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Serena Lau

Gong Hei Fat Choi! While the global economic looks bleak today, I wish the year of the Dragon shall bring you the strength and good luck to sail through the coming ups and downs.

A working group on Corporate Governance and Governing Structure, which is led by the Founding President Mr FY Kan, held its first meeting on 10 January 2012. I was informed that a professional survey has been proposed to consult our members their expectation on the future of the Institute. Yes, it is very clear that any change is to pave for the future and the future is to be determined by members. Being one of the respected and sizable professional organizations in Hong Kong with its membership reaching 8,000 members, including probationers and students, we are all concerned about the Institute's next step and may hold different views on our future direction. If it is not a status quo decision, any move will attract investment in terms of time and cost. In anticipation of the above proposed survey, and the views received in the members' forum on administration and appointment of CEO, it is resolved that the move regarding the role of our administrative office from "administration" to "administration and advisory" shall be pending in the meanwhile.

The Institute held an annual luncheon with journalists and reporters from media organizations in Hong Kong 16 January 2012. By keeping regular contacts with journalists and reporters, we can reach the public through media

broadcast and publication, and our professional point of views can be heard in the society. Our team of spokesmen are determined to provide on time feedback on surveying related public issues and help to build a positive image of Surveyors. On personal identification, members may consider to introduce yourself with the title of "專業測量師" to your friends, clients and public as a mean to assist in promoting the surveying profession. Besides, we are delighted to see that more members are invited to participate and contribute in public boards/ committees. For example, our Immediate Past President Mr Wong Bay has been recently appointed as a member of Construction Industry Council. Building Surveying Division Chairman Mr Vincent Ho has been appointed as a member of Town Planning Board.

A number of events in February 2012 are under preparation and are worthy of your attention and participation: Education and Careers Expo 2012 to be held on 9-12 February 2012; Forum to meet with CE candidates jointly organized by HKIS, HKIA, HKIP, and HKILA to be held on 8 February 2012; and a CPD on "Enchancing Land Supply Strategy, Reclamation outside Victoria Harbour and Rock Cavern Development" to be held on 15 February 2012.

A half-day retreat for the new and re-appointed General Council members and Boards' members being arranged in February, aims to look for suitable initiatives on any aspect. Let us have a quick review of the general consensus being reached last year:

- (a) To enhance internal communication amongst members;
- (b) To strengthen the status of surveyors;
- (c) To revisit the scope and definition of the term "SURVEYOR" and to explore opportunities to serve the industry better.

We should have a lot of opportunities to meet our families and friends to celebrate the New Year, Chinese Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day and Lantern Festival in January and February. During the festive season, please keep on caring for our society and the people in needs. The Institute is committed to be a caring organization and our Community

恭喜發財！我祝願大家龍年好運，在環球經濟前景不明朗下，仍然安然渡過。

由創會會長簡福飴測量師領導的企業管治及管治架構工作小組已於 2012 年 1 月 10 日舉行了首次會議。會上建議透過問卷調查，收集各會員對學會未來發展期望的意見。任何轉變都關乎學會未來發展，而學會的未來則由會員來決定。作為香港其中一所備受尊崇及具有規模的組織，會員人數（包括見習會員及學生會員）將近 8,000。然會員間對學會發展方向或持有不同意見，我們樂見會員關注到學會未來發展。假如工作小組最終得出並非一個「維持現狀」的結論，我們或需要投入更多時間及金錢，以配合學會發展需要。由於工作小組將透過問卷調查向會員收集意見，以及較早前在會員論壇所提及有關行政及聘用行政總裁的意見，因此，秘書處的角色由「行政」轉為「行政及諮詢」的進程將會暫停。

學會於 2012 年 1 月 16 日舉行了年度傳媒午宴。透過與傳媒保持聯繫，我們得以透過大眾傳播媒介了解社會大眾，將學會的專業意見推廣。學會的發言人團隊會適時對公共事務發表回應，並期望藉此建立測量師的正面形象。在個人方面，會員亦可考慮在朋友、客戶及公眾介紹自己時，加上「專業測量師」的稱謂，攜手幫助提升及宣傳測量專業。此外，我們對於會員獲邀參與社會上一些委員會，積極投入公共事務，感到十分鼓舞。最近，學會上任會長黃比測量師獲委任為建造業議會成員。建築測量組主席何鉅業測量師則被委任為城市規劃委員會成員。

2 月份的活動正如火如荼地作準備，請會員密切留意及積極參與。教育及職業博覽 2012 將於 2012 年 2 月 9 至 12 日舉行；由香港測量師學會、香港建築師學會、香港規劃師學會及香港園境師學會聯合舉辦的與特首候選人（交流活動）亦將於 2012 年 2 月 8 日舉行；“增加土地供應策略、填海及發展岩洞”的 CPD 亦將於 2012 年 2 月 15 日舉行。

and Charity Services committee has been from time to time organizing events which need your participation. Our convenor, Mr Billy Wong, is waiting for your calls.

At the time of writing this message, our QS member, Mr Benny Lee has been taken seriously ill with Hepatitis B and in need of liver transplant. I understand members are helping to check and spread out the message to identify suitable liver donor. I sincerely wish Benny gets the power and strength like Dragon and get well soon.

Serena Lau
President

我們將於 2 月份安排半天的退修會予理事會成員及委員會成員，期望尋求任何合適提議。讓我們重溫去年退修會的共識。

- (一) 加強會員間的內部溝通；
- (二) 提升測量師的地位；
- (三) 檢討「測量師」的定義及涵蓋範圍，並發掘更多服務業界的機會。

在 1 至 2 月份，我們在新年、農曆新年、情人節、元宵節期間，有很多機會與親友見面。於這佳節，請繼續關懷我們身處的社會及有需要的人士。學會致力成為一所關懷社會的組織，社區及公共事務委員會不時舉辦活動，很需要各位會員的參與。如有志服務我們的社區，請與委員會召集人黃健兒測量師聯繫。

執筆之際，工料測量組會員李志仁測量師早前不幸發現患上急性肝衰竭，正等待合適的肝臟移植。會員積極協助尋找合適肝臟捐贈者。在此，我謹祝李志仁測量師能夠早日康復。

劉詩韻專業測量師
會長

Correction

Please note the following correction to the 2nd paragraph under Presidential Address on page 3 as published in the December Surveyors Times: The number of year established was incorrectly displayed. It should be read as "28 years ago", instead of "38 years ago".

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

HKIS Media Luncheon 2012

The Institute organized a media luncheon on 16 January 2012 at the World Trade Centre Club, Causeway Bay. A total of 40 media friends attended the luncheon and meet the HKIS spokesmen 2011-2012. Subsequent to the President's opening remarks, divisional spokesmen were

invited to give a brief introduction on the divisions and the scopes they can offer views on. During the luncheon, spokesmen at the divisions shared their professional point of views on topical issues in the society upon enquiries from the media. 🇭🇰



Council Members Reaching Out

5 January 2012	Special meeting of Panel on Housing on Consultation Paper on the Proposed Legislation to Regulate the Sale of First-Hand Residential Properties organized by Legislative Council	Dr Lawrence Poon
7 January 2012	Stakeholders Engagement Forum on "Urban Climatic Map and Standards for Wind Environment - Feasibility Study" (《都市氣候圖及風環境評估標準 - 可行性研究》) organized by Planning Department	Mr Vincent Ho Mr Simon Kwok Mr Gary Yeung Mr Spencer Kwan
7 January 2012	"Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Planning and Engineering Study - Stage 1 Community Engagement" jointly organized by Planning Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department	Ms Serena Lau Mr Lawrence Li
18 January 2012	Forum on Proposed Marking Scheme for Tenders Evaluation organized by Hong Kong Housing Authority	Mr Thomas Ho
12 January 2012	The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries Annual Dinner	Ms Serena Lau
12 January 2012	Monthly Thursday Luncheon organized by Executive Council Secretariat	Ms Serena Lau
14 January 2012	The Hong Kong Medical Association 7th Sports Night	Mr Lesly Lam
16 January 2012	Joint Institutes' Dinner hosted by HKILA and HKIP	Ms Serena Lau Mr Stephen Lai Mr Gary Yeung
19 January 2012	Construction Industry Council Annual Dinner 2011	Ms Serena Lau
31 January 2012	Spring Cocktail Reception of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce	Ms Serena Lau
31 January 2012	Asian Institute of Intelligent Buildings 11th Anniversary Annual Dinner	Ms Serena Lau
31 January 2012	Spring Reception of Home Affairs Department	Ms Serena Lau

Building Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Vincent Ho BSD Council Chairman

恭喜發財，祝大家龍年進步，龍馬精神
Kung Hey Fat Choy! I wish you all a prosperous year of the Dragon.

Registration of Registered Inspector under MBIS

The year of the Dragon will be another busy year and hopefully a fruitful year for building surveyors as the new Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme will be implemented in the second quarter this year. Following the completion of legislation process for the relevant regulations for the MBIS late last year, Buildings Department is now accepting application for registration of Registered Inspector (RI). Under the MBIS, owners of buildings aged 30 years or above (except domestic buildings not exceeding 3 storeys) are required to appoint RIs for prescribed inspection and to carry out prescribed repair as necessary under the supervision of RIs to their building once every 10 years. I trust all members of our building surveying division shall be capable to perform the role and duties of RI which is our core competence. If you are a RPS meeting the registration qualifications as stipulated in section 3 of the Building (Administration)

Regulations, please act promptly to submit your application. You may refer to the newly amended PNAP APP-7 for details of the registration requirements. The application form BA1 can be downloaded from BD's website.

BSD has advocated and pushed for legislation of the MBIS for years. We believe the culture of proper building maintenance and repair can only be cultivated and nurtured with appropriate government policy and legislative support. However, the success of the MBIS would also rest with the participation of competent building professionals and out of all building surveyors should play a vital and proactive role in this regard. We would therefore need the full support of building surveyors in applying for registration as RI and taking part in the inspection and repair works so as to demonstrate we, building surveyors, are the experts in this field.

The Eddie Lee Memorial Education Foundation

In remembrance of our distinguished building surveyor, the late Eddie Lee (who passed away on 9 January 2011) and to pursue his dedication in the training of surveyors, The Eddie Lee Memorial Education Foundation has been established under the auspices of the Building Surveying Division and our senior members. The Foundation will provide incentives to encourage training and continuous development of surveyors including the award of scholarships to worthy APC candidates.

The BSD has appointed 5 Distinguished Building Surveyors namely, Mr David Chan, Dr Chan Man-wai, Professor Barnabas Chung, Mr CK Lau, and Mr Samson Wong as Trustees of the Foundation. The Foundation will give out scholarship awards every year to those probationers who have diligently and successfully completed all elements of the APC upon first attempt leading to professional qualification in that year.

An inauguration and presentation ceremony of The Eddie Lee

Memorial Education Foundation was successfully held in the evening of 9 January 2012 with the presence of Eddie's wife, Mrs Angela Lee, his son, Adrian Lee, the Trustees, friends of Eddie, and a group of fellow building surveyors.

The first year's scholarship awards were presented to the following awardees while commendation certificates were presented to their counsellors to commend their effort for their valuable guidance to the awardees:

First prize to Ms Ma Yuen-tung Soei (counsellor Mr Chan Hong-ki Robert)

Second prize to Ms Ha Man-chi, Mandy (counsellor Mr Tse Siu-ming Stephen)

Third prize to Mr Lam Kam-tim (counsellor Mr Law Sheung-ping James)

Third prize to Mr Chan Yuk Nick (counsellor Mr Chung Chan-keung Ken)



In order to sustain the Foundation and support development of the building surveying profession, I would like to appeal



for your donations and contribution to the Foundation.

Appointment to the Board of Membership

I am glad to announce that in the first meeting of the Board of Membership held on 12 January 2012, our divisional representative Professor Barnabas Chung has been elected as the chairman of the board. Mr Kenneth Yun will continue

to sit in the board while Mr Andrew Kung is subsequently nominated into the board to fill up the place left behind after Professor Chung's appointment as the chairman.

The AP/RSE Discussion Forum held by the Buildings Department

Some of you may know that the Buildings Department is holding an AP/RSE discussion forum every 2 to 3 months. The forum is intended to provide opportunities for representatives of the relevant professional organizations including HKIS, HKIA and HKIE to communicate directly with the senior management of the Buildings Department on matters relating to the daily administration and processing of plan submissions and issues concerning interpretation of the

Buildings Ordinance and regulations. In order to share the information disseminated in the forum with the interested members as well as to feedback your concern and problems encountered in dealing with BD submissions, I am intending to conduct a discussion session with our BS members on a regular basis. Details of the discussion session arrangement shall be announced shortly.

Co-opted Members to BSD Council

Apart from the office bearers and council members elected in the past AGM, we are very grateful to have the support of many other members in organizing and participating in the council business. In the last BSD council meeting, we have the pleasure to endorse the appointment of the following members as co-opted members of the BSD council:

Ms Chan Mei Kuen, Idi

Mr Cheuk, Cheuky

Mr Li Kwok Wah, Edgar

Mr Lui, Victor

Mr Tang Chi Wang

Mr Wong Ka Chi, Louis

Ms Wong Kam Wah

Mr Yeung Tak Wah, Denny

Thank you in advance for their contribution. ■

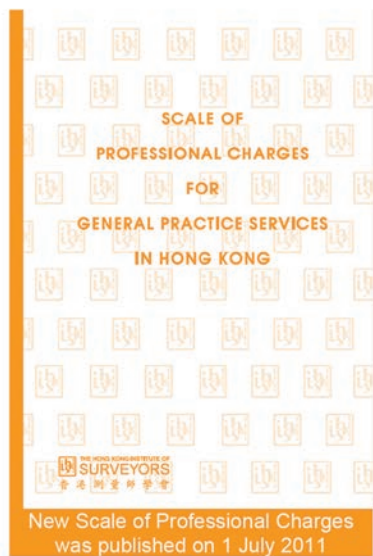
General Practice Division Chairman's Message



Francis Ng GPD Council Chairman

New "Scale of Professional Charges for General Practice Services in Hong Kong" gained the support from URA

As members may be aware, the new "Scale of Professional Charges for General Practice Services in Hong Kong" ("Scale of Charges") was revised in 2011. This new fee scale aims to replace the old fee scale which was published 17 years ago jointly by the HKIS and the RICS (HK Branch). The new fee scale is advisory in nature and is published for the guidance of Professional GP Surveyors. The document has served useful purposes in the following areas of work:



- Compensation claims. Consultation has been made with the Lands Department from time to time;
- Certain types of valuation work;
- Courts/ Tribunal – reference points for determination of the reasonableness of "costs" for expert surveyors' fees; and
- Independent expert – reference points for the determination of reasonableness of experts' fees by the President of the HKIS or by the courts / tribunal etc.

After publication of the document, HKIS has launched promotion of the Scale of Charges by sending the same to all the stakeholders. This new fee scale is welcomed by practitioners and related institutions. This included Urban

Renewal Authority (URA) which has basically made reference to the new fees for the reimbursement of surveyor's fee relating to property acquisitions in their redevelopment projects, the initial acquisition offers of which are made to the affected owners after 15 November 2011. According to URA, details of the reimbursement of surveyor's fee would be as follows:

I. For Professional Services on Market Value of The Property

1. Owners may, if they so wish, employ the service of a professionally qualified surveyor to assess the market value of the affected property and to negotiate with URA on the offer to purchase. URA is prepared to reimburse the surveyor's fee in the manner as described in Paragraph 3 below. The surveyor's fee reimbursable will be based on market value only (excluding any ex-gratia allowance including but not limited to Home Purchase Allowance, and Supplementary Allowance) and calculated on the basis of 1.5 times the full fee quoted in paragraph 2.1 of the Scale of Charges effective from 1 July 2011, subject to the following minimum payment:
 - (a) HK\$8,000 for valuation of upper floor unit;
 - (b) HK\$20,000 for valuation of basement/ ground floor unit; and
 - (c) HK\$30,000 for valuation of single-owned building/ site
2. With the prior written approval of URA and under very special circumstances, the surveyor's fee may be reimbursed in accordance with time charges quoted in paragraph 1.8 of the Scale of Charges. The surveyor has to provide supporting documents such as time log sheet of each professional or technical staff to be involved in the case, and URA reserves the right to make requisition for any information for consideration and final determination of the proposed fee submitted by the owner's surveyor.

3. Subject to the requirements stated in Paragraph 4 below, a fee equivalent to 50% of the minimum payment as mentioned in Paragraph 1 above will be reimbursed to the owner's surveyor upon submission of the valuation report (the "Report") notwithstanding that the agreement for sale between the property owner and URA is yet to be reached within the offer period or such extended offer period by URA. The balance of the fee (without interest) will be reimbursed only upon successful completion of the sale and purchase of the property, which is calculated at the market value of the property stated in the assignment of the property and after deducting the portion of the fee, which has already been paid by URA to the owner's surveyor before. For the avoidance of doubt, URA has fixed that the total reimbursable surveyor's fee for each affected property interest acquired or for each purchase offer, in any event, should not exceed the fee based on the market value of the property stated in the assignment.

4. The Report submitted by the owner's surveyor **should be signed by a Registered Professional Surveyor (General Practice) or a Professional Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, General Practice Division**. Besides, the Report should contain the minimum required information in the sample report which would be provided by URA. Furthermore, to facilitate processing, the Report should be submitted to URA 21 days prior to the expiry of the offer period whether or not such offer is accepted by the owner. URA reserves the right not to entertain the fee reimbursement request if the Report is not submitted before the date described above or the Report submitted does not cover the required items in a sample report as prescribed by URA.

II. For Professional Services on Fixed Unit Price for Flat-for-Flat Scheme

5. URA has introduced the "Flat-for-Flat" Scheme in March 2011 under the New Urban Renewal Strategy as an option for selection by the affected domestic owner-occupiers who may, if they so wish, obtain professional advices on acceptability of Fixed Unit Price of each zone of the new flats when considering the Flat-for-Flat offer, apart from the purchase offer for the affected property. In this connection, URA is

prepared to reimburse the domestic owner-occupier, who has employed the service of a professionally qualified surveyor for advice, of a fixed lump sum of HK\$8,000. 50% of the fixed lump sum, i.e. HK\$4,000 will be reimbursed upon owner's acceptance of the initial acquisition offer within the offer period or such extended offer period by URA and the balance will be reimbursed upon completion of purchase by URA of the affected property. For the avoidance of doubt, URA has expressed that the Fixed Unit Price determined by the URA is not negotiable.

6. URA has also fixed that the total reimbursable surveyor's fee for the services described in Paragraph 5 above, in any event, should not exceed HK\$8,000 for each affected property interest acquired or for each purchase offer.

III. Other General Conditions

7. URA will reimburse such fees direct to the surveyor firms who have been appointed by the registered owners of the affected property. This will streamline processing and save the owners from having to make a claim after payment. Owners should ask their surveyors to forward invoices to the URA for direct reimbursement.

8. URA merely reimburses such fees on the aforesaid professional services provided to the registered owner of the affected property as the client and therefore, invoices must be in the name of the owners or their solicitors, not in the name of URA. In addition, a copy of appointment letter signed by the registered owner of the affected property and a return from the registered owner confirming that the surveyor's services have been discharged will also be required for processing fee reimbursement.

Members should however note that URA's adoption of this reimbursement and payment arrangement will only be applicable to the projects for which initial acquisition offers are issued after 15 November 2011.

GPD Council appreciates URA's reference to the new Scale of Charges for the reimbursement of surveyor's fee and expects that it the arrangement would be widely accepted by practitioners and stakeholders in their new projects.

The 7th Cross Strait Land Conference (第七屆兩岸四地土地學術研討會)

The 7th Cross Strait Land Conference is going to be held on the 6 to 7 June 2012 in Macau. This Cross Strait Land Conference was co-organized by four related Institutes - HKIS, DSCC of Macau (澳門地圖繪製暨地籍局), Faculty of Geography of Taiwan Politics University (台灣政治大學地政學系) and the Land Administration Faculty of People's University of China (中國人民大學土地管理系), since 2000 and held bi-annually. HKIS representatives Messer Edward Au and Lawrence Poon and Vice President Mr Simon Kwok are currently working with DSCC and the other two institutes on the detail arrangement.

Tentatively, the theme of the 7th Cross Strait Land Conference is **"Development and Innovation of Land Use theory and techniques"**(土地理論和技術的發展與創新), which would include the following scope of areas:

- Land development and renewal;
- Use of database in land renewal;
- Land development and environmental assessment;
- Land use and urban development;
- Urban land use and system innovation;
- Land tenure system and economic development; and
- Land use in city and village and the economic development.

Discussion paper (in Chinese, MS Word format) for the conference is now called with closing date on 31 March 2012. Interested members are encouraged to submit articles to DSCC (email: dsfp_2012@dsc.gov.mo). Please refer to the announcement by the Conference for more details. Members will be kept informed on progress and be invited attend the Conference in due course.

Proposal from the "Land Valuation Office of Guangzhou"

The 中國鑒證師學會 intends to explore possible reciprocity/cooperation with HKIS. GPD Council discussed and agreed to see if there are rooms for future cooperation. Mr Charles

Chan is tasked to follow up the coordination. Members will be informed of the progress in due course.

Amendments to Rules and Guides of APC

Following on the the new APC arrangement, the Working Group on APC Review (Convened by Louie Chan with Edward Au, Thomas Tang, Joseph Ho and Lawrence Pang as members) has actively working on amendments to the APC Rules and Guides. The new rules and guides will set

out the updated procedures and requirements for student and probationers in accordance to the revised APC system. The new rules and guides will soon be launched such that candidates who are sitting for the 2012 APC can adopt and follow. Probationers should also keep in view the progress.

APC Passing Rate

GPD had conducted the APC final interview in last December. About 80% of the candidates who sat for the APC final

interview passed the assessment. We wish to extend our congratulations to those successful candidates. 🍀

Land Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Koo Tak Ming LSD Council Chairman

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Land Surveyors in 2012

We met media on 16 January 2012 at the World Trade Centre Club to share the latest updates in the Division with the reporters.



We are always proud of our areas of specializations in (1) Mapping and Cartography, (2) Engineering Surveying, (3) Geodetic Survey, (4) Hydrographic Surveying, (5) Land Boundary Survey, (6) Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, (7) Spatial Infrastructure Management /Geographic Information Systems and (8) Underground Utilities Surveys. We shall apply our specialties in improving the productivity of Hong Kong.

Mapping is a national service for security and development. Maps have been in use for thousands of years. Besides being a principal means of position locator, accurate maps are necessary for effective management of our environment.

Nowadays, we have to extend our knowledge about the nature and accuracy of map data on various media such

as maps on internet, maps on mobile devices in IOS, Android and other new mobile platforms. In a wider scope, these devices are essential devices that facilitate decision making, public administration, planning and monitoring of infrastructure through the interpretation of the media.

We shall also make use of our strong sense of geo-positioning and knowledge about the earth surface to enable us to help in mega infra-structure projects such as the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, the Reclamation of the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities, Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, and the Tuen Mun Western Bypass. We are not alone and will not be the only professionals in the projects but surely we are essential team members in making the projects a success.

Being the specialist in land boundary survey, we care about the quality and standard in land boundary surveys as well as the protection of owners' interest in land. We would like to support the Administration in enhancing the Land Survey Ordinance so that all land owners are able to enjoy the quality survey service of land surveyors under the Ordinance. We would also be glad to see the building up of a cadastre for access by the general public.

Lastly, we hope that Hong Kong should enable sharing of spatial information through erection of Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) such that information would flow freely to link up different walks of people, including professionals and clients, by information highways.

LSD Contact Points

If you have any views on the Council's work, please feel free to send them to the Hon Secretary at lsd@hkis.org.hk or to

me at lsdchairman@hkis.org.hk.

Planning & Development Division

Chairman's Message



Raymond Chan PDD Council Chairman

Election for Chair Elect (2013-2014), FIG Commission 8

With the kind support of the HKIS General Council, I have submitted my application to run for the post of the Chair Elect (2013-2014), FIG Commission 8. FIG Commission 8 covers "Spatial Planning and Development" which is directly relevant to our division.

The voting for this election will take place in the General Assembly which will be held in Rome in May 2012. I hope that my involvement in this can help to raise the status of our division internationally.

Nomination to HKIS Committees

Our division had made the following nomination to the HKIS Committees:

Administration Committee:	Albert So
CEPA Committee:	Edwin Tsang, Tony Leung
Community and Charity Services Committee:	Tony Leung, Stephen Chan Jing Yun
Dispute Resolution Committee:	James Pong, Albert So
Editorial Board:	Cyrus Mok
Finance Committee:	Cyrus Mok
HKIS/ RICS Liaison Committee:	Cyrus Mok
IT Committee:	Albert So
Mainland Affairs Committee:	Edmund Yew, Yu Kam Hung
Members Welfare Committee:	Ben Chong
Project Management Committee:	Francis Lau Tak, Edmund Yew
Public and Social Affairs Committee:	Tony Leung, Francis Lau Tak
Research Committee:	Ben Chong, Cyrus Mok
Strategic Planning Committee:	Raymond Chan
HKIS Annual Conference Organizing Committee:	Fanny Lam
HKIS Annual Dinner Organizing Committee:	Fanny Lam
Working Group on Heritage:	Raymond Chan
Mainland Forum – Guangzhou:	Edwin Tsang 

Property & Facility Management Division Chairman's Message



Dick Kwok PFMD Council Chairman

Kung Hei Fat Choy! I wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous year of the Dragon. There is not much activity over the Christmas and Lunar New Year holidays. As mentioned in my Chairman Message last month regarding the forming of a task force to follow up the legislation of Licensing the Property Management Companies and Practitioners, it was decided in our Council Meeting on 10 January 2012 and they are Kenneth Chan, Gary Yeung, Dick Kwok, Edmond Cheng, James Chan, Eric Chan and Ben Chong. I am also pleased to report that Gary Yeung, Edmond Cheng and Eric Chan were appointed by the Home Affairs Department to join the committee for the preparation of the aforementioned legislation. I shall report update progress in due course.


Another task force was also formed to establish closer relationship and co-operation with our China counterparts in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangdong under CEPA arrangement. Members include Kenneth Chan, TT Cheung, Gary Yeung, Eddie Hui and Dick Kwok. We are planning several visits this year to Beijing and Shanghai.

Thanks to Professor Eddie Hui. He will lead a team of researchers to prepare a study on "The Impact of Property Management Quality on Real Estate Co-Related with Property Price" and the full report is expected to be published in a year's time. It will be the first attempt to reveal the relationship between the Property Management Services and the Property Value.

On 16 January 2012, Charles Hung had joined the Media Luncheon organized by HKIS. He had made a brief presentation to introduce our division to news reporters on floor and also addressed our views on the coming legislation of Licensing the Property Management Companies and Practitioners. This is a great opportunity for us to exchange our professional views and expressed our stance to the public on various property management related issues.

With the new legislation of the Lift and Escalators Ordinance and the introduction of the workers registration system,

a new Code of Practice (COP) is now being prepared and Gary Yeung had joined the EMSD task force whose will be responsible for the vetting of this new COP. Our focus will be on the liability of Property Manager in discharge of his duties in accordance with the new COP. Will keep you posted of any update in due course.

Members are reminded that the deadline for submission of Green Building Award 2012 – Towards Zero Carbon is 17 February 2012. Please visit the official website: www.gba.hk/main.html for details. 





Summary of HKIS CPD / PQSL Events 13 February 2012 - 28 March 2012

DATE	CODE	EVENT	CPD HOUR(S)	SPEAKERS	RUN BY	PQSL
13 Feb	2011103	Prolongation and Loss and Expense Claims (originally scheduled on 14 Dec 11 and 23 Feb 12)	1.5	Mike Allen	QSD	
15 Feb	2012017	Enhancing Land Supply Strategy, Reclamation outside Victoria Harbour and Rock Cavern Development	1.5	Robin K B Lee	PFM	
20, 27 Feb, 05 Mar	2012010	English for Surveyors (PQSL for BSD Probationers)	4.5 PQSL in aggregate	Fung Keung Victor	BSD	✓
25 Feb	2011104	Sustainable Development of Computer Equipment – Visit to Computer Recycle Workshop	1.5	Lau Lu Keung	QSD	
28 Feb	2012011	A Legal Update of Issues and Cases in Construction	1.5	Paul Barrett	QSD	
29 Feb	2012009	How to become a World City: Lessons from London	1.5	Franklin Lam	GPD	
07 Mar	2012007	The Use of Technology in Dispute Resolution	1.5	Kate Wylie, Farhat Jabeen	QSD	
13 Mar	2012006	Conditions of Building Contract	1.5	Colin B. Lee	QSD	
14 Mar	2012012	What is 'Site' from the Perspective of Property Development?	1.5	Louie Chan, Vincent Ho	BSD/GPD	
21 Mar	2012008	Preparing Independent Valuation Submissions	1.5	Paul Varty, Paul Dwyer	GPD	
28 Mar	2012015	Letters of intent	1.5	Rachael Guan	QSD	

Details of individual CPD/PQSL events are provided in the Surveyors Times and/or HKIS Website www.hkis.org.hk. Please use the STANDARD RESERVATION FORM overleaf for registration. For enquiries, please email cpd@hkis.org.hk or call the Secretariat on 2526 3679.

CPD/QSD/2011103

Prolongation and Loss and Expense Claims

Speaker	Mr Mike Allen BSc FRICS MHKIS MCI Arb FA CostE FAE CEDR Accredited Mediator		
Date & Venue	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Monday 13 February 2012 (originally scheduled on 14 Dec 11 and 23 Feb 12) Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong		
Details	<p>Mr Allen is a partner of EC Harris LLP, Built Asset Consultancy. He is the Group head of Contract Solutions, which is a service that includes the assessment and valuation of construction disputes. He was a Council member for many years of the Society of Construction Law and is a member of the British Chamber of Commerce, procurement sub-committee. He works and advises on many EC Harris projects, as well as acts as an Expert Witness in Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation both in Asia and other parts of the world.</p> <p>As a follow-up to a previous talk on the valuation of delay and disruption costs. This talk will focus upon some of the key elements that contribute to the successful identification and subsequent valuation of such Prolongation/Loss and expense claims.</p>		
Language	English	Fee	HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)
Priority	QSD Member; First-come-first-served		

CPD/PFM/2012017

Enhancing Land Supply Strategy, Reclamation outside Victoria Harbour and Rock Cavern Development



Speaker	Mr Robin K B Lee, Deputy Head (Port and Land), Civil Engineering Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department		
Date & Venue	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Wednesday 15 February 2012 Surveyors Learning Centre Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central		
Details	<p>Land is one of the most valuable assets of Hong Kong and it is becoming ever more challenging to ensure an adequate and steady land supply in the medium to long term to support the city's development and to respond to the public's aspiration to improve the living environment. To meet the challenges, Government is of the view that land should be provided through a more flexible and resilient mix of land supply options. Government considers that the options of reclamation outside Victoria Harbour and rock cavern development should be adopted together with the other four existing options, i.e., rezoning land, redevelopment, land resumption & reuse of ex-quarry sites, in the supply of land and creation of a land reserve. To this end, Development Bureau, Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Planning Department are jointly conducting the Public Engagement Stage 1 on the above initiative and are particularly interested in knowing public views on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Option of increasing land supply through reclamation outside Victoria Harbour• Option of increasing land supply through rock cavern development• Site selection criteria• Proposed land uses and possible site locations <p>A briefing on this initiative will be conducted and all the HKIS members are cordially invited to join this CPD event and to express their views on enhancing the land supply strategy, particularly on the use of reclamation outside Victoria Harbour and rock cavern development to form a more flexible and resilient mix of land supply options.</p>		
Language	Cantonese	Fee	HK\$100 for member; HK\$150 for non-member
Priority	First-come-first-served		

PQSL/BSL/2012010

English for Surveyors (PQSL for BSD Probationers)

Speaker Mr Fung Keung Victor M.Phil, Cambridge (int'l relations); M.S.Sc, HKU (public Admin); B.S.Sc, CUHK (journalism & English, graduated first in class), who began his career as staff reporter for The Wall Street Journal/ Asia. He was then deputy chief editor of the South China Morning Post before becoming editor-in-chief of Reader's Digest in Hong Kong. He later became director of communications at two local universities. He was appointed principal lecturer (equivalent to associate professor) at HKBU in 9.2008 and director of the MA in International Journalism program in 9.2010.

In 2009, he published a book entitled "Enhancing your English skills with editorials" 《瘋讀社論強化英語》; and in 6.2010 he was co-author of 《Improving English skills with governors' speeches 最後六任港督的聲音》(Commercial Press). In 2011, Victor published 2 books: 《生活英語小智慧》(Enhancing wisdom with current English) and 《學會演說、改變你的人生》(Good speaking skills will change your life). Victor runs a "current English discussion group" at deanfungenglish.blogspot.com.

Date & Venue 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Monday 20 and 27 February, and 5 March 2012
Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong

Details A training course titled English for Surveyors will be conducted on 3 consecutive Mondays in February/March 2012 as follow:

Lecture one : How to improve your English scores from IELTS 6.5 (Masters course entrance requirement and civil servants' basic requirement) to 8

Lecture two : English language writing skills (for reports, papers, letters etc.)

Lecture three :How to speak English confidently in public and speech-writing skills

Language English

Fee \$300 for BS Probationers with priority
\$400 for all others on first come first served basis subject to availability of space

Deadline 13 February 2012

CPD/QSD/2012014

Sustainable Development of Computer Equipment – Visit to Computer Recycle Workshop



Speaker Mr Lau Lu Keung R.S.W.

Date & Venue 10:00 am – 11:30 am Saturday 25 February 2012 Caritas, Hong Kong Computer Workshop at G/F, Block B, Kowloon Bay Waste Recycling Centre, 11 Cheung Yip Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Gathering Point 9:30am at Kowloon Bay MTR Station Exit A

Details This visit aims to introduce to our members how sustainable development of computer equipment can be achieved to fulfill the triple bottom lines of sustainability i.e. economic, social and environment. The main focuses of this computer workshop are:

1. To protect the environment by reducing computer dumping, prolonging the life of computers and their parts and properly recycle the unserviceable computers and parts.
2. To train the unemployed by proving on the job training to unemployed people to collect and refurbish computers.
3. To help the deprived to overcome digital divide by providing low price or free refurbished computer sets to the needy, the schools and Welfare Service Organizations and providing training and support to the low income parents and making the best use of refurbished computers.

Language Cantonese and English

Deadline 15 February 2012

Fee HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member

Priority QSD members; First come first served (with maximum quota of 40)

CPD/QSD/2012011

A Legal Update of Issues and Cases in Construction



Speaker Mr Paul Barrett FHKIS, FRICS, FCIOB, LLB, Barrister at Law

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday 28 February 2012
Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong

Details Paul is a barrister at Pacific Chambers having formerly practiced as a quantity surveyor. He is also a Chartered Arbitrator and HKIAC Accredited Mediator and Adjudicator. He has resided in Hong Kong for 22 years and specialises in dispute resolution with a particular emphasis on construction and arbitration. He is a regular speaker at seminars and a contributor of articles to various professional publications.

The topic will provide an update of legal cases relevant to construction together with their application to everyday problems including delays and damages together with problems giving rise to interpretation within contract documentation.

Language	English	Fee	HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)
Deadline	14 February 2012	Priority	QSD Member; First come first served

CPD/GPD/2012009

How to become a World City: Lessons from London

Speaker Mr Franklin Lam

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesday 29 February 2012
Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong

Details In the immediate years, Hong Kong has a real opportunity to join the ranks of New York & London and beat the race against Singapore in becoming a World City, and confirm its status as the global IFC in Asia. Facts and figures show that the one Chinese city that can reach World City status is Hong Kong but it cannot get there without the full support of China, specifically by implementing a 'One-Country, One-Market' policy that would increase the porosity of talents coming to Hong Kong. Despite the geographical advantage of being positioned in the center of Asia and boasting a world class service industry (e.g. shopper's paradise, culinary capital, tax haven), Singapore is catching up with Hong Kong in certain key areas, most notably in the finance sector, which is critical as finance acts as an enabler of economic activity. Hong Kong has severely underperformed in the past decade; from 2000 to 2010, total GDP per capita of Hong Kong only grew by 25%, whereas that of Singapore grew by 87%. While Hong Kong has the IFC-BEST* attributes, the government must implement policies to support this initiative. In "How to Become a World City: Lessons from London", Mr. Franklin Lam will share some interesting statistics and provide answers to how Hong Kong can propel itself into a World City. * Inspiring, Free, Convenient, Business-friendly, Exciting, Safe and Trustworthy.

Language	Cantonese	Fee	HK\$120 for member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$30 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed)
Deadline	15 February 2012	Priority	GPD Member; First come first served

CPD/QSD/2012007

The Use of Technology in Dispute Resolution

Speakers Ms Kate Wyllie, Business Development Manager, Merrill Corporation

Ms Farhat Jabeen, Litigation Support Specialist, Merrill Corporation

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesday 7 March 2012
Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong

Details Kate Wyllie, Business Development Manager, Merrill Corporation, has worked for Merrill for over five years, first as Operations Manager and now as Business Development Manager responsible for the company's court reporting, transcription and litigation support services around Asia. Prior to this, Kate was editor and publisher for over 13 years with an international law publisher based in London and Hong Kong.

Farhat Jabeen is a Litigation Support Specialist with Merrill Corporation. She has extensive experience in computer forensics and evidence management, and has provided expertise to legal and business enterprises in Hong Kong. Since joining Merrill in October 2011, Farhat has worked closely with law firms to assist with litigation matters and arbitration proceedings. She currently leads Merrill's Asia litigation support offerings and specializes in all aspects of trial preparation including document review and processing, case management, and electronic discovery.

This CPD presentation gives an overview of the various technologies available for dispute resolution and shows how they can help you more efficiently manage cases on any scale.

Speakers will provide an outline of the legislation relating to the use of technology in hearings, the available tools for case preparation, e-discovery and document management, and present the latest trial technology including realtime transcription and electronic presentation of evidence.

Speakers will combine a practical discussion with live software demonstrations.

Course Outline

Legislation relating to the Use of technology

Overview of the case lifecycle

Case preparation tools
Digital recording and transcription
Witness interviews and covert recording
Video-conferencing

Preparation of documents
Evidence collection
Hard copy scanning, OCR, coding
E-discovery issues and considerations
Document management solutions
Demonstration - document hosting platform

Hearing room technologies
Realtime transcription
Electronic presentation of evidence
Evidence reconstruction
Technology courts
Demonstrations – realtime transcription, evidence presentation, evidence reconstruction

Language	English	Fee	HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)
Deadline	28 February 2012	Priority	QSD Member; First come first served

CPD/QSD/2012006

Conditions of Building Contract

Speaker Mr Colin B. Lee, FRICS, FHKIS, FHKICM, FCIQB, MICArb, AHKIArb, RPS, HKIAC Accredited Mediator, Dispute Resolution Advisor, Executive Director of The Contracts Group Ltd.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday 13 March 2012
Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong

Details Colin B. Lee is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with over 46 years' experience in the construction industry, the last 30 years in Hong Kong. Colin has a diverse range of experience gained on all types of construction projects, and specializes in expert advice and assistance on contract administration, quantum, programming, commercial negotiations including the preparation of supplemental agreements, contractual claims, contract documentation and dispute resolution. Colin has acted as an Expert Witness on a number of arbitrations, for both quantum and programming, in which he has been cross-examined. Colin is an accredited mediator, qualified to practice in Hong Kong, and has provided assistance in several mediations.

In order to encourage a more interactive debate between the Speaker and Seminar attendees, the Speaker will provide his answers to questions, or give his views on topics, related to the Conditions of Building Contract, which have been raised by attendees in advance of the Seminar. Attendees may then ask further questions arising from the answers or views provided.

Attendees please send questions or topics to cpd@hkis.org.hk on or before 28 February 2012..

Language	English	Fee	HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)
Deadline	28 February 2012	Priority	QSD Member; First come first served

CPD/BSG/GPD/2012012

What is 'Site' from the Perspective of Property Development?



Speakers (1) Mr Louie Chan, FHKIS Barrister-at-law, General Practice Divisional Council Member
(2) Mr Vincent Ho, MA, FHKIS, AP(S), RPS(BS), BEAM Pro, Chairman of Building Surveying Division

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesday 14 March 2012 Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong

Details Two recent appeals [HCAL49/2010 and HCAL20/2011] from Appeal Tribunal (Buildings) to Court of First Instance took challenge on the Buildings Authority's decisions on the extent to which the development potential as shown proposed in the plans submitted for the underlying development can be taken into account. Mr. Louie Chan will go through the legal issues taken by the developer on one side and those taken by the Building Authority on the other. Mr. Vincent Ho will address on various issues from the viewpoint of a practitioner in the practice of property development, inter alia, the issue of ownership in the submission of plans for approval by the Building Authority.

Language	English/Cantonese	Fee	HK\$120 for member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$30 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed)
Deadline	29 February 2012	Priority	BSD and GPD Members/Probationers: First come first served

CPD/GPD/2012008

Preparing Independent Valuation Submissions

Speakers	Mr Paul Varty, BSc Hons FRICS FHKIS FHKI Arb MCI Arb Acc Med Mr Paul Dwyer, Dip. Val FHKIS MRICS RPS(GP) MAE		
Date & Venue	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesday 21 March 2012 Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong		
Details	<p>Mr Paul Varty has over 30 years experience in Hong Kong real estate and has been appointed as Independent Valuer or Arbitrator on numerous occasions.</p> <p>Mr Paul Dwyer is well known in his role as landlord's representative for some of Hong Kong's major landlords and for his considerable experience with the legal aspects of rent review valuations.</p> <p>Practical guidelines to the preparation of Independent Valuer or Arbitrator Submissions from two of the most experienced practitioners in Hong Kong.</p> <p>This will be an invaluable presentation for those involved or aspiring to be involved in the area of client representation in rent review disputes. Practical examples will be given of the best and worst cases from real life submissions with advice on what to cover and what not to cover. The legal aspects of the "hypothetical" tenancy in the review will also be explained.</p>		
Language	English	Fee	HK\$120 for member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$30 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed)
Deadline	7 March 2012	Priority	GPD Member; First come first served

CPD/QSD/2012015

Letters of intent



Speaker	Rachael Guan Senior Associate, Hogan Lovells' Projects (Engineering and Construction) practice, Hong Kong		
Date & Venue	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesday 28 March 2012 Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong		
Details	<p>Rachael Guan specialises in the preparation of construction and engineering contracts, and in the course of practice has advised in relation to different types of project – commercial buildings, hospitals, schools, roads and power stations.</p> <p>Construction projects involve a variety of technical and practical elements ranging from development of design, access to site through to selection of materials etc. Parties frequently spend their time pre-commencement focused on ensuring that these aspects of the project are agreed. However, there is likely to be pressure to commence work as soon as possible. Therefore, it is not unusual for parties to still be negotiating the contract when they need to start to procure materials, commence site preparations or even the works.</p> <p>Thus parties may turn to a letter of intent. This can provide flexibility, allowing the contractual agreement to be worked out separately, while facilitating the commencement of preparatory work. However, a common problem with letters of intent, which are often hastily agreed, is that it is difficult to work out exactly what either party's actual liability is – especially in terms of payment. In this talk, Rachael Guan will run through some of the common pitfalls with letters of intent, illustrated with examples from actual cases. She will also provide a useful checklist of issues to include in future letters of intent.</p>		
Language	English	Fee	HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)
Deadline	14 March 2012	Priority	QSD Members; First come first served

Quantity Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Thomas Ho QSD Council Chairman

Kung Hei Fat Choy! On behalf of the Quantity Surveying Division, I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Dragon.

QSD Sub-committees/Organizing Committees

The first Council meeting was held on 5 January 2012, the following Sub-Committees/Organizing Committees were formed:

Sub-Committees/Organizing Committees	Chairperson/Convenor
Mainland Sub-Committee	Mr Antony Man
International Sub-Committee	Mr T T Cheung
Contract Sub-Committee	Mr Daniel Ho
Divisional Education Committee	Mr Raymond Kam
Promotion Sub-Committee	Mr Joseph Chong
Professional Practice/Practice Notes Sub-Committee	Mr Raymond Kong
CPD Sub-Committee	Chairperson : Mr Paul Wong Convenor : Ms Kathy Cheung
Training Sub-Committee	Mr Sunny Chan
SMM Review Sub-Committee	Mr Sam Cheng
BIM Measurement Sub-Committee	Mr K C Tang
PAQS 2014 Congress Organizing Committee	Mr Francis Leung
QSD Annual Dinner Organizing Committee	Mr Paul Wong
Public Affairs Sub-Committee	Mr Keith Yim
New Members Welcoming Party Organizing Committee	Mr Honby Chan
Education and Research Sub-Committee	Dr Leung Mei-yung (Convenor)
Fee Scale Sub-Committee	Dr Thomas Ng
Social and Welfare Sub-Committee	Ms Tzena Wong
Liaison Sub-Committee	Mr Thomas Ho
Professional Sustainability Sub-Committee	Mr Spencer Kwan



Members are cordially invited to join the above Sub-Committees/Organizing Committees by sending an e-mail to

info@hkis.org.hk or by phone to 2526 3679.

HKIS Media Luncheon

A Media Luncheon was arranged by HKIS on 16 January 2012. The three spokesmen of the Quantity Surveying Division, Mr Keith Yim, Mr Honby Chan and myself attended the Luncheon. In the Luncheon, we highlighted the QSD Year Plan to the media. We also emphasized the importance of cost control of infrastructure projects and gave comments on the costs of the proposed Outside Victoria Harbour Reclamation and Rock Cavern Development.



Newly Elected Members' Welcoming Party


This year, we will have 75 newly elected members. To congratulate their achievement in becoming qualified quantity surveyors, a welcoming party is arranged as follows:

Date: 17 February 2012 (Friday)

Time: 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Venue: Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F., Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong

Invitation letters have been sent out to these new members. We look forward to seeing you all in this welcoming party.

For the APC this year, the APC Reform has been introduced and come into effect on 18 July 2011. Quantity Surveying Division is currently revising the rules and guides of the new APC. It is anticipated the new rules and guides will come into effect in April 2012. 

Young Surveyors Group Chairman's Message

Kenny Chan YSG Committee Chairman



The New Year

2012, the year of the Dragon, is another special year full of changes and challenges. Whether or not the Mayan Prophecy will come true, we shall make use of every single day of our life better and enjoy the moments. May I take the opportunity to wish you healthy and wealthy in year of the Dragon.

For YSG, our year of hard works has just begun. Our energetic team of committee members will continue to bring you attractive and innovation CPDs and Social Events. We will continue to show our power at the Dragon Boat Competition, broaden our vision at the Study Tour, and enjoy our moments at our Annual Dinner.

New YSG Co-opted Members & Student Representatives for 2011/12

I am pleased to announce that we have 11 new co-opted members joined our YSG Committee 2011-2012 as endorsed in our first YSG monthly meeting held on 6 January 2012. They include, in alphabetic order, Ada Chan (LS), Dick Chan (QS), Evangeline Chan (GP), Gigi Mok (BS), Jerry Li (BS), Lizzy To (LS), Michael Yau (GP), Ming Tsang (GP), Patrick Lam (GP), Patrick Leung (PFM), and Sylvia Leung (PFM). In

addition, new student representatives from Land Surveying & Geo-Informatic Students' Society (LSGISS) of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Surveying students of City University of Hong Kong attended the meeting as well.

If you wish to join us as co-opted members as well, please do not hesitate to let me know!

Highlights of the month

7 January 2012 – Inauguration Ceremony of Junior Chamber International Hong Kong Jayceettes

I attended, together with our committee member Miss Mandy Ko, the Inauguration Ceremony of the 2012 Board of Directors of the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong Jayceettes (香港女青年商會, HKJTT) on 7 January 2012. Sharing the spirit of youth, HKIS YSG and HKJTT are working on a proposed joint seminar series named "Work Smart, Play Smart – How to be a wise woman in your career?". A number of successful and outstanding ladies will be invited to give talks to share their secret tips on how to maintain the work-life balance. Stay tuned for further details!

Our talented YSG committee member Ms Bette Sinn & Vice Chairman Miss Michelle Chung, were nominated to represent HKIS for the Joint Professional Singing Contest 2012 with dentists (Hong Kong Dental Association Limited, HKDA), doctors (The Hong Kong Medical Association, HKMA), barristers (Hong Kong Bar Association, HKBA), solicitors (The

Law Society of Hong Kong, HKLS) and accountants (Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, HKICPA). Further reports can be found in the Sports & Recreational Committee's section.



8 Jan – Joint Professional Singing Contest 2012

Coming Soon

CPD Events – “Factory Visit to the 8th Estate Winery – Hong Kong First Winery”

The visit will introduce the first local winery at Ap Lei Chau which produces the Hong Kong’s taste of wine. The CPD will also cover the maintenance of the special environment for wine production facilities, and a wine tasting opportunity. Don’t miss it!

One-Day Seminar on Contract Management 2012

Proudly brought to you by HKIS YSG, together with CIARB-YMG, CIBSE-YEN, HKIE-YMC, ICE-G&S and Law Society-YSG, the One-Day Seminar on Contract Management 2012 will be held on 3 March 2012 at the Chiang Chen Studio Theatre of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Topics covered will include Professional Communication, Tender and Contract Documentation, Implementation - Condition of Contract, Claims on Unforeseen Ground Condition, Construction Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Members of the co-organizing institutions could enjoy the discounted price of HK\$150 for this informative seminar. Act and register now!

Contact YSG

We need your ideas, suggestions, support and active participation for our coming events. You may email us at ysg@hkis.org.hk, or join us in our YSG committee meetings which will be usually held in Room 810, Jardine House on the first Fridays of each month, except public holidays (i.e. 3 Feb, 2 Mar, 13 Apr, 4 May, 1 Jun, 6 Jul, 3 Aug, 7 Sep, 5 Oct & 2 Nov).

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Education & Career Expo 2012

Hosted by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), the annual Education and Careers Expo for 2012 will be held in the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center on 9 – 12 February 2012. Students and job-seekers can find the information on education, career and training from over 700 exhibitors in the Expo. Our President Serena Lau will also deliver a talk at the Seminar Room at 11:45am to 12:15pm on Sunday, 12 February 2012. Feel free to bring your friends to visit the HKIS booth located at Hall 1C-E11.

Stanley International Dragon Boat Championship 2012

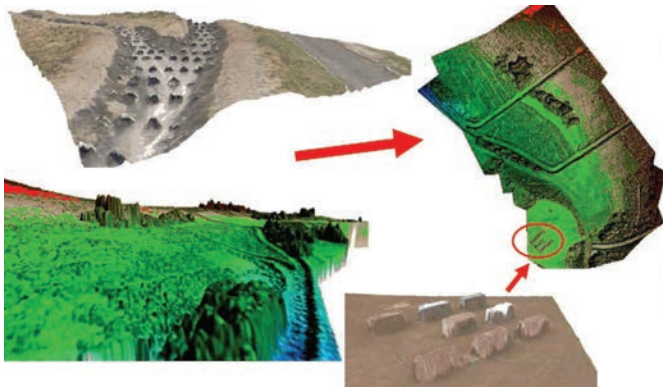
The flying dragons of HKIS are ready! Our legendary HKIS Dragon Boat Team will start our series of practices very soon in order to prepare for the Championship. Want to be one of our paddlers, drummers, steersmen or cheer-leaders? Please drop us an email at ysg@hkis.org.hk.

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<p>Information Session: Date and Time: 16 Feb 2012 (Thu) at 7:30pm-9:00pm Venue: Room TU318, Department of Building and Real Estate, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hung Hom, Kowloon (Access via Core T – 3/F)</p>	




Standing on the Ground, Viewing from the Sky – Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)

Eric Chan, LSD CPD Convenor



applications and limitations of UAS survey in Hong Kong and the outlook of UAS development in the future.

The CPD seminar ended after an interactive Q&A session and the event was well attended by over 50 members. 

The technology in Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) is recently developed rapidly and UAS applications touch on a variety of areas including military, search and rescue, land control etc. Its contribution to survey and mapping is even drawing more and more attention in the land surveying industry. On 15 December 2011, the CPD seminar on “Standing on the Ground, Viewing from the Sky – Unmanned Aerial System” was successfully held. We were very delighted to have Mr Aryan Ip, Land Surveyor of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), sharing his experience and the result obtained in the recent UAS feasibility study, which was the first official UAS operation in Hong Kong.



In the seminar, the attendees were firstly briefed with the history, components and types of UAS. The speech then focused on the procedures in UAS flight preparation. Particular emphasis was put on the restrictions imposed by the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) in UAS operation. Mr Ip explained how the requirements were satisfied step-by-step and how the first UAS flight permission in Hong Kong was gradually acquired. Besides, the speaker shared the details of the feasibility study, including the system specification, selection of sites for test flights, field procedures, data analysis and evaluation of deliverables, and concluded the study with the accuracy achieved in these UAS flights,



Railway Work



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Introduction

Everyday a lot of people travel by train, both over-ground and underground. While everybody knows that the railway system is a public means of transport, not many people can tell whether the railway facilities, which consist of railway station, adit, tunnel, viaduct, ventilation building, associated building works, etc, are subject to the provisions of the Buildings Ordinance (BO). The reason is that railway facilities liken civil engineering work rather than buildings where people live and work daily. In this article I shall briefly look at a few issues related to this common transport facility in the building aspect.

Application of the BO

Under BO s. 41(1), buildings belonging to Government, Housing Authority and the military force are exempted from the provisions of the BO. In Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, railway facilities are owned by either the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL) or the Kowloon Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC). Consequently they do not belong to any of the category in this subsection and thus fall within the ambit of the BO. MTRCL is well known to be a private company (virtually semi government), but what about KCRC? The Kowloon Canton Railway used to be a government department but it was established as a corporation in December 1982, when the Kowloon Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance (Chapter 372) was enacted. After this moment the BO applies to railway work carried out by KCRC. By the way, despite the rail merger on 2 December 2007, KCRC still exists. After the merger date, MTRCL takes up the operation of KCRC's transport service for 50 years.

Approval and consent

While the BO applies to railway work, one may have heard that neither prior approval nor consent is required for the

commencement of the work. Is it true? Yes, but it is partially true only. Owing to the exceptional nature of building or other works connected with the operation or construction of the railway, the Building Authority (BA) would grant certain exemption of the BO. However the exemption is confined to those procedures and requirements relating to the appointment of Authorized Person, Registered Structural Engineer and Registered Geotechnical Engineer, approval of plans, consent to commencement and resumption of works and occupation of buildings provided for in section 4, sections 14 to 17A and sections 19 to 21 of the BO, such that BA's duties and sanctioning powers to ensure standards of health and safety will not be undermined. Despite no formal approval or consent required, consultation with BA is still required. In view of the current high standard of requirement, the consultation is not faster than the normal approval process significantly.

This exemption is rather peculiar as contrasted with those usually come across by building practitioner since it concerns the fundamentals of the BO. BO s. 42(5) states that section does not apply to section 14. It means that BA cannot grant an exemption to dispense anybody with the necessity to obtain prior approval and consent. As such where does the power of exemption come from? The answer is section 54 of the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (Chapter 556) or section 35 of the KCRC Ordinance as the case may be. The exemption is specific to each railway line, section or discrete piece of railway work, taking into consideration the special circumstances and requirements of the case. In fact because of the special background, not all the railway lines get an exemption, e.g. the East Rail. It should also be noted that the exemption applies to the railway facilities only but not the development above or adjacent the railway station.

Design of station

Railway station is very different from building where people live and work daily, in particular the means of escape

provision. Invariably it has a large compartment, long travel distance, main escape staircase not being protected like that in an ordinary building, escalators being used as means of escape, no independent staircase for basement storey, public areas seemingly not compartmentalised, etc.

The fact that the design of station deviates from the prescriptive requirements under the BO and various Codes of Practice does not mean that its safety standard is inferior to that under the legislation. It adopts a fire engineering approach in the design, taking into consideration the use and layout of the various areas, the fire load, critical locations of the designed fire, the mode of escape of the prospective occupant which includes both passenger and non-passenger, train operation, etc.

To compensate for the 'deficiency' mentioned in the paragraph preceding the previous one, the following measures, which are by no means exhaustive, are taken:

- i. The fire load is minimized. The main source of fire load is passengers' baggage and has been taken into account in the design. The materials used in a station are mostly fire resistant or fire retardant. It should be noted that the shops are fire protected and separated from the adjacent public area. In addition, the public and non-public areas are physically fire separated;
- ii. The fire precautionary, control and fighting measures are designed to allow the occupants to leave the railway premises under tenable condition and with adequate time for evacuation. In addition it allows the fire fighting personnel to access and combat the fire effectively and efficiently;
- iii. Even in the absence of compartment wall, the fire and smoke are confined to the reservoir near the fire source by means of smoke curtain or fixed barrier;
- iv. A number of dedicated firemen accesses to the station are provided at ground floor or podium level. In modern design, firemen's lift is incorporated in the access point. Inside the station, dedicated protected corridors and staircases are provided to allow fire fighting personnel to gain access to the various part of the station;
- v. The fire precautionary, control and fighting installations

are maintained at a high standard. In parallel, a very reliable dual power supply is provided;

- vi. The station staff are well trained to take appropriate action in case of fire.

Site

Under the BO, a site has to be defined for every building. Railway premises are of no exception. For each railway line, there is a demarcated area which contains the railway facilities and track. This area may be in the form of a piece of land at ground level and/or a stratum that contains the underground railway facilities. This area is vested with MTRCL and KCRC via a vesting deed or the like. One may suspect that the site area of a railway development is enormously large and the size of the development can be huge. Of course this is not the case. The deed only allows the two railway companies to undertake railway operation within the vested area. If the top of the railway station is later developed, a site area specific to the development has to be defined. This new site will contain the station and, very often, an area adjoining the station. Nevertheless the prospective development owner and the individual unit owners will not own the station. The station remains the property of the two railway companies.

Conclusion

Limited by the length of the content, this article can only be a very brief and general account of some issues related to railway work. The design of the railway facilities evolves as time goes and the safety standard is ever increasingly raised. As such it is not surprising to see that the design standard varies from line to line and even from station to station on the same line. ■

The Right Dose?



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The government recently proposed to tighten the rules and regulations governing first hand sale of residential properties by legislation. By the time this article is published the consultation period would have ended, but I would still like to share some of my thoughts and observations.

The first and foremost impression given by the proposal is that the Steering Committee (or may be the government) considers developers as the sole culprit of all problems in the market which a tighter rein would eradicate. The image of the government as saviours in shining armour taming greedy developers intent in wringing every cent out of citizens' pockets do sell well, but if the ultimate goal is to ensure buyers' best interests, are these draconian regulations the magic cure-all for all problems?

It is easy to establish a misguided impression that first hand sales are particularly problematic as reflected by the number of complaints compared with second hand properties. Putting the sheer volume of transactions in an extremely short time into the equation, we would arrive at a very different conclusion. Second hand properties have their fair share of complaints, only because they are scattered all over town that the problems evade public and media attention.

One should also note that first hand sales contribute to less than 15% of total transaction volume, it would therefore seem extremely puzzling that first hand sales, i.e. developers, is the only problem! Property agents who are involved in almost every transaction in the market would deem to be another sector to look into in ensuring the best performance of the property market.

Proposed exemption arrangement is another area which amplifies problems arising from not regulating the whole market. With these exceptions, some properties would have fallen out of the scope of control, which ultimately may defeat the purpose of the proposed legislation.

The Committee's efforts in stepping up on banning misleading advertisement are commendable, but would it be the same hand which stifles creativity and artistic expression? Where, how and who to draw a line between "misrepresentation" and "innovative promotion"? The foreseeable and regrettable outcome would either advertisements becoming boring or the number of litigations going through the roof!

The Steering Committee's report is no doubt detailed --- so much so the requirement may further confuse prospective buyers rather than clearing things up for them. A case in point

is the requirements on sales brochures. While it facilitates readers by banning too small a font, would it be going too far by making aerial photos mandatory? Purchasing property is a life affecting decision for a lot of people, and it is unfathomable how a photograph would be sufficient area survey in place of actual site inspection. Instead of cluttering up sales brochure with too much information, wouldn't it be more meaningful to boil down to the essentials in one to two pages, thus, prospective purchasers know the key issues to consider instead of swamped by too much information?

A lot of our esteemed peers are deeply troubled by the proposed use of saleable area only. While it is understandable that due to no commonly adopted definition of GFA, changing from the current practice in particular of expressing "unit price in GFA" to "unit price in saleable area" would be a clearer way for comparison, a drastic change overnight would likely result in adaptation difficulties and confusion. Furthermore, as violation carries criminal punishments, their worries are not unfounded. It would seem a just and practical solution to extend a grace period, for all parties to get used to such change.

I am in full support of a centralised government on-line platform for disclosure of property information. This would guarantee a fast and accurate source information, and would be convenient as a one-stop destination for the comparing of different developments. But I do have great sympathies for the developers on the requirement that all transaction information must be disclosed within 24 hours of signing of the PASPs. Entering data and double-checking details to ensure accuracy seem not much of a feat --- if there are 10 transactions in one day or even 100 is still manageable. But come 500 or more, which is not uncommon in the first day the new projects hit the market, it would be almost impossible to ensure no mistakes are made, not to mention the extra manpower engaged to this highly intense job. Would it be unacceptable if a little more time be allowed? Given a little longer, it would be reasonable to demand all unusual terms and conditions for any of the transactions be disclosed and highlighted.

On the time limit for prosecution, given the volatility of the property market in Hong Kong, and to avoid abuse of such provisions, the suggested 3 year period from the date of commission of the offense would seem too long. To ensure buyers' interests are well safeguarded, one year from the date of handing over of the property would be a more reasonable period. After all, the whole purpose of the proposal is to ensure a transparent and better functioning of the property market, and not to penalise the developers. ■

The Contractor waives the loss and / or expenses for the 1st 'Certain' (e.g. 90, 120, etc.) days of EOT granted by the Project Manager – personal experience sharing – Issue 2 of 2



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In last issue, I have discussed a recent court case's implications on this subject matter. In this issue, I shall share personal experience on a real recent practical case to arouse the readers' interests.

A Real Case at December 2011

Facts of the Case

- Renovation works for a building at the Peak
- Special Conditions of Contract SCC-20(6)(4):

"(6) It is expressly agreed that the following shall be added as clauses 24(3) and 24(4) of the General Conditions of Contract:-

(4) The Main Contractor also hereby irrevocably waives any right to direct loss and/ or expense and any other claims (including claims for damages) arising from any circumstances for the first 90 calendar days of extension of time granted by the Project Manager."

- Original contract completion date: 4.1.2011
- 1st day of EOT granted: 5.1.2011
- EOT granted for inclement weather: 61 days (i.e. from 5.1.2011 till 5.3.2011)

The fundamental question now is: **"For the calculation of the "1st 90 calendar days" of period for which, pursuant to Clause SCC-20(6)(4) above, the Main Contractor irrevocably waives his right to direct loss and/or expense,, should it be commenced to calculate**

from the date of 5.1.2011, or after the last day of the inclement weather, i.e. 6.3.2011?"

- Interpretation by the Main Contractor:
 - The Main Contractor stated that clause SCC-20(6) (4) stipulated to *"the first 90 calendar days of EOT granted"* and were not restricted to those granted on any specific ground(s).
 - The Main Contractor further indicated that *"the first 90 calendar days of EOT granted"* had no qualification or limitation as to the category / categories these first 90 calendar days of EOT to be, i.e. to whatever specific ground(s).
 - Thus, the Main Contractor concluded that *"the first 90 calendar days of EOT granted"* under clause SCC-20(6)(4) must mean first 90 calendar days of EOT granted of whatever reasons / grounds.
 - As the original contract completion date was 4.1.2011, *"the first 90 calendar days of EOT granted"* should commence on 5.1.2011 and end on 4.4.2011.
- Interpretation by the Architect:
 - *"1st 90 calendar days of EOT"* do not start to run on 4.1.2011, but start to run from the date of completion as extended by EOT granted on ground of inclement weather, i.e. 6.3.2011
 - Hence, the *"1st 90 calendar days of EOT"* (at which no loss and/or expenses shall be entitled) run from 6.3.2011 to 3.6.2011

My opinion on the Case

I am, after taking into consideration details of this case, in the opinion that the Architect's interpretation is more reasonable and contractually correct, with the following reasons to support:

- In considering the original intent of this clause (SCC-20(6)(4)), it is clearly that the Employer who wants the Main Contractor to agree to waive the 1st 90 days of loss and/or expenses, for those EOT days that entitling associated loss and/or expenses.
- It is totally unreasonable and absurd that, if the 1st 90 days commenced from 5.1.2011, the first 61 days of granting of EOT due to inclement weather, they were all originally did not entitle to any loss and/or expense, i.e. monetary no cost effect! In this way, only the (90 – 61) = 29 days loss and/or expenses were eventually forfeited by the Main Contractor.
- In this way, I am in the opinion that, the 1st 90 days should be commenced and applied to those days that MUST have entitling of loss and/or expenses so as to meet the originally intent of this SCC clause.

- Further, by reading the SCC-20(6)(4), it stipulated that

(4) The Main Contractor also hereby irrevocably waives any right to direct loss and/or expense and any other claims (including claims for damages) arising from any circumstances for the first 90 calendar days of extension of time granted by the Project Manager.” (underlined by the author)

This expressly stated that, the waived loss and/or expenses MUST be ARISEN from any circumstances for the 1st 90 day. As a result, the 1st 90 days MUST correlate to those EOT days being granted in relation to the loss and/or expenses already arisen days but not to those granted day due to inclement weather at which there were NONE loss and/or expenses being arisen at all.

- Hence, I am in the opinion that the commencement of the 1st 90 days should be from 6.3.2011 and end at 3.6.2011. ■

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The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Sports Team / Interest Group



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For members who are interested in participating in various sports activities, please contact the Chairman or Donna Yu at cpd@hkis.org.hk or 2526 3679 for registration.



HKIS Running Team

- Xiamen Marathon 2012
- China Coast Marathon and Half Marathon 2012
- Mizuno Fat Choy Run 2012 (第31屆美津濃新春發財跑8k賽)
- The Hong Kong Standard Chartered Marathon 2012 (香港渣打馬拉松2012)

Team Captain: Mr Lesly Lam

To prepare the Hong Kong Standard Chartered Marathon 2012, 6 HKIS running team members, SK Pang, CY Wan, Ronnie Fung, Johnny Yung, Frankie Fan and CT Choi, joined **"China Coast Marathon and Half Marathon 2012"** which was held in the morning of 15 January (Sunday). The route started and finished at Pak Tam Chung of Sai King and ran past High Island Reservoir. The weather on that morning was cool and humid.

Moreover, our top Marathon Runner – Frankie Fan joined the Xiamen Marathon 2012. The route covered Xiamen exhibition centre to the coach highway and then return back. According to Frankie, the weather is better than that of in Hong Kong, with peaceful sunlight at 14 -16°C. He finally got his personal best result at 03:08:10. Well Done!



Furthermore, our HKIS teammates – Amy Lau and Arthur Chan joined **Mizuno Fat Choy Run 2012** on 25 January 2012 at the Peak. The temperature recorded in town is about 7°C. It was believed that only 4 - 5°C at the Peak during the start of the tournament. Having said that, Amy and Arthur were able to finish the run with excellent results. We need you in the coming the Hong Kong Standard Chartered Marathon 2012.



The registration of the **Hong Kong Standard Chartered Marathon 2012** had been closed. Please let me know which category you have registered via leslylam@hkis.org.hk, so that the HKIS Running Team can form a strong running team to participate in the Joint Professional 10km, Half-Marathon and Full Marathon Tournament 2012. The team captain has recorded more than 100 HKIS members registered in it. It is a new record of us.

We shall take photos together with the following HKIS banners before the run.





HKIS Dragon Boat Team – Hong Kong Championships 2012

Team Captain: Young Surveyors Group

HKIS Dragon Boat Team will start its tough trainings right after the Lunar New Year. The team captain would like to recruit more members, who are interested in paddling and water sports, to join the team. We aim to win the championship trophies in various tournaments in 2012. I look forward to seeing you on the dragon boat. Please contact Donna Yu at cpd@hkis.org.hk or 2526 3679 for registration.

Become a HKIS Paddler!



HKIS Singing Team

Team Captain: Miss Michelle Chung

HKIS Singing Team joined the Joint Professional Singing Contest on 8 January 2012 (Sunday) held at Grappa, Jardine House, Central. 2 of our participants – Miss Michelle Chung

and Miss Bette Sin performed well and won high regards from the judging panel. The YSG Chairman – Kenny Chan represented us to present prizes to the winners.



Recruitment of players is always open for all qualified members, probationers and student members. We look forward to seeing you.

Newsweek

Newsweek offers a special subscription rate for the HKIS members. From 1 February to 30 April 2012, HKIS members can enjoy 1 year subscription (52 issues) at HK\$249 while 2 years subscription (104 issues) at HK\$449. Subscription form is available from the HKIS website at <http://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/general/form/NewsWeek.pdf>. For further enquiries, please contact the Newsweek customer service hotline on **2921 2921** and quote the reference "NKAFYT 3".



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35% off

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Cosmos Book Ltd

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The Hong Kong Jockey Club Boxes

From September 2011 to 15 July 2012, the Hong Kong Jockey Club allows HKIS members' to book its private boxes at Sha Tin Racecourse and Happy Valley Racecourse in the 2011/2012 racing season. The reservation form and racing fixtures are now available from the HKIS website, terms and conditions apply. For further enquiries about bookings, please contact the Hong Kong Jockey Club Racecourse Catering Office on **2966 5835**.

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Date	Event	Organiser	Location	
2012				
Feb	9-12	Education and Career Expo 2012	HKTDC	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, Wanchai, Hong Kong
	10	HKIS General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	10	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Mar	22	HKIS General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	22	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Apr	26	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
May	6-10	FIG Working Week	FIG	Rome, Italy
	24	HKIS General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	24	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Jun	23-27	International Cost Engineering Council 8 th World Congress	KEC	ICC Durban, South Africa
	28	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Jul	7	Young Quantity Surveyors Group Programme 2012	PAQS	Brunei Darussalam
	26	HKIS General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	26	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Aug	23	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Sep	27	HKIS General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	27	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Oct	25	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Nov	22	HKIS General Council Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	22	HKIS Executive Committee Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Dec	14	HKIS Annual General Meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS

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