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**Explore Wan Chai Together with Surveyors
Design Your Ideal Community
The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Launches
“Create Your District Competition 2018”**

(Hong Kong, 7 July 2018) - The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) held the workshops and guided tour of “Create Your District Competition 2018” today. Following the success of last year’s competition, the HKIS again organised this local community development competition with a new twist this year. **HKIS President Sr Dick Kwok and HKIS Vice-President Sr Billy Wong**, who chairs the competition’s organising committee, joined the guided tour of Wanchai, which attracted over 100 students. During the tour, students gained an in-depth understanding of the history and culture of the Wan Chai District. At the same time, they familiarised themselves with the role played by surveyors in district conservation and urban revitalisation.

“This is the second consecutive year that the HKIS has organised this competition, and overwhelming responses had been received in the past,” **said Sr Dick Kwok, President of the HKIS**. “Not only does the Competition help the younger generation understand the roles played by professional surveyors in Hong Kong’s city development, it also enables them to take an interest in community surroundings, to ponder over environment policy and management problems, and to look for ways and directions to sustain the development of Hong Kong, and lastly, to build an ideal community together.”

Last year, when the HKIS first launched this competition, it achieved outstanding results. The entries from students were well thought-out with a good understanding of the work of surveyors. This year’s competition focuses on the district of Wan Chai, a district where East meets West and the old and new come together. The main objectives of the competition are to enlighten the younger generation on the roles and contributions of surveyors in terms of city development, especially on

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revitalisation, conservation and redevelopment; to encourage students to observe and reflect on the surroundings, policies and management of their neighbourhood communities; and make use of their creativity to establish an ideal community that demonstrates the importance of sustainable development of Hong Kong. “Engage, Mentor, Growth and Connect” is the theme of the HKIS this year, and the competition is a good way to promote the surveying industry to the younger generation, in the hopes that some young people will become surveyors.

Sr Billy Wong, Vice-President of the HKIS and the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the “Create your District Competition 2018”, said: “Wan Chai is a district with a rich history and distinctive cultural traditions. Besides having pre-war buildings, it also has novel architectures. These profound implications are worthy for students to explore the district, and were the reasons why Wan Chai was selected as the theme of this year’s competition. We look forward to guiding students to appreciate other districts through this competition in the next few years.”

To enhance public awareness, the HKIS will organise a public tour on 16 September. Participants can explore the Wan Chai District together with surveyor docents. From city development to heritage conservation, from old district management to redevelopment, the public can gain a better understanding of the roles surveyors play in city development. Public may now register for the tour online at <http://www.hkis-createyourdistrict.com/publictour>.

For more event details, please visit <http://www.hkis-createyourdistrict.com>.

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Photo 1: HKIS President Sr Dick Kwok(sixth from left), and HKIS Vice-President and OC Chairman of Create Your District Competition Sr Billy Wong (fifth from left) take a group photo with around 130 participants.



Photo 2: HKIS President Sr Dick Kwok shared with participants during the guided tour the way to strike a good balance between conservation and development.



Photo 3: HKIS Vice-President & OC Chairman of Create Your District Competition Sr Billy Wong, explains the importance of sustainable development to young participants.

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About the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS)

Established in 1984, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors is the only surveying professional body incorporated by ordinance in Hong Kong. As of 1 June 2018, the number of members reached 10,129, of which 6,742 were corporate members. The work of HKIS includes setting standards for professional services, establishing codes of ethics, determining requirements for admission as professional surveyors, and encouraging members to advance their knowledge and technical skills through continuing professional education.

HKIS has an important consultative role in government policy making and on issues affecting the profession. We have advised the Government on issues such as unauthorised building works, building safety campaigns, problems of property management, town planning and development strategies, construction quality and housing problems. We have also issued guidelines on floor area measurement methods on buildings.

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