the following issues:

- a. The HKIS's progress in drafting the SMM5
- b. The HD and surveying industry's implementation of BIM
- c. Application of MiC to HD Projects
- d. Effect of security of payment on HD Projects and the HKIS's progress in Adjudicator Nominating Body
- e. Collaboration between the HDQSA and HKIS QSD in certain events/activities
- f. Acceptability of measurements using the digital method in HD and private sector projects

The meeting was very fruitful and informative. Later, the HDQSA updated us on its latest developments. Thanks go to Kanty and her council members for their warm hospitality.



3rd QSD Social Event: Soap-Making Workshop (28 August 2021)

A soap-making workshop was successfully held on 28 August. I joined fellow members to spend a fun and relaxing afternoon making beautiful, aromatic soaps.

Thanks go to Sr Christina Wong (QSD Social Event Sub-committee Chair) and Sr Karen Wong (QSD Social Event Sub-committee Member) for organising this event.



Launching of the Practice Notes on Procurement Strategy (6 September 2021)

The QSD first published a series of practice notes on consultancy quantity surveying in 2012 with amendments in 2015. Through the joint efforts of the QSD and Association of Consultant Quantity Surveyors (ACQS), a new *Practice Notes on Procurement Strategy* was completed recently. Its launching ceremony occurred at the Surveyors' Learning Centre on the evening of 6 September with Sr Thomas Ho (ACQS Honorary Secretary), Sr Sunny Choi (QSD Vice-Chairman), Sr Rex Ying (QSD Honorary Treasurer), Sr Antony Man (QSD Past Chairman), Sr Jim Chark, Sr Dr Ken Hui, Sr HY Wan (QSD Council Members), and I in attendance. Following the ceremony, a CPD talk was conducted by Sr HY Wan, one of the drafters of the Practice Notes.

In addition, the *Practice Notes on Cost Control and Financial Statements* was amended with the incorporation of notes for "Architect's Instruction Pre-Approval". Both *Practice Notes* have been uploaded to the HKIS website for members' reference.

Members can get a hard copy of the "Practice Notes on Procurement Strategy" from the HKIS office while stock lasts.

I express my sincere thanks to the representatives of both ACQS (Sr KC Tang and Sr Thomas Ho) and QSD (Sr Dr Ken Hui and Sr HY Wan) for drafting the *Practice Notes*.



PMSA Recognition

The HKIS (BSD, GPD, PFMD, and PDD) is on the list of Recognised Professional Bodies of the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA). Members may be aware that President Sr Edwin Tang, Sr Paul Wong (HKIS Vice-President and QSD Past Chairman), Sr Raymond Kong (QSD Immediate Past Chairman), LSD Chairman, and I met with PMSA representatives on 4 June to follow up on the provision of further information to the PMSA in order to allow QSD corporate members to apply for Property Management Practitioner (PMP) Tier 1 licences upon fulfilling their membership requirements under Cap 626.

Upon request, I provided two rounds of supplementary information to the PMSA for the review of its Board in late September 2021 and will notify members once the PMSA issues its decision.

Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) (11 August & 15-16 September 2021)

The APC Parts I and II (Papers 1 and 2) were successfully held at KITEC, Kowloon Bay, on 11 August and 15-16 September 2021, respectively. This year, approximately 200 candidates sat for Part I, while some 500 sat for Part II. Given the pandemic, the QSD implemented the same precautions as last year such as social distancing during the seating arrangements, access control using body temperature sensors, etc. The professional interviews are scheduled for January 2022.

I express my heartfelt thanks to members of the Divisional Education Committee (DEC), chaired by Sr Steven Tang, and the HKIS Secretariat for organising the APC during this challenging period.

Members are welcome to join the Congress by reserving tickets at <https://bit.ly/38L31Ot>.



Photo source: PAQS Congress 2021

HKIS QSD Annual General Meeting (AGM) (26 November 2021)

The QSD AGM will be held at the Surveyors' Learning Centre on 26 November 2021 (Friday) at 6:30 pm. A formal notice of this event will be mailed to all corporate members in mid-October.

PAQS Virtual Congress 2021

The Philippines Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyors (PICQS), this year's organising institute of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) Congress, announced in early September a change to this year's event from a physical conference to webinar. Its theme is "Creating Smart Cities to Help Build the Future – Embracing Digitalisation and Sustainability" and the event is scheduled for 14-15 November 2021. The PAQS board meeting will also be held online on 12 November 2021.

E-Coupons for CPD and PQSL Events

The QSD Council will continue to provide members with e-coupons (\$50 X 6) to use for CPD and/or PQSL events with a view to offering them some financial relief in view of the pandemic. The period of use of these e-coupons will last from 4 October 2021 to 3 October 2022.