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July was packed with events and achievements and kept me busy and productive. Though business is still not fully back to normal, it certainly felt like it might not be too far from it.

### CIC President's Forum

A second Construction Industry Council (CIC) President's Forum was held as a luncheon meeting at the Island Shangri-La Hotel on 21 June. I attended with Land Surveying Division Chairman Sr Paul Tsui. The forum focused on leveraging technology in the construction industry in three key areas, which the speakers covered: the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers' President Ir Edwin Chung gave his views on bringing professionals in from outside Hong Kong; the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects' President, Paul Chan, spoke on integrating BIM, MiC and 3D printing technology into landscaping work; and our own Sr Paul Tsui spoke on integrating BIM into geospatial data in Hong Kong.

### Review of Government's Compulsory Sale Application Threshold Policy

On 22 June, the General Practice Division called a press conference, as our working group had completed its policy review of the Government's proposal to lower the compulsory sale application threshold under the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance. The group identified several areas in the policy that could be improved in order to

expedite urban renewal with due regard given to protecting minority owners' interests and upholding building safety.

The group consulted stakeholders to solicit their views on regulations governing the compulsory land sale regime, namely the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, our own General Practice and Building Surveying Divisions, and a community outreach organisation. Their six suggestions concerning the compulsory sale regime have been put forward to the Government, among them to lower the threshold to 66 percent from 80 percent to speed up the redevelopment of "three-nil buildings" or buildings that are 60 years or older.

On 4 July, I recapped these findings in my *Singtao Daily* column with the key message: the urgent need to resolve problem of ageing properties and speed up urban renewal.

### Support Measure 3.0 Webinar by Development Bureau

The Development Bureau followed up the Government's launch of Support Measure 3.0 with a dedicated webinar for the surveying sector on 27 June. The online seminar introduced to private organisations government subsidies available to them under the Support for Engineering, Architecture, Surveying, Town Planning and Landscape Sectors 3.0 to encourage them to hire graduates and assistant professionals.

The deadline may be in November, but my hope is that our members will apply in good time for this third round of pandemic support so they can continue to play their part in retaining talent in the industry and offer jobs to new blood.

### Towards the Future

I was proud to have a small part in the 1 July events celebrating the 25th anniversary of the

establishment of the HKSAR, and on 2 July was invited back to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) for a seminar at which President Xi Jinping's address the day before was discussed.

The two-hour session brought together representatives of all key sectors of society to whom the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Luo Huining, and other senior officials made presentations. Following their comments, representatives from the various professional and commercial sectors had the chance to voice views on how they felt President Xi's message pertains to their sectors.

There was further discussion on President Xi's speech on 10 July. Liaison Office Deputy Director Tan Tieniu invited the professional institutes of architecture, surveying, planning, landscape architecture and engineering, Secretary for Development as well as legislators related to construction (Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai Kwok, Ir Chan Siu Hung, Lam Siu Lo Andrew and Sr Hon Tony Tse), in all about 20 participants.

For two and a half hours we exchanged views with the Liaison Office's Department of Educational, Scientific & Technological Affairs Deputy Director-General, Ye Shuiqiu.

In between these important meetings, I attended the opening of City Gallery's "Envisioning Beyond Legacy" Exhibition. On 5 July, Financial Secretary Paul Chan, Deputy Financial Secretary Michael Wong, and Secretary for Development Bernadette Linn headed a cast of ranking guests who officiated at the ceremony.

The exhibition is fascinating but what I found most inspiring were the interactive exhibits. One well worth mentioning is "Building a New Era for Hong Kong", which shows our planning and infrastructure on the very first large interactive LED screen in the city. Visitors can step on a map laid out on the floor and the corresponding projects appear on the screen.

## Dividends Paid

COVID-19 has not dampened our spirit to learn. Besides staging the annual Quantity Surveying Division Scholarship Presentation ceremony on 6 July at our Surveyors Learning Centre, we took the Diploma Presentation to the HKCEC for the first time on 11 July. We welcomed 250 new fellows and members to our growing surveying family at our biggest physical event since the pandemic struck. My congratulations to them all for gaining their diplomas and professional qualifications, all hard earned and well deserved.

## Security of Payment Provisions in Public Works Contract

The HKIS has been closely following the Government's progress in implementing Security of Payment Provisions in public works contracts. On 13 July, we met the Hong Kong Institute of Architects to discuss this new legislation. The working parties came up with opinions and suggestions for the Government, though these are yet to be announced.

## Extension of MoU with VTC

I am pleased to announce the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the HKIS and the Vocational Training Council (VTC) was extended for three years from 4 July. It is renewable on mutual agreement. All prior terms and conditions remain unchanged. Its intention and scope is to set out the framework for understanding and cooperation in developing a Certificate in Building Information Modelling (Quantity Surveying) programme and in other training and continuing professional development for surveying professionals.

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**過** 去七月份，我的工作行程過得十分充實。雖然營商環境尚未恢復正常，但相信情況將會得到改善。

### 會長論壇（建造業議會）

6月21日，建造業議會於港島香格里拉酒店舉行第二場會長論壇午餐會，我與土地測量組主席徐開源測量師一同出席。是次論壇講者集中討論建造業可善用科技的三大主要範疇：香港工程師學會會長鍾國輝工程師負責分享如何從外地引入專才；香港園境師學會會長陳元敬先生分享如何糅合建築資訊模型、「組裝合成」建築法及3D打印技術並運用到園境工程上；而徐開源測量師則講述如何整合建築資訊模型至香港的地理空間數據。

### 「強拍門檻」政策研究成果公佈

產業測量組成立的工作小組早前就政府《土地（為重新發展而強制售賣）條例》提出降低申請強制售賣的門檻已完成檢討，並於6月22日召開記者會。工作小組提出幾個有待改善的地方，希望保障小業主的權益及維護建築安全的同時，能夠加快市區重建步伐。

就強制售賣制度的規例，工作小組諮詢不同持份者的意見，其中包括香港地產建設商會、學會的產業測量組和建築測量組，以及社區外展服務組織。工作小組共提出六項建議，包括將強拍門檻由80%降至66%以加快「三無大廈」或60年或以上樓齡大廈的重建。

7月4日，我於星島日報專欄闡述相關政策研究成果：處理樓宇老化問題及加快市區重建實屬當務之急。

### 「支援措施 3.0」網絡研討會

隨著政府推出「支援工程、建築、測量、都市規劃及園境界別 3.0」措施，發展局於6月27日舉行專屬測量業的網絡研討會。為了鼓勵私人機構聘請畢業生及助理專業人員，發展局在會上介紹可供申請的政府資助。

支援措施 3.0 預計十一月截止，希望會員能夠及時申請第三輪的資助，從而為行業保留人才及吸納新血。

### 展望未來

7月1日，我有幸出席香港特別行政區成立 25

周年的慶祝活動。翌日，更獲邀回到灣仔會展參加研討會，深入探討早前習近平主席對香港的重要講話內容。研討會歷時兩小時，中聯辦主任駱惠寧與其他高級官員、以及各界別的代表，均有發言。其後，多個專業及商業界別的代表相繼發表建設性意見。

7月10日，中聯辦副主任譚鐵牛邀請建測規園及工程界的專業學會代表、發展局局長以及建築業界相關的立法會議員（盧偉國議員、陳紹雄議員、林筱魯議員和謝偉銓議員）出席研討會，席上約20人，一同討論習主席的重要講話內容。研討會歷時150分鐘，期間我們與中聯辦教育部副部長葉水球交換意見。

除了出席這些重要會議外，我亦於7月5日參加了展城館「繼往創未來」展覽的開幕禮。典禮由財政司司長陳茂波、財政司副司長黃偉綸及發展局局長甯漢豪主持。展覽內容目不暇給，而令我印象最深刻的是互動展區。其中「創建香港新未來」部分是本港首創以大型多媒體互動屏幕呈現香港的規劃與基建項目，只要踏上地圖，相關項目便會顯示到屏幕。

### 努力終有回報

新冠疫情並沒有削弱我們孜孜不倦的學習精神。7月6日，工料測量組獎學金頒獎典禮於測量師研習中心舉行；而文憑頒授典禮亦首次於7月11日假會展舉行，共250名資深專業會員及專業會員加入測量業的大家庭，這是自疫情爆發以來學會首個成功舉辦的大型活動。我再一次祝賀他們成功取得文憑及專業資歷。

### 公共工程付款保障條例

學會一直密切留意政府推行公共工程付款保障條例的進展。7月13日，我們與香港建築師學會一同討論這項條例。工作小組已提出相關意見及建議，詳情容後公佈。

### 與職業訓練局續簽諒解備忘錄

很高興向大家宣佈學會已經與職業訓練局續簽諒解備忘錄，由7月4日起延續三年，經雙方同意可再續期，所有條件及細則維持不變。續簽旨在為測量業界的專才制定建築信息模擬（工料測量）證書課程、其他培訓和持續專業發展的框架。

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