



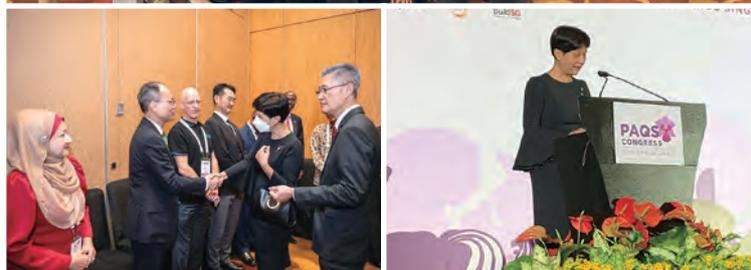
**Quantity Surveying Division**  
Sr Sunny Choi QSD Council Chairman

## The PAQS Congress 2022 in Singapore (9-13 September 2022)

The Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) Congress 2022 was held at Singapore's Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre from 9 to 13 September. The Congress was officiated by Ms Indranee Rajah of the Prime Minister's Office, the Second Minister for Finance, and the Second Minister for National Development. She outlined two areas for participants to brainstorm and explore: (i) from cost to value and (ii) from dispute management/resolution to dispute prevention.

The theme of the Congress was "Disruption and Transformation in the Built Environment". Delegates from over 12 countries/territories met to learn or discuss the latest developments in the aforementioned topic by focusing on disruptive technologies, transformative delivery, green concepts and wellness, and QS and cost management service transformation.

Chairmen Sr Dr Daniel Ho and Sr Antony Man; QSD Honorary Treasurer Sr Eric Ting; QSD Council members Sr Dr Sandy Tang, Sr Tzena Wong, Sr Pesire Lau, and Sr Karen Wong; YSG Chairman Sr Sunny Wong; YSG representative Sr Markus Choi; and QSD members Sr KC Tang and Sr Peter Ng.



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The HKIS sent a delegation of 14 members to the Congress including HKIS Past President and PAQS Past Chairman Sr Francis Leung; QSD Chairman Sr Sunny Choi; QSD Immediate Past Chairman Sr Amelia Fok; QSD Past



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### (A) PAQS BIM Committee

On 10 September, QSD Chairman Sr Sunny Choi convened the PAQS BIM Committee during the PAQS Congress 2022. Past QSD Chairman Sr Dr Paul Ho and Council Co-opted Member Sr KC Tang joined the meeting with 17 representatives from nine other PAQS member countries.

There was a thorough exchange over the latest BIM developments and applications in different countries – particularly on the progress of BIM implementation and what each QS association had done in terms of adopting BIM and digitalisation.

The Committee agreed that the BIM awareness stage had passed and revealed that PAQS members had adopted BIM to different extents. Governments are the main driver of BIM adoption by setting strategic roadmaps and key performance indicators to steer the built environment sector. Different countries' quantity surveying professional bodies have been developing or updating their QS standards and/or practices and training their quantity surveyors to follow them. Some countries are heading towards digitalised construction, in which BIM is but one element.

Training, development of quantity take-off software/scripts, process transformation, etc, are the principal areas that all QS associations are pursuing.



### PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS BIM COMMITTEE MEETING

10 September 2022 - Marina Bay Sands, Singapore



PAQS BIM Committee

### (B) PAQS Sustainability Committee

QSD Past Chairman Sr Dr Daniel Ho chaired the meeting with 14 representatives from 11 countries. Five countries shared their efforts to promote green buildings and the measures they had taken to achieve carbon neutrality. Three members – Singapore, Indonesia, and Hong Kong – already submitted reports on their development of green buildings, which will be uploaded to the PAQS website. These reports should serve as good references for

those who want to know about green building developments in other parts of the world.

Participants agreed that all members would continue exploring the following three items in the coming year:

- a. The possibility of contributing cost data to set up a guide to the costs and trends in various countries. South Africa already established the framework for its new office developments.
- b. Potential areas for cooperation to promote the role of quantity surveyors in sustainability.
- c. Potential arrangements for knowledge-sharing in sustainability.

countries is underway. Its preliminary findings were presented at the PAQS Congress this year, while a large-scale survey will be conducted with ten countries and its results will be publicly promulgated.



PAQS Research Committee



PAQS Sustainability Committee

### (C) PAQS Research Committee

QSD Council Co-opted Member Sr Dr LEUNG Mei-yung chaired the PAQS Research Committee meeting via Zoom from Hong Kong. The Committee reported that it prepared an international cost summary table, standardised the conference paper form, and successfully conducted two online seminars on the topics of digitalisation and smart cities during the 2021-2022 QSD session. The Committee will regularly arrange international virtual seminars with the Philippines and Malaysia as the first two presenters next year.

An international research study in the area of digitalising QS practices across PAQS member

### (D) PAQS Education and Accreditation Committee

QSD Council Member Sr Dr Sandy Tang attended the meeting. The Committee agreed to continue the accreditation of the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Quantity Surveying programme of Segi University, Malaysia, for three more years from 2023 to 2025. The PAQS Accreditation Manual was revised and its new draft is being circulated to PAQS member countries for feedback.



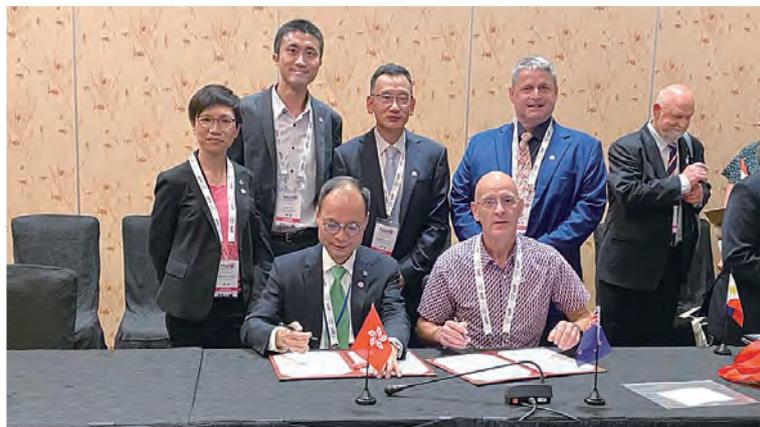
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### (E) Reciprocity Agreement with NZIQS

Immediately after the PAQS Board meeting held on 11 September, a signing ceremony for an updated reciprocity agreement between the HKIS and New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS) took place.



Reciprocity Agreement with NZIQS

## Media Interviews of the QS Awards 2022 Winners (26 September 2022)

The presentation ceremony of the HKIS QS Awards 2022 was successfully held on 23 September. On 26 September, some winners and I were respectively interviewed by the *Hong Kong Economic Times (HKET)* and *Sing Tao Daily*.

The following articles titled, 「2022 年工料測量師 QS 大獎」 and 「香港測量師學會工料測量師大獎 2022 表揚業界傑出人才」, were published on the HKET and SingTao Daily on 5 October, respectively.

Note: A short video of the QS Awards 2022 ceremony has been prepared to allow members to share in this memorable moment.

Members can view the articles and video by scanning the QR codes below.

#### HKET



#### SingTao Daily



#### Video

