

**Press Release**  
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**HKIS and AIQS Joint Conference -  
Quantity Surveying marching into International Professional Market**

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) and Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) first joint conference, themed “How QS will succeed in Tomorrow’s World”, was held today at the VTC Auditorium. Professionals from the surveying industry shared their visions on risk management, Building Information Modelling (BIM) and green buildings, exploring the professional development and future opportunities for Quantity Surveying.

The Joint Conference is privileged to have Prof Anthony Cheung Bing Leung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Transport and Housing as their Guest of Honour, together with experienced experts and scholars from the Asia-Pacific region and overseas to share their valuable knowledge with over 350 participants at the conference.

**Prof Anthony Cheung Bing Leung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Transport and Housing said** “A number of major infrastructural projects and ten-year housing plans will be implemented in Hong Kong for its long-term social and economic development. However, with the rapidly increasing complexity of projects and public expectations, quantity surveyors will be in front of a lot of challenges, especially in terms of quality and cost control. The surveying industry shall therefore continue to enhance its professional standard, in results to building a brighter future for Hong Kong's construction industry.”

**Sr Vincent Ho , President of the HKIS added** “To cope with the ever rising society demand on building and infrastructure construction projects to support the society and commercial development, from new to improvement and rehabilitation works, services of quantity surveyors are increasingly important. We are pleased to have invited local and overseas practitioners to share their knowledge and views at today’s

conference on how to elevate the services of quantity surveyors from both quality and variety perspective.”

**Mr Peter Clack, President of AIQS** expressed “The advent of Building Information Management systems and non-traditional firms such as the large accountancy practices and engineering firms now offering what was previous considered services sacred to the Quantity Surveying Profession is challenging the traditional roles and functions of many Quantity Surveyors. As the peak professional institutes for the Quantity Surveying professions in Hong Kong and Australia, we should be embracing these challenges and providing solutions and taking the lead in developing pathways for members to undertake a broader range of activities in the construction industry.”

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#### **About the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors**

Established in 1984, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors is the only professional organization representing the surveying profession in Hong Kong. As of 8 October 2015, the number of members reached 9,349, of which 6,113 were corporate members. The Institute's work includes setting standards for professional services and performance, establishing codes of ethics, determining requirements for admission as professional surveyors, access and award the professional qualification, and advance members' professional knowledge, technical and services standards through continuing professional development.

The Institute has an important consultative role in government policy making and on issues affecting the profession. We have advised the Government on issues such as unauthorized building works, building safety campaign, problems of property management, town planning and development strategies, construction quality and housing problems. We are working on amendments to standard forms of building contract and have issued guidance notes on floor area measurement methods.

For more details, please refer to HKIS website: <http://www.hkis.org.hk>

**About Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors:**

The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) is a professional standards body. Through its leadership, standards and code of ethics, it ensures that practising Quantity Surveyors are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence.

The Institute is a national organisation with Chapters and Divisions in all States and Territories. It also has a strong overseas membership and is the Australian peak body to the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) and the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS).

As a Quantity Surveyor is an important member of the building and construction team, the Institute is an active participant in all the industry major forums and lobby groups, e.g. The Australian Council of Building Design Professions, the Australian Construction Industry Forum and the Australian Council of Professions.

For more details, please refer to AIQS website: <https://www.aiqs.com.au/>

Photos can be downloaded from [http://www.bdcshk.com/webcontent/HKISQS\\_Conf\\_2015.zip](http://www.bdcshk.com/webcontent/HKISQS_Conf_2015.zip)

1. Group photo with the guests during the opening session.
2. Prof Anthony Cheung Bing Leung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Transport and Housing, delivering Opening Keynote speech.
3. Sr Vincent Ho, President of the HKIS, analyzing the current trend of the surveying industry.
4. Mr Peter Clack, President of AIQS, encourages interactions between Quantity Surveyors.

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