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There are good signs that we are bringing COVID-19 under control and with summer in all its glory upon us. Events are gradually resuming, although most are held in virtual format. On 28 April, I took part in the Green Building Award 2021 on behalf of the Institute, which is a supporting organisation of the award. This presentation ceremony was a virtual event held in real-time. A fortnight earlier, I spent a very informative hour virtually at the International Valuations Standards Council Advisory Forum Working Group meeting getting up to date on the impact of global marketing trends on valuations.

Members may recall the 500 boxes of anti-epidemic proprietary Chinese medicines donated by the Bureau for Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao Affairs of Qingyuan. They are now available to those who are in need. Please feel free to contact the administration office, while stocks last.

As you know, the Institute is sparing no effort in encouraging members to get vaccinated. In view of stage three of the Vaccine Pass commencing on 31 May, we urge you to take your third dose as soon as possible. Access to specific premises, like restaurants, will be granted to those who have completed three vaccine doses.

Industry Views for the Incoming HKSAR Government

The HKIS has written to the Chief Executive-designate, John Lee Ka-chiu, to bring to his attention our main policy concerns relating to land supply, housing, and construction. In our letter, dated 26 April, we reiterated concerns we presented to Carrie Lam Cheung Yuet-ngor in order to reinforce our recommendations with Mr Lee and his government.

On the same note, Sr the Hon Tony Tse of LegCo organised an online forum among the presidents of the Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape (ASPL) sector on 3 May, seeking members' expectations of Mr Lee's government. Most were related to housing development, acceleration of the land approval process and streamlining procedures: it was a lively discussion with a meaningful exchange of views and insights.

HKCPS Task Force Meeting

The Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services (HKCPS) called its first meeting for this year in light of recent socio-economic changes the city has been undergoing. On 12 May, I attended on behalf of the HKIS, which is a coalition member. In our conversation, we explored how we might work with the incoming government of Mr Lee, whose term will begin on 1 July. We will carry on with the discussion at our next meeting.

In the meantime, we will continue to explore ways to assist members in getting a foothold in the Greater Bay Area and identifying new business and market opportunities for them in this high-growth region.

President's Forum by CIC

Labour shortages was one of many key issues raised at a forum called by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) in mid-May. I accepted the CIC's invitation along with the other presidents of the ASPL sector and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, and Electoral Committee Constituency LegCo member Ir Chan Siu-hung. The two-hour discussion was held at Zero Carbon Park in Kowloon Bay, addressing the key issues and challenges facing the industry. The CIC reported the labour shortfall in each sector of the real estate industry, and thus called for more public resources for the training of professionals and technicians.

The CIC also anticipated a greater demand for labour in the next 10-20 years especially with government-led infrastructure projects like Lantau Tomorrow and Northern Metropolis, a view we shared. The forum addressed other topical issues, including the role of innovation and digitalisation in transforming the market landscape, and the standardisation of procedures to improve work efficiency. We also discussed ways that we might be able to work through bureaucracy more efficiently.

After the discussion we were taken on a brief tour of the MiC Resources Centre inside the park. The centre is the first building in Hong Kong constructed with MiC. The HKIS advocates the wide and early adoption of MiC and BIM, accompanied by training in the use of both technologies, as they are new and yet to be commonly adopted in Hong Kong. The next meeting is scheduled in two months' time.

Hot Off the Press

Overview of the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance (3rd Edition) is now available in hard copy. Designed, laid out and with a budget approved by the General Council, the run is available in May. The complimentary hard copies will be kept to a limited print run in support of our go-green and go-digital strategy. Electronic copy, however, is at your fingertips.

New Cross-harbour Railway Launched

I was honoured to be a guest at the opening ceremony of the MTR East Rail Line Cross-Harbour Extension on 14 May. This marked my first physical event for this year since stringent social distancing was imposed. It gave me great pleasure to witness the inauguration of this railway infrastructure milestone in Hong Kong being officiated by Chief Executive Carrie Lam Cheung Yuet-ngor and senior management of MTRC. The importance of this fourth submarine tunnel cannot be overstated in alleviating peak-hour passenger flow and enhancing connectivity without the need to change trains between Hong Kong and the New Territories. I am impressed by the world-class professionalism of the engineering, surveying and construction teams in this landmark project!

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新冠疫情逐步受控，是時候迎接盛夏。商務活動逐漸恢復正常，縱然大部份繼續以網上形式舉行。學會為環保建築大獎2021的支持機構，所以我於4月28日代表參與網上直播的頒獎典禮。兩週前，我於網上參與國際評估準則理事會諮詢論壇工作組的會議，與會員分享了全球市場估值的最新趨勢。

早前學會收到由清遠市台港澳事務服務中心捐贈的500盒抗疫中成藥，大家如有需要，可以與學會總辦事處聯絡，送完即止。

學會一直致力推動會員接種疫苗。疫苗通行證第三階段已於5月31日實施，會員請盡快接種第三劑疫苗。成功接種後，大家可以自由進出餐廳等特定處所。

為下屆特區政府提供業界意見

學會已於4月26日去信候任行政長官李家超先生，提及關於土地供應、房屋及建設的議題。在信中，我們重申早前已向現屆政府提出的議題及建議。

5月3日，謝偉銓議員邀請建測規園界的會長共同舉辦了網上論壇，探討會員對下屆政府的期望，而大部份意見均針對房屋發展、加快土地審批過程以及簡化審批程序；討論過程十分熱烈，大家亦互相交換寶貴意見。

香港專業聯盟工作小組會議

針對香港最近經歷的社會經濟轉變，香港專業聯盟已於5月12日舉行本年度首個會議。學會為其中一名聯盟成員，我亦以學會會長身份出席。隨著下屆政府將於7月1日上任，我們在會上探討了與新政府合作的方式。這議題將會於下個會議繼續討論。

由於大灣區發展迅速，我們會繼續發掘更多市場發展機遇，協助會員在區內一展所長。

會長論壇（建造業議會）

建造業議會於五月中舉辦論壇，其中一項主要議題是人力短缺問題。我與其他建測規園界的會

長、香港工程師學會會長、選舉委員會界別成員陳紹雄議員一同受邀出席。論壇於九龍灣零碳天地舉行，歷時兩小時，談及測量業界的主要議題及正面臨的挑戰。當時建造業議會亦有匯報地產業界各個界別的人力短缺問題，希望能夠尋求更多公共資源培訓專業人士及技術人員。

另外，在未來十至二十年，尤其當政府基建計劃（如明日大嶼、北部都會區規劃等）開始施工後，建造業議會預計行業對人力的需求會更大，學會亦持相同意見。論壇亦有探討其他熱門議題，包括如何利用創新意念及數碼化將市場格局轉型、統一處理程序以改善工作效率等。同時，就政府部門的官僚工作程序，論壇亦有討論有效方法改善。

論壇結束後，我們短暫參觀了「組裝合成」建築法資源中心。中心為香港首個採用「組裝合成」建築法建成的建築物。學會一直鼓勵在早期廣泛使用「組裝合成」建築法及建築信息模擬。但由於這兩項嶄新技術在香港尚未通用，所以需要提供相關培訓。會議將於兩個月後再舉行。

學會最新消息

學會針對「土地（為重新發展而強制售賣）條例」已訂定第三版概覽，相關的設計、排版及預算都已得到理事會批准，列印版已於五月面世。為奉行學會的環保及數碼化政策，免費的列印版將會限量供應。此外，學會亦會提供電子版，方便閱覽。

新東鐵綫過海段已通車

5月14日，我很榮幸獲邀出席東鐵綫過海段通車慶祝典禮。自社交距離措施嚴格執行後，這是我本年度首個參與的實體活動。當日，行政長官林鄭月娥及港鐵高層一同揭開典禮序幕，我樂見香港鐵路基建發展的里程碑。東鐵綫過海段為香港第四條過海鐵路，它除了能夠疏通繁忙時段的人流外，亦能讓乘客不用轉車換綫，一程來回新界及港島。項目團隊在工程、測量和施工方面的世界級專業水平實在令我印象深刻！

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