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Mr Paul Chan Mo-Po, MH, JP, Secretary for Development, attends
the HKIS Annual Conference 2015
to discuss the development of a Smarter World City: Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) Annual Conference 2015, with the theme 'Development for a Smarter World City: Hong Kong', was held today at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong. Over 300 guests attended to discuss the implementation of the Smarter World City scheme from multiple aspects, with a focus on the future development of Hong Kong.

The HKIS was greatly honoured to have the presence of Mr Paul Chan Mo-Po, MH, JP, Secretary for Development of the HKSAR Government, as its Guest of Honour to deliver the opening keynote speech.

The President of the HKIS, Sr Vincent Ho Kui Yip, said "In this year's Policy Address, the Hong Kong Government declared Kowloon East as a pilot area for exploring the feasibility and practicality of developing a Smart City, and suggested that Hong Kong was well equipped to develop itself as a Smart City. The concept of a Smart City covers diverse topics. In the field of surveying, professional recommendations can be provided on areas such as, effective land use, project planning, and property and facility management; and can also assist the Government in developing a policy for its Smart City development scheme. The HKIS hopes to invite experts from various fields to exchange their views and to examine the challenges and opportunities that they may have encountered at the conference."

The HKIS is very pleased to have invited professionals from different industries, such as governmental, academia, surveying, transportation, technological, culture development, green building, property development and management, to the conference, including the Director of Planning of the HKSAR Government, Mr Ling Kar Kan, JP; Legislative Councillor and Past President of the HKIS, Sr Hon Tony Tse Wai Chuen, BBS; the Property Director of the MTR Corporation Limited, Sr David Tang Chi Fai; the Chief Executive Officer of the West

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Kowloon Cultural District Authority, Mr Duncan Pescod, GBS, JP; Chairperson of the BEAM Society Limited and Director & Chairman of GLC of the Hong Kong Green Building Council, Prof John Ng Cheuk Yee; the Chairman of Harbourfront Commission, Sr Nicholas Brooke, SBS, JP, PPRICS, FHKIS; the Global Head of Marketing Development of the Internet of Things Cisco Systems Inc., Mr Matthew Smith; the Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design of The University of Hong Kong, Prof Rebecca Chiu Lai Har, JP and; the Past President of the HKIS, Sr Lau Ping Cheung, SBS.

The Chairman of the HKIS Annual Conference Organising Committee and HKIS Vice President, Sr Thomas Ho Kwok Kwan, mentioned in his closing remarks that having speakers from various industries enables experts to exchange and probe various aspects of the requirements of developing a Smart City as well as the use of it, in the hopes of inspiring more innovative ideas. The HKIS expressed its gratitude towards both the guests and participants and hoped for their continued support in its future events, which in turn would lead to an increased level of professionalism in the 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 31 August 2015, the number of members reached 9,208, of which 6,100 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>.

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