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Building Surveying Division Sr Arthur Cheung BSD Council Chairman

APC Final Assessment

I believe some Probationers have already received a notification instructing them to attend the Final Assessment on a weekday or Saturday at HKIS headquarters. Please prepare yourselves when you submit your FA applications. Don't wait.

Press Conference on 30 May 2023: Opinions and suggestions on modification of residential units and building safety

In response to news of the illegal removal of a load-bearing wall from a private Tseung Kwan O flat, the BSD organised a press conference on 30 May to address the public's concerns. During the conference, it shared with the media its views of the incident based on the available information at the time and highlighted ten mistakes or unauthorised works that are commonly found in residential fitting-out works, as well as its initiatives for solving similar problems in the future. It then issued a press release on the matter.

The BSD believes that public education is a key to preventing similar incidents in the future. Property owners should know the DOs and DON'Ts when they plan to perform fittingout works. They should seek the expertise of building professionals such as Authorised Person (AP), Registered Structural Engineer (RSE), registered professional surveyors (building surveying), Registered Architect (RA), Registered Professional Engineer (RPE) (structural), or registered contractors under the Building Ordinance and avoid unnecessary layout alterations. Most importantly, they should not initiate or carry out any unauthorised building work (UBW). Otherwise, huge space, cost, and legal penalties could result.

On the other hand, to avoid transferring UBWs to future owners, the BSD strongly urges home sellers to engage registered professional surveyors (building surveying) to conduct home surveys on their properties before completing any residential property transaction. This is the best way to allow potential buyers to understand the conditions of the properties they are considering and the associated risks these properties pose before they commit to a purchase.

Thanks go to every BSD spokesperson for helping to make this press conference possible and following up with interviews on the different media channels. If you wish to review the press conference, please check out the video at the BSD Channel or press release at the links below:

Press conference recording: https://youtu.be/O2BC5yqVyhg



Press release: https://tinyurl.com/2mo4ppyd





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Visit to the Hong Kong Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

On 3 June, the BSD organised a visit to the Hong Kong Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Grade 1 Historical Building. Over 20 members joined this visit. Thanks go to Mr Lam Sair Ling for guiding members during the visit and sharing with them interesting stories about the building.



Hong Kong Surveying Profession on Greater Bay Area Opportunities and Challenges for Advancing Net Zero Projects and Properties in the Technological Era

BSD Council member Sr Henry Chau delivered a speech, "Expertise in Altering and Maintaining Existing Buildings at Net Zero," to participants to promote the BSD's involvement in and contributions to the goal of net zero emissions.



BS Conference and Nan Sha Visit

Preparations for the BS Conference and Nan Sha Visit are in progress. Please stay tuned!

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BSD Channel

On 15 June, the BSD published the second season of the《 鍾 SIR 解 構 123》 series. Sr Prof Barnabas Chung will continue to tell members stories about the Buildings Ordinance. Remember that the BSD has a special if the number of subscribers exceeds 1,000. If you have yet to subscribe to the BSD Channel, please act now!

BSD YouTube Channel



Casual Gathering with the Buildings Department

On 14 June, the BSD Council and HKIS OBs held a happy hour gathering with representatives of the Buildings Department. The meeting aimed to enhance the two bodies' mutual connectivity during the post-Covid era and allow their members to exchange ideas on the latest market developments. Thanks go to the Director of Buildings, HKIS President, and all guests for jointing this event, as well as to Carmen and Camille for coordinating it. Hopefully everyone had a great evening!







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Building Surveyor Awards 2023: Inspiring Our Next

After one year, the BSA 2023 finally reached its final stage: the results announcement on 16 June. The Building Surveyor Awards 2023 Presentation Ceremony-cum-Gala Dinner was held at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong on that date.

The BSD was proud to have its Guest of Honour, Ms Bernadette LINN, JP, Secretary for Development, serve as a guest official. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the organising committee, jury panel members, participants, and sponsors for their great efforts and support! Congratulations to all of the winners!

Awardees List





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