



Quantity Surveying Division
Sr Sunny Choi QSD Council Chairman

QSD New Members Welcoming Party at the Helena May (21 October 2022)

The QSD New Members' Welcoming Party is a heavily-anticipated event after each year's Diploma Presentation Ceremony for newly-qualified quantity surveyors. The QSD Council takes this opportunity to welcome its newest members, congratulate them on their successes, establish contacts and dialogue with them, exchange views on the profession and industry, and nurture their interests in its activities and those of the HKIS.

This year's party was held on 21 October at the Helena May, a gracious heritage building at 35 Garden Road, for the first time. This beautiful colonial building stands out as a superb example of Hong Kong's architectural heritage.

The party's Organising Committee, comprising OC Chairman Sr Johnson CHEUNG, Sr Amee TONG, Sr Karen NG, and Sr Aaron CHENG, diligently arranged a nice dinner with games and lucky draws for 50 new members who qualified in 2020 and 2022. QSD Chairman Sr Sunny CHOI joined the party via Zoom for its duration. Sr Serena LAU (HKIS Past President, 2011-2012) and Sr Tommy YIM (QSD Past Chairman, 1996-1997) joined as guests.

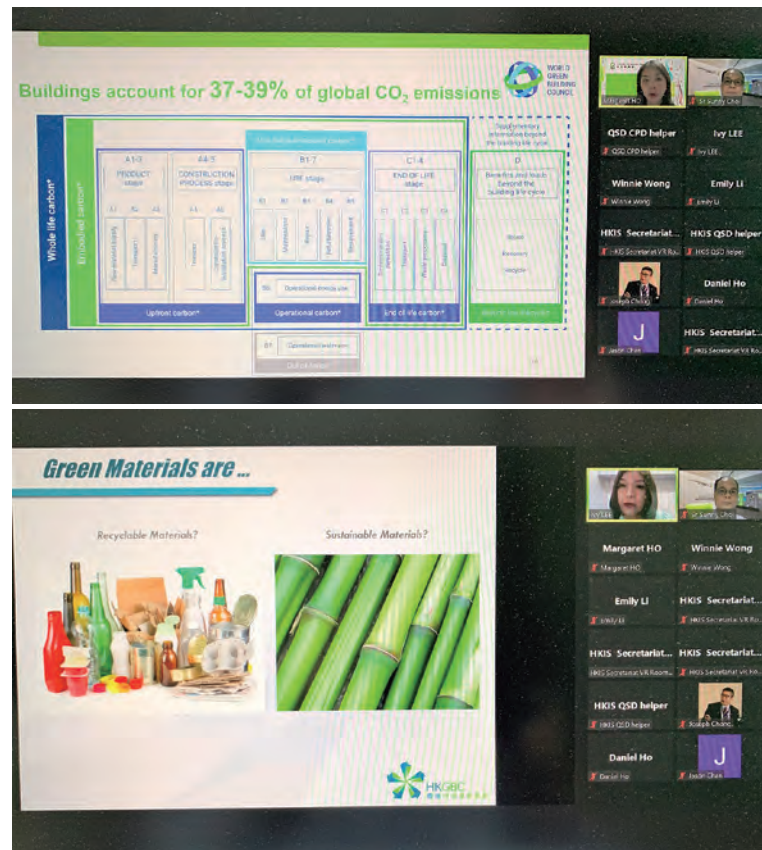


CPD: The CIC on Promoting Sustainable Construction (1 November 2022)

Sustainable construction has been a rapidly-evolving trend in Hong Kong's construction industry in recent years after the Government pledged to make the city carbon-neutral by 2050. As an industry that accounts for 39% of global carbon emissions, the construction industry should make relentless efforts to explore and adopt low-carbon solutions using a holistic approach from materials procurement to the design, planning, and construction processes. The different disciplines and expertise of building professionals should come together and practice sustainability in their everyday decisions.

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) endeavours to help local industry become more sustainable and has launched different tools and initiatives for the industry to go green.

During the webinar, the speakers (Ms Margaret HO, Manager, Industry Development – Environment and Sustainability, CIC, and Ms Ivy LEE, Senior Manager, Industry Standards and Practices, Hong Kong Green Building Council) covered the recent carbon neutrality trends and goals for the industry in both global and local contexts and elaborated on how various CIC tools, including the CIC Carbon Assessment Tool (CAT), CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme (SFCS), and CIC Green Product Certification (GPC), etc, could help the industry become sustainable.



Communication Meeting amongst the DevB, ArchSD, ACQS, and QSD (7 November 2022)

The annual meeting amongst the DevB, ArchSD, Association of Consultant Quantity Surveyors (ACQS), and QSD was held on 7 November. HKIS Senior Vice-President Sr Paul WONG, Immediate Past Chairman Sr Amelia FOK, QSD Vice Chairman Sr Tim NGAI, Sr Rex YING, Honorary Secretary Sr Staw WONG, Honorary Treasurer Sr Eric TING, and I represented the HKIS.

During the meeting, the QSD raised grave concerns over the number of quantity surveyors available to meet the needs that had arisen from significant Government expenditures on public housing and infrastructure. A recent survey it conducted on QS manpower demands revealed a prevailing shortage of quantity surveyors in the city and insufficient QS graduates preparing to join the industry.

QSD Social Event: 珍珠首飾工作坊 (12 November 2022)

Thanks go to all QSD members for supporting the division, whose last social event of 2022 was successfully held on 12 November. From the anatomy of pearl oysters to pearl cultivation and the delicate relationship between the ocean and humans, members learnt about how oysters clean seawater, promote marine biodiversity, and rejuvenate Hong Kong's aquacultural industry. Pearl culture goes back 4,000 years and is part of the modern sustainable development initiative for the sea.

Overall, it was a very interesting and educational workshop.

After that, members all had fun discovering their unique pearls by shucking oysters and designing their own accessories with the pearls they harvested.

Thanks go to the Chairperson of the QSD Social and Welfare Subcommittee, Sr Karen WONG, and her team for their efforts in organising this event.

I look forward to seeing everyone again in 2023!

