



### Building Surveying Division Sr Nathan Lee BSD Council Chairman

First, I speak for the new BSD Council to wish all members a happy and prosperous new year filled with joy, peace, and love. The year ahead will be full of challenges and opportunities for building surveyors. Despite the economy's slow recovery after the relaxation of the pandemic measures and a lack of workers in certain sectors, Hong Kong should benefit from the Northern Metropolis development, new public housing, and the continued maintenance of its large stock of ageing buildings, which require the involvement and contribution of BSs. The BSD Council is prepared to work hand-in-hand with members to face these challenges and pursue further opportunities for the profession.

## AGM and Annual Dinner

The BSD AGM was held successfully on 30 November with a new Council elected. I salute the tremendous efforts and devotion exhibited by Immediate Past Chairman Sr Arthur Cheung and his team to meeting the BSD's goals. The Annual Dinner followed the AGM and was well attended by 120 BSs ranging from newly-qualified to Fellow members. Everyone enjoyed the joyful and fun atmosphere.



AGM & Annual Dinner

Recaps from my AGM speech include a call for the BSD's 1,646 professional building surveyors to help it strengthen its role in the market and society by followings four main practices:

### Connection

To unite BSs of different ages, careers, and specialties through the organisation of various activities such as roundtable forums, team



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building exercises, focus group discussions, questionnaires, etc, BSs should work together to amplify their power, voices, and influence so that society will recognise the important role they play in everyday life.

### Promotion

To continue the encouraging results from promoting BS through the BS Channel, magazine column 福爾摩B, media interviews, press conferences, school visits, etc, the BSD will continue to explore more opportunities to introduce the BS profession to the general public and other professional institutes through roadshows and seminars in Hong Kong's 18 districts, as well as through social gatherings with, for example, accountants and solicitors. It will also employ social media to promote its expertise and services.

### Publication

To establish the best practices for building surveyors, the BSD will continue to prepare the *Guide for Design for Maintenance* for new and second-hand properties and update it. It hopes to establish widely-accepted standards for practitioners and the industry to adopt in the industry.

### Education

The BSD's CPD panel organised numerous seminars, site visits, and PQSLs in 2023, which provided up-to-date information and knowledge on the latest legislation, technologies, building materials, research, etc, to its professional members and probationers. This year, it will jointly initiate with HKU SPACE an HKIS training course on heritage conservation for building surveyors, which will start enrolment soon. In addition, the BSD will offer seminars to the general public on building safety and the proper procedures and best practices for administering building renovations and maintenance, which will tie in with its 18-district promotional campaign.

As one of the BSD's 1,646 qualified BSs, you should contribute to its mission. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please scan the QR code and complete the online form so that it could contact you when it requires your help.



<http://tinyurl.com/yojzhqv>

## Building Affairs Expert Determination Centre (BAEDC)

The BSD's Sr Margaret Chan and Sr Kenny Tse represented it at a seminar organised by the Property Management Services Authority on 18 December to introduce the BAEDC's ideas and mechanism to property management practitioners and explain how it can help property owners resolve disputes over water leaks and fitting-out contracts by employing single experts in the most efficient and cost-effective ways.

In addition, it received the first request to nominate an expert for a water seepage case and will pay attention to this trial case before sharing its results and the BSD's reactions to it with members in the future.





## HKIS Training Course on Heritage Conservation for Building Surveyors

BSs have a role in the conservation and maintenance of historical buildings, which include inspections, designs and specifications, alterations, and conversions for adaptive re-use. Hence, they should acquire further knowledge of built heritage in terms of its regulations, practices, skills, and technologies.


The BSD is pleased to announce that a training course that it has jointly organised with HKU

SPACE is accepting enrolments and will commence in March 2024. Places are limited, so please enroll via the link below.



<http://tinyurl.com/yuspdfyy>

Special thanks go to Sr Idi Chan, a built heritage expert, for helping to develop the course and coordinating it with HKU SPACE.



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