



Building Surveying Division  
Sr Arthur Cheung BSD Council Chairman

## APC

### Final Assessment Interview

Following the downward trend in epidemic activity and the Government's relaxation of its recent social distancing measures, the DEC further coordinated with the interview venue to schedule the final assessment day. Please stay tuned for further announcements.

In the meantime, the DEC will start holding the Final Assessment through a virtual platform on 7 May 2022.

### New Assessors Nominations

#### WE NEED YOU!

If you are a current assessor and know another member with five or more years of post-qualification experience who may want to join the Panel of Assessors, please contact Ms Judy Shiu or Ms Vicky Chik at 2526 3679 to nominate that person. To all probationers and future surveyors, the BSD needs your continued support for the APC!

## Review/Update Divisional Publications

The working groups under the leadership of Vice Chairman Sr Nathan Lee held their inaugural meeting on 22 March to review the Guide, prepare a building maintenance manual, and develop a new guide on designs for maintenance.

## Meeting with the GPD on Possible Amendments to Cap 545

On 6 April, BSD representatives, including several fellow members, joined a Zoom meeting initiated by the GPD on the possible amendments to the current Cap 545. The discussion was fruitful and constructive. Everyone looks forward to seeing the new amendment balance the acceleration of the redevelopment process and protect minority owners' interests.

## Career Talk to HKU Surveying Students

On 12 April, I conducted a sharing session with HKU's surveying students on the building surveying profession and my career. I hope all found it interesting and will elect to become building surveyors in the future!

## Research Project: Building Inspection for Post-1980 Residential and Composite Buildings

The BSD research panel has prepared a questionnaire for the above research subject and issued it to all BSD and PFMD members on 25 April. To ensure the success of the study, the BSD needs your valuable feedback. Please provide us with it by completing the questionnaire by the stated deadline.

### Task Force on Flat Inspections for 2nd-Hand Transactions

The task force held a meeting on 15 March to review the strategy and formulate an associated action plan that aims to promote building surveying services to society. The services would ideally benefit both parties in a transaction and help protect the health and safety of the built environment.

### CPD Events

It was the BSD's honour to have Dr Lee Ho-yin share with members the story of military architectural heritage around the world and in Hong Kong on 21 March during a two-hour CPD. The topic was very interesting, as many

people don't even know the existence of such structures in the city. But the audience learned where to find these sites, the history (including their urban legends) behind each, and how they could be utilised today.

If you missed Dr Lee's amazing CPD, there is a second chance to see it. Please keep an eye out on the BSD's updates.



Again, thanks, Dr Lee!

### BS Conference 2022

BSD Council member Sr Jeffrey Kwok will convene the BS Conference 2022. He also leads the OC for the event, whose date, theme, topic, and format will be announced in due course. Thanks, Jeffrey and the OC!

### Feedback on Hong Kong Customs Combats Unfair Trade Practices by Consultant Company Providing Building Surveying Services

In response to a government press release on 12 April, the BSD provided written feedback to Hong Kong Customs on 21 April to express its concerns over the news.

### Free Publications for Members & Probationers

All qualified members and probationers are eligible to receive ONE FREE hard copy of each of the following BSD publications from the HKIS office by presenting their membership cards to the receptionist:

- 1 *General Specification for Maintenance Works in Residential Buildings (1st Edition/December 2009)*
- 2 *Professional Guide for Building Inspections, Volume 1: Pre-1980 Residential & Composite Buildings in Hong Kong (2013)*

