



Building Surveying Division
Sr Arthur Cheung BSD Council Chairman

APC

Practical Task: November 2023

The coming practical task is scheduled for November 2023. The DEC is still coordinating it with the examination venue. Please stay tuned for further developments.

Final Assessment

Since resuming the Final Assessment arrangements in July, the BSD has set up 22 panels to interview 62 candidates.

CPD: Preparation for an Authorised Person (AP) Interview – Experience-Sharing

On 19 August, Sr Andrew Kung, Sr KC Lee, and Sr Carmen Lai were invited to share their experiences with qualified members on sitting for the AP interview. Over 70 interested members joined the event.

The BSD wants to see more building surveyors join us as RPSs (BSs) followed by their pursuit of the AP qualification.



Response to the Recent News on External Wall Defects and Maintenance

On 7 August, the BSD issued a press release to remind the public on:

- (1) Engaging the right building professionals (building surveyors or, for MBIS, registered inspectors under the BO) to conduct building inspections
- (2) The proper applications for and limitations of rapid infrared thermographic scanning
- (3) The maintenance liabilities of building owners

For more details, please refer to the document below:

<https://tinyurl.com/2869re82>



Casual Gathering with the Architectural Services Department

On 16 August, the BSD Council and HKIS OBs attended a happy hour with members of the Architectural Services Department to enhance the links between the two organisations after the pandemic and allow members to exchange ideas on the latest market developments. Thanks go to the Director of Architectural Services, President, and all guests for joining the event. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening!

Special thanks go to Carmen and Camille for coordinating the gathering.



its suggestions on the proper way to handle alterations to domestic units and inspections of second-hand residential properties before property transactions are completed.



Buildings Department's Young Chat 3.0 and 屋宇署會客室 - 「宇」你息息相關第3及4集

On 25 August, the Buildings Department held the Young Chat 3.0 with the HKIS and HKIA. Representing the Building Surveyor Awards' Grand Award Winner, Freevision Limited, Sr Vincent Ho and Sr Ivan Law were invited to share their challenges in working on their project. The accompanying interactive games and sharing sessions should help younger surveyors and the Buildings Department develop stronger mutual bonds.



屋宇署會客室「宇」你息息相關第3及4集 were published on the Buildings Department's Facebook and IG pages. The BSD has discussed the fitting-out works and offered

Review of Fire Protection Measures at the Construction Sites of High-rise Buildings

The four-alarm fire that happened earlier this year at the 11 Middle Road Construction Site revealed that the current mandatory protections may be inadequate. Therefore, the Fire Services Department recently set up a liaison group to review the protection measures and collect views from different stakeholders. It aims to refine these measures in FSD Circular Letter No 2/2008 to further reduce fire risk and keep it from spreading to adjoining units and buildings.

Sr Daniel Pong, Sr Jeffrey Kwok and I joined the liaison group, whose inaugural meeting was held on 22 August.



BS Conference 2023

The BS Conference 2023, which will occur on 13 October 2023 at the Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui, has opened for registration. The theme this year is “Impact on Built Assets: Proactive Maintenance and Rehabilitation”. Don’t miss it!

樓宇醫生 Logo

Following the trademark registration of the “樓宇醫生” logo last year, the BSD commissioned a professional designer a few months ago to develop a logo for “樓宇醫生”. Although the term, “樓宇醫生,” has been used to describe building surveyors for a decade already, the BSD believes that a logo will further strengthen the BS profession’s identity and the public’s perceptions of 樓宇醫生. The BSD has developed four monotone concept logos for its members to choose. Detailed design development (including colouring and blending with text and associated variations) will be based on the concept with the most votes. Please pay attention to updates on this by e-mail and on Facebook.

BSD Channel

The number of subscribers to the channel has exceeded 1,000. Please stay tuned for the coming “Special”! Also, the Channel just released two new episodes of [鍾 SIR 解構 123], which cover defective buildings and OP. Don’t miss them because the Channel needs your continued support!



BSD YouTube Channel

2023 年第 3 屆廣州工程交易會

The BSD and Professional Building Surveying Consultants Association of Hong Kong (PBSCA) joined the captioned exhibition from 21-23 August and occupied two exhibition booths to promote their professional services including building maintenance and revitalisations and expanding their influence to the Greater Bay Area. The valuable experiences of their members should benefit the GBA.





Passing of Senior Member Mr Michael R Mann

Past President Mr Michael R Mann passed away on 23 July in the UK. Mike served the BSD for many years and made invaluable contributions to the BS profession by setting up the first-ever BS firm, Vigers, in Hong Kong. Below is his interview extract from 1998, when he was named a Distinguished Building Surveyor.

The BSD offers its deepest sympathies for and heartfelt condolences to Mike's family and expresses its utmost gratitude for his contributions to the profession.



Mr. Michael R. Mann

"You must maintain yourself, you must maintain building". Being with buildings for tens of years, Mr. Mann enjoys his work as a Building Surveyor, enjoys working for the institute. I'm honor to be nominated as Distinguished Building Surveyor. Concerning what makes me to become a Distinguished Building Surveyor, I think it is for people to judge why I was nominated, rather than I give the reason."

Life as a Building Surveyor

"From small, I liked architecture. I loved drawing plans. However, it was quite a long course for studying architecture. Knowing that the profession of building survey demanded a shorter period of training, I chose study this subject. In fact, Architects are those who draw plans, while Building Surveyor are those who check plans and make them work".

"Being a Building Surveyor, I could still work with plans and that is what I enjoyed." This is how Mr. Mann became a Building Surveyor. He came from London, and worked for Vigers. Sent by his company, he came to Hong Kong by his own and set the Hong Kong by his own and set the Hong Kong branch. The company looked at full range of surveying, and his job was to check on all buildings that were affected by engineering works.

Work as a Building Surveyor

"To maintain building, we should first inspect the building. Inspection includes not only visual ones, but also by physical means. We Building Surveyors need to go everywhere, from huts to big houses in Central, to inspect houses. I remember that one time we received a complaint from some residents living in the squatters in Diamond Hill who are affected by the shaking effect from a pile driving nearby. Our team went there to inspect. We stood on the first floor, and the whole floor shook so badly that we got out of there immediately. Afterwards, we asked the

person in charge to change and use another type of pile. In another incident, I was locked on the roof and guess how I got down? I just climb down from the scaffoldings!" We must really keep our body fit to work as a Building Surveyor.

Building Surveyor, doctor of the building

In Mr. Mann's eyes, Building Surveyor is the one who finds and cures problems in buildings. "It is a mixture of knowledge, rather than a specialist at any particular area. You got to know a bit of anything, and deal with many different problems. Building Surveyor is a mixture of architect, lawyer and engineer. From large matters to minute ones, like leakage in window, Building Surveyors have to look into it."

Building Surveyor in public's eyes.

"This is quite disappointing that the general public does not know much about this profession. People usually misunderstand Building Surveyor as people conducting survey on land. Some even regards us as property manager, property professional. It is time for HKIS to push more on this division."

Our future

"Buildings need maintenance. Buildings are getting old, and more Building Surveyors are needed. So, the area on building maintenance and building management will enlarge. We are all now facing a difficult time, but it will pass."

A few words to students

"Enjoy your study, and get yourself equipped. Working experience would help you a lot, as you will learn more than from textbooks. Maybe the HKIS should encourage firms to employ students for some summer jobs."

Candy, Fatima & Jessie

Source: Building Surveyors, December 1998, Issue No 4

永遠懷念周炳芝測量師

8月21日早上，一場致命的交通意外，奪去了 Henry 周炳芝測量師的性命，令我們建築測量組失去了一位永遠無可取代的現任資深理事。突如其來的消息，令我們每一位都深感哀痛及不捨。

自 2015 年起，Henry 便已成為我們建築測量組的理事，是我們的中流砥柱，積極參與學會事務。

Henry 是一個非常專業的建築測量師，「紅褲仔」出身，他對樓宇維修保養之技術根基十分紮實，而且為人忠厚無私，樂於與人分享他的知識。我們的認識源於香港測量師學會的義務工作，但凡有關樓宇運作及維修的事宜，我總喜歡找 Henry 討論，我們對一些事情有著同樣的堅持和默契。

記得在 2020 年初，我們一起製作過「家居排水系統保養全攻略」，Henry 往往都能提出很多有建設性的意見，令小冊子的內容更加精準實際。COVID 期間，Henry 一直在背後支持着我們幾位小組發言人，為我們搜集資料，又不時主動跟我們分享他在渠管播毒方面的一些最新技術研究發現，是我們在抗疫期間的緊密戰友。他有一句口頭禪，「喲！咁黎計嘅話…」，相信我們每一位都不會忘記。我們每一次的訪問，我知道他都有留意，有時會聽到他說「主席，呢個講得好呀！」，又或者「呢個，可能咁好 D 啲…」，總是默默地支持著我們。

另一方面，Henry 對於推廣建築測量專業及培育後輩亦不遺餘力。無論在什麼場合，他都會以建築測量師的角度出發。早前，就代表著我們在學會一個討論大灣區專業服務的研討會中演講。每當 APC 考試，大家都會見到 Henry 的身影，為我們擔任考官，多年來，他一直都是一位非常負責的 Counsellor。此外，他亦十分關注行業人手不足的問題及教育策略，Henry 作為我們組別教育委員會的成員及學會專業發展委員會委員，不時與我們作深入討論，希望可以尋求到解決辦法，去年他更參與了審核認可課程的申請。

我沒有能力量化失去 Henry 會對我們造成多大的創傷，更不知道這一個傷口到何時才可以復原過來，但相信 Henry 會在另一個國度繼續支持着 BSD，我們亦不會忘記 Henry 對作為 BS 的那份熱情及他一直以來對 BSD 所作出的貢獻。

老友，一路好走！





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香港測量師學會

建築測量組 Building Surveying Division

BUILDING SURVEYORS CONFERENCE 2023

Impact on Built Assets: Proactive Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Date: 13 October 2023 (FRI)

Time: 9:00am - 4:40pm

Venue: Grand Ballroom, 3/F.,
Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel and Towers,
20 Nathan Road,
Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

GUEST OF HONOUR

Ir WAI Chi-sing, GBS, JP, FHKEng
Managing Director, Urban Renewal Authority

CPD Hours: 6

CPD Code: 2023152

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EARLY BIRD* (Lunch and Light refreshments are included)

HKIS Member: HK\$1,350/person

Non-Member: HK\$1,550/person

Group Enrolment (>=5 persons): HK\$1,350/person

* Until 29 Sep 2023 (FRI) 23:59

STANDARD (Lunch and Light refreshments are included)

HKIS Member: HK\$1,550/person

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Group Enrolment (>=5 persons): HK\$1,550/person

Student Member: HK\$200/person (Lunch is not included)

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Speakers and Presentation Topics

Speaker

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Past President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

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Sr Samson WONG
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Association of Hong Kong

Mr Alan YIP
Partner, Howse Williams

Presentation Topic

To be announced later

What are the NEXT strategies?

How Long do Buildings Last?
A Survival Analysis of Buildings in Hong Kong

Introduction to the Competition Ordinance
and Combating Bid-rigging in the Building
Maintenance Market

Elevating Facilities Upkeep:
ArchSD's Approach and Innovative Ideas

Assets Enhancement through
Wholesale Conversion

To be announced later

- * Speakers in alphabetical order of surname
- * More speakers' information would be announced later.
- * Speakers and Topics are subject to change without prior notice.

**Enrolment will be accepted on a first-come,
first-served basis as seats are limited.**

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ABOUT THE HKIS AWARDS

The HKIS Awards aim to acknowledge and recognize the outstanding achievements of Hong Kong Surveyors. The Awards serve as a platform to showcase the exceptional work of surveyors in the industry and promote their professional image in Hong Kong, Mainland and overseas.

With the theme “**Surveying for a Sustainable Future,**” the **HKIS Awards 2024** aims to recognize the efforts of Hong Kong Surveyors in creating a sustainable future. The Awards will celebrate outstanding achievements in development projects that prioritize sustainability and contribute to a greener and more eco-friendly environment, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations. By highlighting the important role of surveyors in sustainable development, the Awards aim to encourage more sustainable practices in the industry and promote a more sustainable future for Hong Kong.

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