

# When I was the President .....

我做會長的日子.....

30週年  
Anniversary

測量師三十年 專業社會邁向前  
30 Years of Surveying Service with Pride,  
For the Community's Betterment We Strive



**Sr Marco Wu**

**Past President (1991-1992)**

*interviewed by Sr Jason CW Chan*

## What Marco Said

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Institute is a good opportunity for me to recap some major issues that occurred during my tenure as President from 1991 to 1992.

## Reciprocity Agreement with the RICS

Of course, I will not forget the important reciprocity agreement that I signed with Mr David Male, the then-Immediate Past President of the RICS, on 15 May 1991. The agreement enabled a corporate member of each body to become a member of the other, subject to one year's practice and a satisfactory interview by the body in which membership is sought.

## Strengthening Connections with the Mainland and Overseas

Besides the RICS, discussions with prominent surveying organisations in other countries to secure reciprocity agreements also happened.

Following the opening of the China market, the Institute began to build strong connections with land-related authorities on the Mainland.

From 1991 to 1992, we participated in a number of conferences and official visits to Beijing and Shanghai hosted by the Ministry of Construction and the Shanghai Municipal Land Administration Bureau, respectively.

## Education and Training

The Institute placed much emphasis on education and training. In 1992, the then City Polytechnic began to introduce degree courses in quantity surveying and building surveying. An MSc in Real Estate Development was also introduced by the University of Hong Kong. All these courses have ensured a steady supply of prospective surveyors to cope with the increasing demand for professionals to assist in the vast scale of infrastructure and property developments in Hong Kong, Macau, and the Mainland. The Institute helped validate these courses.

The Assessment of Professional Competence (APC), formerly known as the Test of Professional Competence (TPC),

involves a major effort each year by members. In 1991, assessments were held for building, quantity, and land surveying. In 1992, they were extended to the general practice.

## Enactment of the Surveyors' Registration Ordinance

Through the hard work of concerned members and upon the culmination of a series of long discussions between the government and the Institute, the Surveyors' Registration Ordinance was enacted on 17 July 1991 to provide for the registration and disciplinary control of professional surveyors. Under the Ordinance, the Institute was entrusted with the establishment of a Registration Board, which was formed in December 1991.

## Formation of the Estate Agents Association

In response to public demand for the better regulation of estate agents' conduct, the Institute, in conjunction with other stakeholders, established a Formation Committee that, after a series of meetings, produced a consultative document in November 1991 containing outlined proposals on a code of ethics, membership criteria, and the structure of the proposed Estate Agents Association, which paved the way for the enactment of the Estate Agents Ordinance and formation of the Estate Agents Authority in 1997.

## Links with Other Professional Organisations

Through the joint council of four local land-related professional institutes (HKIA, HKIE, HKIP, and HKIS) and the joint council of nine professional bodies (the above four institutes plus barristers, solicitors, accountants, doctors, and dentists), the Institute has maintained regular contact with other professional bodies. These joint councils form a strong single voice in pursuit of important issues of mutual interest.

## HKIS Administration

A joint office, registered as Surveyors Services Limited with limited liability, was formed in 1991 with its Board of Directors comprising two representatives each from the RICS HK Branch and the Institute. This company later became the sole administrative arm of the Institute for handling all of its administrative matters.

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## The Future of the Institute

Before closing, I would like to say a few words to our younger members. During the early stages of your professional career, you should make good use of the opportunity to participate in activities organised by the Institute. These activities will not only enrich your knowledge and experience, but also provide a valuable platform for broadening your network with your peers and members of other related professions.

As you advance your career, you may need to lead a team of professionals, some of whom are in other fields. In such a case, you will need to equip yourselves with knowledge beyond that for your own profession.

Allow your interests and vision to expand beyond the borders of Hong Kong. The future of the Institute is in your hands.

## Biography of Marco Wu, GBS, SBS, FHKIS, FRICS, RPS (GP)

Sr Marco Wu is the Chairman of Hong Kong Housing Society and was a member of the Long Term Housing Strategy Steering Committee. He is a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors and The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He was President of the HKIS from 1991 to 1992.

Sr Wu was the Deputy Director of Housing from 1996 to 2003 and the Director of Buildings from 2003 to 2006. During his 26 years with the Housing Department, he made significant contributions to the formulation and review of major housing policies. As Director of Buildings, he was responsible for developing policies and strategies governing the control and facilitation of private buildings. Sr Wu was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in July 2006 and the Gold Bauhinia Star in July 2014 for his distinguished and dedicated service to the government and community. ■



HKIS delegation visit to Shanghai (19-22 Sept 91)



Joint HKIS & RICS Annual Dinner 1991



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