



Land Surveying Division  
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## Courtesy Visit to the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers

In early December, I made a business trip to Singapore and took this opportunity to pay a courtesy visit to the Land Surveyors Division of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) at its office on 30 Nov. The purpose of the visit was to develop a bilateral relationship between the two Institutes' Land Surveying Divisions.

Here is a brief background of the SISV: it has a similar structure to the HKIS, but comprises only three divisions: Land Surveying, Quantity Surveying, and Valuation & General Practice. Its management body is the Central Management Committee (CMC), which is similar to the HKIS's General Council. CMC Officers include three Presidents and three Vice Presidents of each division's Council, an Honorary Secretary, and an Honorary Treasurer. One of these becomes CMC Chairman, whose role rotates annually amongst the divisions.

The HKIS signed a reciprocity agreement with the SISV in 1997, which enables HKIS members to be elected SISV members and vice versa after passing a professional interview. The agreement covers building, land, quantity, valuation, and general practice surveyors. More information is available at the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/2hbv6ctc>



During my visit, five SISV LSD Council Members received me: Mr Leong Kin Weng (2nd Vice President), Mr Christopher Lee (Honorary Secretary), Ms Wong Tien Sze (Assistant Honorary Secretary), Mr Derek Chan (Council Member), and Mr Andrew Yap (Co-opted Council Member).

During the meeting, I introduced Hong Kong's land surveying infrastructure and industry landscape. I take this opportunity to thank the LSD Council Members who contributed slides that formed part of my presentation, following which I had a constructive discussion with my Singaporean counterparts on the similarities and differences between the land surveying industries of the two places.

I have observed a few other differences between Hong Kong and Singapore. First, no tertiary educational institution in Singapore currently offers a land surveying and geomatics-related course, which compels aspiring land surveyors there to study for these credentials in Australia, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom.

For sub-degree level training, the SISV operates an SISV Academy, which offers certificate courses related to land surveying. In contrast, Hong Kong has tertiary educational institutions that offer land surveying and geomatics-related courses at the sub-degree, undergraduate, and postgraduate levels.

Second, Hong Kong boasts a digital base map series of four map scales produced and maintained by the Lands Department. Singapore has only one base map called OneMap developed by the Singapore Land Authority with much of its information contributed by various Singaporean Government agencies.

Third, several Singaporean Government agencies recruit their own professional land surveyors to perform land surveying work, whilst Hong Kong's Lands Department recruits all professional land surveyors who work for the Government and assigns them to various departments to perform customised land surveying work.

Fourth, Singapore's Land Surveyors Board (LSB), constituted under its Land Surveyors Act to register surveyors, is the country's statutory body responsible for setting and maintaining standards for registered surveyors and regulating and advancing the land surveying profession in Singapore.

Fifth, the LSB is similar to Hong Kong's Surveyors Registration Board (SRB), but it only covers land surveyors, whilst the SRB covers land, building, general practice, and quantity surveyors.

At the end of the visit, my SISV LSD counterparts expressed their interest in visiting the HKIS and Hong Kong's tertiary educational institutions that offer land surveying training. The HKIS looks forward to receiving them in the future.

Coincidentally, the SISV held its 40th Anniversary Dinner on 1 December and SISV LS President Mr Mak Weng Tat invited me and QSD Chairman Sr Sunny Choi to join as VIP Guests. The dinner was well-attended by SISV members and everyone enjoyed the evening.

## Happy New Year

With most local anti-pandemic measures being lifted by the Government at the end of 2022, I wish all LSD members and their families a very happy and healthy 2023.

## Upcoming LSD CPD Events (Hybrid Mode)

	January 2023, CPD Code: 2023004	February 2023, CPD Code: 2023007
<b>Topic</b>	LiDAR: A Doom or a Boon?	Application of Very High Resolution Satellite Images in Digital Orthophoto DOP5000 Series Production to Hong Kong
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr YAN Wai Yeung Assistant Professor, LSGI, PolyU	Sr NG Lok Ting 2022 LSD Best APC Awardee
<b>Event Date</b>	19 January 2023 Venue: 1) SLC, HKIS; and 2) Zoom	9 February 2023 Venue: 1) SLC, HKIS; and 2) Zoom
<b>Registration QR Code</b>		



Group Photo Taken at the SISV Office (L-R): Mr Christopher Lee (Honorary Secretary), Mr Andrew Yap (Co-opted Council Member), Mr Leong Kin Weng (2nd Vice President), Sr Paul Tsui (LSD Chairman), Ms Wong Tien Sze (Assistant Honorary Secretary), and Mr Derek Chan (Council Member)