



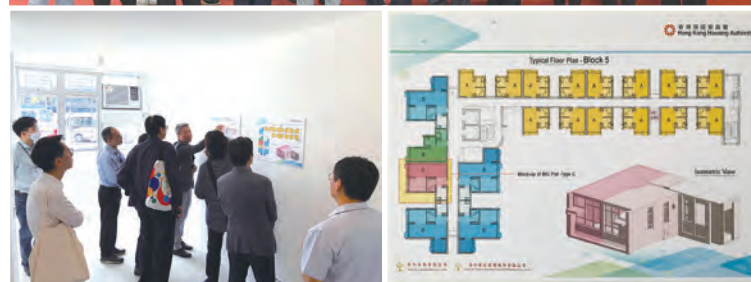
Quantity Surveying Division
Sr Sunny Choi QSD Council Chairman

HKIS Visit to HKHA MiC Mockup Site for Tung Chung Area 99 Public Housing Development (25 May 2023)

On 25 May, HKIS President Sr Paul Wong led 16 HKIS delegates to visit the Hong Kong Housing Authority's (HKHA) MiC mock-up site at Tung Chung Area 16A. The MiC modules are intended for the construction of Block 5, a 12-storey public housing block at Tung Chung Area 99.

Ir Ben Wat, HKHA's senior structural engineer, described the division of each modular flat into a certain number of precast modules, the challenges of transporting precast modules from the Mainland factory to Tung Chung, and the connections to be done on site. Ir Richard Lee, the general manager of Yau Lee Construction Co, Ltd, explained the development of concrete MiC and the continuous effort to enhance the modules to improve productivity, decrease concrete volume (to make the modules lighter), and increase module strength and integrity.

After a fruitful Q&A session, the delegates gained a new appreciation for the MiC approach which could shorten construction time, and noted that there is a potential for MiC prices to go down when the approach becomes common.



Joint CPD Event (QSD and PDD): Managing NEC Target Cost Contracts (3 May 2023)

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been a pioneer in using the New Engineering Contract (NEC) for public works in Hong Kong and a collaborative work culture has been deeply rooted on every level of the Department. Ir Romeo CHUNG, DSD Senior Engineer, along with DSD Engineers Ir Andrew WONG and Ir Frankie YEUNG, shared their hands-on experiences in managing several NEC target cost contracts including the Upgrading of the Shek Wu Hui Effluent Polishing Plant Main Works Stage 1, which received NEC awards in 2021 and 2022. During their presentation, they emphasised the importance and particular role of quantity surveyors in NEC contracts.

HKIS Senior Vice-President Sr Francis LAM, HKIS Past President cum Past QSD Chairman Sr Thomas HO, PDD Chairman Sr Terence WAI, and QSD Honorary Secretary Sr Eric TING presented tokens of appreciation to the speakers afterwards and specially acknowledged the presence of Development Bureau Assistant Secretary Ir Joyce LI and NEC Contracts Asia Business Development Manager Letty MA at the event.



CPD Event: Practical Negotiation Skills for Qs (10 May 2023)

Negotiation skills are essential for quantity surveyors, as they help manage disputes, variations, relationships, costs, and risks in construction projects. Developing negotiation skills can help quantity surveyors achieve success in their work.

Sr Mandy Lam has over ten years of working experience gained from the public and private sectors. She is a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is listed on the HKIA/HKIS panel of arbitrators. Mandy showed participants how to apply negotiation skills in different work situations and everyday life.



QSD PQSL Procurement Series 2023 (5): Revisiting Basic Guidelines in the Procurement Strategy (15 May 2023)

Procuring contracts, sub-contracts, and/or supplier contracts is a key step in cost management performed by quantity surveyors. The QSD published “Practice Notes for Quantity Surveyors – Procurement Strategy” in July 2021. To reinforce the concepts and knowledge of procurement among the QSD’s probationers and associate members, the Training Sub-Committee arranged a webinar to revisit the basic guidelines of procurement on 15 May.

The webinar was delivered by QSD Professional Practice/Practice Note Sub-Committee Chairman Sr HY Wan, who has 30 years of experience providing contract advisory and quantity surveying services for both private and public construction projects. He introduced the importance of the procurement approach and factors that decide it, as well as illustrated both with examples. He elaborated on how to decide on contract type and the advantages and disadvantages of each type.

QSD Social Event: Concrete Workshop (12 May 2023)

The 2nd QSD Social Event, a concrete workshop on 12 May, was a smashing success that couldn’t have happened without the enthusiastic participation and support of QSD members, who rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty during the workshop. It was a unique experience that was educational and entertaining, as all participants enjoyed designing and crafting their own unique concrete masterpieces!

A huge thank you goes to QSD Social and Welfare Committee Chairperson Sr Karen Wong for organising this unforgettable event.





the Built Environment: The Roles of Quantity Surveyors”. Six CPD hours will be credited to those participants who attend the full-day conference.

The Conference will cover the latest developments by and challenges for quantity surveyors in the built environment including digitalisation, decarbonisation and sustainability, dispute resolution and construction contract issues, and, most importantly, how quantity surveyors can continue to contribute to the built environment with professionalism.

Ms Winnie Ho, JP, Secretary for Housing, has kindly accepted the QSD’s invitation to be the Guest of Honour. All speakers are experts or leaders in their business fields.

HKIS QSD Conference 2023

The HKIS QSD Conference 2023 will be held on 28 October 2023 at the Royal Plaza Hotel, Mongkok. Its theme is “Mapping the Future of

Please register for this event at <http://www.minerals.hk/qsd/conf2023enrol>. The early bird registration fee will be valid through 31 August 2023.



Members Corner Needs Contributions from You!

Editorial Board invites articles for the Members Corner, a regular column in *Surveyors Times* for members to share their views on current topics and future trends, implications of new technologies and recent court decisions, the sharing of lessons learnt in members’ professional practices, the highlights of new practice notes, the introduction of practical apps and ideas gained during members’ recent gatherings with fellow professionals, good-natured and industry-related humour, etc.

An article need not be restricted to the professional practice of a surveyor, but neither is it intended to express a member’s views on everything. It should connect or have implications for fellow members, be they serious thoughts on the constitution or future of the profession or simply as a gadget or trick that can benefit the day-to-day practices of surveyors. Articles should not be political or directly related to one’s personal benefit for fear of litigation from individuals or organisations. The sensitivity and security of information presented also need to be borne in mind.

House rules:

- Articles should not be academic.
- Articles from the same author(s) will not be published consecutively for more than two issues within a six-month period.
- The final decision on publication or otherwise rests with the *Surveyors Times* Editorial Board.
- Word limit: 1,300 words
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**For HKIS member’s submission only*



MAPPING THE FUTURE OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT: THE ROLES OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS



Date: 28 October 2023 (Saturday)
Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Venue: Grand Ballroom, 6/F, Royal Plaza Hotel,
193 Prince Edward Road West, Hong Kong
CPD Code: 2023112
CPD Hours: 6

Special Acknowledgement:

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HKIS QSD Conference 2023

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

With the theme of "Mapping the Future of Built Environment: The Roles of Quantity Surveyors", the HKIS QSD Conference 2023 will discuss the latest development and challenges of quantity surveyors in the built environment, including digitalisation, decarbonisation and sustainability, dispute resolution and construction contractual issues, and most importantly, how quantity surveyors can continue to contribute to the built environment with our professionalism.

SUB-THEMES

Digitalisation in Hong Kong
Construction Industry



Decarbonisation and
Sustainability



Procurement and
Contractual Strategy



Dispute Resolution and/or
Other Construction Contractual Issues



PRICE

Early Bird until 31 Aug 2023 23:59

		Conference	Conference with lunch
HKIS Member / Supporting Organisation Member	Half Day	\$500	\$1,100
HKIS Member / Supporting Organisation Member	Full Day	\$850	\$1,450
Non-member	Half Day	\$550	\$1,150
Non-member	Full Day	\$940	\$1,540

Standard

HKIS Member / Supporting Organisation Member	Half Day	\$550	\$1,150
HKIS Member / Supporting Organisation Member	Full Day	\$940	\$1,540
Non-member	Half Day	\$600	\$1,200
Non-member	Full Day	\$980	\$1,580

Student

Undergraduate Full-time Student	Half Day	\$150	
Undergraduate Full-time Student	Full Day	\$260	

ENQUIRIES

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Enrolment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis as seat is limited.