When I was the President ……



Sr Francis Ng Past President (1999-2000) Interview by Jason CW Chan (Hon Secretary of GPD)



What Francis said

I am honoured to have the opportunity to 'wrap up' my thought about the Institute after I left the post in late 2000.

Over the past 13 years, I constantly received feedback on the streamlined process initiated by the administrative office and effect of decisions made during my tenure. I heard appreciation from some past presidents that meetings were conducted in an amicable, effective, and smooth manner.

I recall that thorny issues that popped up then were no less than in recent years. For example, at that time, the government was setting up a 'housing managers registration' system. There were constant dialogues with the then-Housing Bureau on the HKIS involvement. On the accommodation aspect, the Institute's lease at Prince's Building was coming to the end. Consideration was being given to seek alternative premises or purchase accommodation on an "one-off" basis. The Institute eventually decided to rent an office nearby. Also, we helped to secure a ten-year tenancy for the "Professional Learning Centre" at the LDC site, The Centre.

My presidency was a few years after the change of sovereignty. Frequent contacts with the Mainland counter-parts were made. I had ample opportunities to give talks to universities and elaborated on the Institute's mission to the relevant bureau/departments.

Some past presidents may agree that the monthly message was not easy to write, given our various work commitments and time constraints. However, I did enjoy writing essays at the back page of *Surveyors*

Times on topics I liked (e.g. Chinese poems, Putonghua pronunciation, playing around with words, rationing certificates, used bus/train tickets, travel stories, etc.).

HKIS has been successful in taking a leading role in the Hong Kong property market. Our efforts and contributions are well-respected by the general public. The Institute maintains high professional standards as various divisions work together smoothly. There is, however, always room for improvement. Promotion of the surveyor's role to the general public is a neverending task. We need to give constructive advice on consultation documents and maintain various standards. We should be open-minded and forward-looking. I also hope that new-comers will gain more knowledge and skills from their predecessors and be aware of the importance of upholding ethics, be considerate, modest, and be responsible professionals who are prepared to serve.

Biography of Francis Ng BBS, FHKIS, FRICS, RSP (GP)

Francis joined the then-Crown Lands & Survey Office (now the Lands Department) as a Student Estate Surveyor in December 1971. He qualified as a professional surveyor in mid-1973. He remained working with the Lands Department until 2009, when he got retired as the Deputy Director/Specialist.

Presently, he is an Adjunct Professor at the City University of Hong Kong and also works as the Principal Consultant in Lawson David & Sung Surveyors Ltd.

For information, Francis was the President of the HKIS from 1999 to 2000. He was Chairman of the General Practice Division from 2009 to 2013.

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The President, Sr Francis Ng, as Chairman of a Morning Session, presented a souvenir to Mr Luo Zhan Sheung, Deputy Chief Construction Committee, Hunan Province.



The guest of honour Dr Cheng Hon-kwan receives a souvenir from the President, Sr Francis Ng



IKIS President, Sr Francis Ng(3rd from right) and GPD Real Estate Appraisers Association.



From right to left :Sr Francis Ng, President, Sr Stephen Liu, Senior Vice President, Sr Tony Tse, GPD Chairman and Sr Richard Cheung, BSD Chairman, at a briefing during the Education and Careers Expo 2000.



