

# When I was the President .....

我做會長的日子.....

30週年  
Anniversary

測量服務三十年 專業社會邁向前  
30 Years of Surveying Service with Pains,  
For The Community's Betterment We Strive



**Sr Tony Tse**  
Past President (2003-2004)

Interviewed by Sr Rex Ying

Sr Tse Wai Chuen Tony was the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors from 2003 to 2004. Sr Tse has more than 35 years experience working in the real estate industry. Apart from his professional work, Sr Tse has been a keen participant in community affairs. At various times, he has been a member of the Town Planning Board, the Land and Building Advisory Committee, the Municipal Services Appeal Panel, the Disciplinary Board Panel (Land Survey), the Hong Kong Trade Development Council Infrastructure Development Advisory Committee, and the Chairman of the Real Estate Services Training Board of Vocational Training Council. Sr Tse is now the HKSAR Legislative Council Member for the Architectural, Surveying and Planning Functional Constituency.

## Major Developments as HKIS President

As part of the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) between the Mainland and Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors and the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers signed a reciprocity agreement on 4 November 2003 for General Practice Surveyors in Hong Kong and real estate appraisers in the Mainland. The first training and test session under the agreement was held in March 2004 with the qualification certificates being presented to the successful candidates on 20 August 2004. Sr Tse still remembered the tremendous time and effort spent in the preparation of training material, inviting training staff, logistical arrangements and the fine detail of the accreditation method. Sr Tse believed this agreement was remarkable as it enhanced the opportunities of practitioners and the influence of Hong Kong industry practices in the Mainland and so constituted one of his major achievements during his term of service as HKIS President.

There was another interesting development during his term of service, the redesign of the HKIS's publication - *Surveyors Times*. The *Surveyors Times* used to be a leaflet with polychrome printing. It was changed to a magazine with more attractive elements after input from Sr Tse and other members. Sr Tse believes the *Surveyors Times* is vital as a tool of communication between Institute and its members and also gives opportunities to increase public awareness and understanding of the Institute. It therefore deserved a more attractive appearance, rich content and additional resources.

## Development of the Institute in the Past 10 Years

Sr Tse mentioned he was pleased that there was increasing public awareness towards surveyors in Hong Kong. The Institute is now providing advice and guidelines on different types of surveying related services such as forms of construction contract, building maintenance, and in the sale and purchase of properties such that they allow the public to better understand the role and duties of surveyors. To serve the community better, Sr Tse suggests that the Institute should produce simpler guidelines which people at large can understand in addition to those for use by professionals. This can further enhance the image and reputation of surveyors. Sr Tse also mentioned that the success of the Institute rests with the effort and the unity of the six divisions of HKIS. The divisions should continue to work together for an even better development of the professionalism and reputation of the Institute in the future.

## A Word for Young Surveyors

Sr Tse said that there were undoubtedly fewer opportunities for Young Surveyors nowadays in Hong Kong compared with the years before. However Young Surveyors should not be discouraged at the reduced opportunities for advancement. Instead it is the young people's edge in the quick adoption of new knowledge and technology that would eventually give them the advantage. They are especially suitable for new developments in the surveying sector such as Building Information Modelling (BIM). Young Surveyors should understand their strengths and further enhance their strengths in addition to their daily work. Another suggestion from Sr Tse was that there were new lines of work in the industry gradually emerging in recent years such as provision of different types of multi-professional services. Young Surveyors should not be limited by the traditional role of surveyors and should take the opportunity to try new types of career development. ■

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