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I must begin with sad news and I am sure you share my sorrow. Mr Michael Mann, our President from 1993 to 1995, passed away on 23 July in the United Kingdom. We are grateful for his contributions and support of both the Institute and profession. Sr Chau Bing-che, Henry, Building Surveying Division Council member, passed away in a traffic accident this month. We ask all members to support his family.

It has been a busy month and as always I am pleased to share where my presidency has taken me. And with summer winding down, we look forward to an equally eventful autumn when key events and activities make welcome returns since the pandemic.

Government policy advice

The HKIS is backing the Government's development plan to make the San Tin Technopole into an Innovation and Technology hub for the Northern Metropolis following a public consultation. On 9 August we and other six professional institutes held a press conference and issued a joint statement to

that effect. The HKIS also presented our own paper that we hope will contribute to the zone's success, including views on competitive land premium, flexibility in planning and land deeds and the participation of private enterprises. Our view alone emphasises building a university as the area's research centre.

Public consultation on the Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address is underway and I gave the Institute's views at Government online sessions: on 10 August, on the need to provide more public housing; and on 11 August on providing more land and housing. I suggested that the Government should take back more than 200 vacant school sites and change their land use to public or private housing. Green space might also be changed to public or private housing, where this will have no affect environmentally. A more aggressive suggestion was to change the land use on the peripheries of country parks with existing good transport links that have the potential for public or private housing.

Understanding the Mainland

On 18 August, a day trip to Guangzhou's Nansha district organised by the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services proved fruitful. A quicker trip on the high-speed rail allowed us to make the most of our time visiting key industrial establishments like international shippers and centres of scientific and technological innovation. We learnt more about how Nansha connects to the world by collaborating with Hong Kong.

I led a delegation to Shanghai for an exchange with local authorities and visits on 20–23 August. Details of “HKIS Shanghai Visit 2023” are in the HKIS News.

Supporting trade partners

I was honoured to be a guest speaker at one of the series of public talks marking the 50th Anniversary of Jardine House on 26 August. This Central icon was Asia’s tallest building when completed in 1973. The HKIS feels a real sense of belonging having had our office there for fifteen years from 1998. I gave the surveyor’s perspective on the construction of Jardine House and focused on various aspects of the project, its shorter construction time than other commercial buildings, its cost, quality, safety, and improvement works.

Construction Safety Week 2023 kicked off on 28 August, its main theme “United For A New Site Safety Chapter” with safety promotional activities lined up until 3 September, including a conference, exhibition, and site visit. Since the Construction Industry Council waived our qualified members from its Mandatory Basic Safety Training (Green Card) Course, I encourage them to support safety activities and keep safety paramount.

Addressing community concerns

The Institute has expressed grave concern over concrete chunks and rendering falling off old buildings recently. We issued a press

release calling for greater care for public safety. Building maintenance is owners’ responsibility and we strongly urge them to appoint qualified professionals to carry out regular inspections then act fast to eliminate identified risks.

On a similar note, the HKIS met the Consumer Council’s Chief Executive, Ms Gilly Wong, and her staff on 1 August to discuss a building diagnostic and inspection service. We will formulate industry guidelines internally before re-engaging the Council.

Sowing the seeds of surveying

Congratulations to the 44 students awarded HKIS Scholarships and 17 postgraduate students given 2022 Dissertation Awards. At the presentation ceremony on 25 July, I reiterated the Institute’s continuing goal to encourage younger generations to take up surveying. Moreover, CPD courses are pivotal in preparing for challenges in an ever-changing world. My sincere thanks to judges, our Board of Education, secretariat and other units that ensured a successful event.

The conference season began with the General Practice Division’s Annual Conference on 19 August. Ms Bernadette Linn, JP, Secretary for the Development, spoke on the conference theme of how to attract more young people to our industry and empower them to contribute to future development. We look forward to the signature HKIS Annual Conference 2023 on 9 September.

Stay connected

The Members' Welfare Committee events are back and drawing a full house in record time. About 90 members and staff members enjoyed delicious Japanese food and sake pairing while networking and having a chill time on 28 July. On 5 August, members had a wonderful time creating their own floral arrangements guided by tutors at a hand-tied flower bouquet and flower box workshop. They got to take their creations home.

At our Joint Professional Bowling Tournament held on 6 August, HKIS Senior Vice-President Sr Francis Lam and Sports and Recreation Committee Chairman Sr Nathan Lee lent their support at the South China Athletic Association. Three years' absence did nothing to weaken our team led by Sr Ricky Ming and with extra support from bowlers and their families took second place after four games. Congratulations!

We held another government branches happy-hour gathering on 16 August with the Building Surveying Division hosting the Architectural Services Department. ArchsD Director Edward Tse, BSD Chairman Sr Arthur Cheung and I were there to foster better communication.

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President

首先，我必須公佈幾個不幸消息，希望死者家屬節哀順變。前會長 Michael Mann 先生 (1993-1995 年) 於今年 7 月 23 日在英國與世長辭。我們謹此衷心感謝他對學會和測量行業的莫大貢獻和支持。建築測量組理事周炳芝測量師本月因交通意外不幸身故，我們表示深切哀悼。

本月依舊充實，一如既往，我會繼續和大家分享擔任會長期間的工作點滴。隨著夏季接近尾聲，我們熱切期待同樣忙碌的秋季來臨，隨著季節交替，疫情過後，本會將重新迎來一系列重要的事項。

政府政策諮詢

經過公眾諮詢後，學會支持政府將新田科技城打造成北部都會區創科中心。8 月 9 日，我們與其他六個專業團體就此召開新聞發布會，並發表聯合聲明。此外，學會亦提交諮詢文件，當中包括有競爭力的地價、規劃和土地契約的靈活度，以及私營機構參與等看法，希望能藉此為該區的成功發展出一分力。我們更特別提出，當局應建設一所大學，以作為該地區的研究中心。

行政長官 2023 年施政報告的公眾諮詢正在進行，我代表學會透過政府網上會議積極發表意見：我於 8 月 10 日建議當局有需要提供更多公營房屋；亦於 8 月 11 日建議當局供應更多土地和房屋。我也提議政府收回超過 200 個空置校舍用地，並將其土地用途改作公營房屋或私人住宅。綠化用地亦可在不影響環境的情況下，改作公營或私人房屋。我亦提出一項更進取的建議 — 挑選目前具備良好交通網絡、有潛力建設公營房屋或私人住宅的郊野公園邊陲地帶，並改變它們的土地用途。

了解祖國

香港專業聯盟於 8 月 18 日舉辦的廣州南沙一日遊取得了豐碩成果。憑藉快速便利的高鐵，我們得以善用時間參觀多家國際航運公司和科技創新中心等重要工業設施，從中認識到南沙如何透過與香港的合作與世界接軌。

8月20日至23日，我率領代表團前赴上海，與當地機關進行交流。詳情請參閱「香港測量師學會訪滬交流團2023」的報導。

支持行業夥伴

我非常榮幸於8月26日為怡和大廈50周年系列對談活動擔任演講嘉賓。這座位於中環的標誌性建築於1973年竣工，是當時亞洲最高的建築物。自1998年起，香港測量師學會更在該廈設立辦事處達15年之久，故對這座建築擁有莫大的歸屬感。活動當日我以測量師的身份分享對怡和大廈建設的看法，並集中項目的不同方面，如探討怡和大廈比其他商業大廈使用更短的施工時間、成本、質素、安全和改善工程。

「建造業安全週2023」於8月28日拉開序幕，今年的主題為「攜手共創工地安全新篇」，並於開幕當天至9月3日舉行一系列安全推廣活動，包括會議、展覽、實地考察等。由於建造業議會豁免學會合資格的會員參加強制性基本安全訓練（綠卡）課程，我鼓勵會員支持各項安全活動，並時刻堅守安全第一的原則。

應對社區關注的問題

就近日有舊建築物的混凝土和泥水批盪剝落問題，學會表示深切關注。我們早前發布新聞稿，呼籲各方加強對公眾安全的關注。建築物保養是業主的責任，我們謹此敦促業主安排合資格專業人員進行定期檢查，並在發現問題後及時進行修復，迅速消除風險。

學會亦於8月1日與消費者委員會總幹事黃鳳嫻女士及其同事會面，探討樓宇診斷及檢驗服務。在與消委會再次面談之前，我們將制定內部的行業指南。

培養新一代的測量行業專才

本年度共44名學生獲頒香港測量師學會獎學金，17名研究生榮獲2022年傑出畢業論文獎，我謹

此向獲獎學生獻上至誠的祝賀。在7月25日的頒獎典禮上，我重申了學會的持續目標——鼓勵年輕一代投身測量行業。此外，在這個不斷演變的時代，業界需應對重重挑戰，而持續專業發展項目正是不可或缺的準備工作。我衷心感謝一眾評委、學會教育委員會、秘書處等單位的支持，活動才得以順利舉行。

踏入下半年學會已開始舉辦一系列研討會，8月19日的產業測量組周年研討會為此揭開了序幕，當天特別邀請到發展局局長甯漢豪女士太平紳士發表演講，探討如何吸引更多年輕人投身測量行業，並賦能他們為未來發展作出貢獻。同時，我們萬分期待9月9日舉行的2023年香港測量師學會周年研討會。

保持聯繫

會員福利委員會活動再度回歸，而且反應熱烈，活動打破以往紀錄短時間內宣告額滿。7月28日，約90位會員和秘書處職員一邊品嚐美味的日本料理和清酒，一邊進行交流，渡過輕鬆愜意的時光。8月5日，在導師的指導下，多名會員參加手扎花束和花盆工作坊，親手製作屬於自己的花藝作品，完成後更可將作品帶走，以作留念。

香港專業團體保齡球錦標賽於8月6日在南華體育會舉行，學會高級副會長林家輝測量師及運動娛樂委員會主席李海達測量師均現身給予支持。由明尚恆測量師領導的保齡球隊於三年的疫情後強勢回歸，在各位隊員及其家人的支持下，經過四個回合後奪得第二名。謹此祝賀學會保齡球隊取得佳績！

建築測量組於8月16日舉辦了另一次政府部門歡樂時光聚會，並邀請建築署的同事聚首一堂。建築署署長謝昌和太平紳士、建築測量組主席張文滔測量師和我均有親身出席，以促進更良好的溝通。

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