

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
“Create Your District” Competition 2023 Competition Workshop & Guided Tour
Over 100 Students and Surveyors Explored the Northern Metropolis

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) held the "Create Your District" Competition 2023 Competition Workshop and Guided Tour on 8 July 2023 (Saturday). **Mr LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP, Legco Member (New Territories North) and Chairman of Subcommittee on Matters Relating to the Development of the Northern Metropolis, Sr Paul WONG Kwok-leung, President of the HKIS and Sr Francis LAM Ka-fai, Senior Vice-President of the HKIS and Chairman of the Competition Organising Committee** attended the Competition Workshop to share their views on planning the Northern Metropolis with participating students and highlighted the important role that surveyors play in urban planning. Later, the three joined the Guided Tour with participating students, and visited various places in the Northern Metropolis, including the historically significant Tang Ancestral Hall, Kwu Tung North New Development Area which is still in the planning and construction stage, and Lok Ma Chau Garden which overlook San Tin/Lok Ma Chau and the Loop. The Tour provides a multidimensional introduction to the economic and social status, geographic, land, and ecological resource advantages of the region.

In his welcoming speech, **Sr Paul WONG Kwok-leung** said, "Young people have boundless imagination. However, to make the planning blueprint in their minds more feasible, they must equip with more professional knowledge and gain a deeper understanding of the region." He hopes that the Competition Workshop and Guided Tour can deepen students' understanding of the history, cultural traditions, and urban development of the Northern Metropolis, and provide a deeper understanding of issues such as urban planning, land development, property valuation, construction and management, and sustainable development.

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Sr Francis LAM Ka-fai stated, "All of you present here today are the future leaders of our society. If we want the future Northern Metropolis to meet the increasingly diverse needs of the younger generation, you must be brave enough to express your own ideas." He also pointed out that students are the new force driving social development, "I am very much looking forward to you becoming professional surveyors in the near future and turning the planning blueprint you envisioned in this competition into a reality, building a Northern Metropolis that can meet the various life and work needs of the younger generation."

This is the fifth year that the HKIS has organised the creativity competition, with the theme area being the Northern Metropolis which is the new foothold for Hong Kong's strategic development in the future. The event aims to deepen the understanding of the history, cultural traditions, and urban development of the region among young people who will be future leaders, and to encourage them to unleash their creativity to build an ideal community that combines emerging economies, cultural leisure, quality living, and green conservation, thereby promoting the sustainability and innovation of urban development. The HKIS hopes to promote the surveying industry to the younger generation through the competition, thereby promoting the development of the industry.

For more information, please visit the event website at <https://www.hkis-createyourdistrict.com>.

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About The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) is the only surveying professional body incorporated by ordinance in Hong Kong. As of 22 June 2023, the number of members reached 10,712, of which 7,699 were corporate members. HKIS work includes setting standards for professional services and performance, establishing codes of ethics, determining requirements for admission as professional surveyors, and encouraging members to upgrade skills 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 building safety and unauthorized building works, problems of property management, town planning and development strategies, construction quality, construction costs and housing problems. We have also issued guidance notes on floor area measurement, real estates valuation and land boundary survey, etc.

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Photos**



Photo 1: Mr LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP, Legco Member (New Territories North) and Chairman of Subcommittee on Matters Relating to the Development of the Northern Metropolis (12th from left in the first row), Sr Paul WONG Kwok-leung, President of the HKIS (11th from left in the first row), and Sr Francis LAM Ka-fai, Senior Vice-President of the HKIS and Chairman of the Competition Organising Committee (13th from left in the first row) took a group photo with around 150 participating students.

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Photo 2: Mr LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP, Legco Member (New Territories North) and Chairman of Subcommittee on Matters Relating to the Development of the Northern Metropolis, introduced the planning background of the Northern Metropolis to participating students at the Competition Workshop.



Photo 3: Sr Paul WONG Kwok-leung, President of the HKIS (right) introduced Modular Integrated Construction (MIC) to students at Yan Oi House, Hung Shui Kiu.

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Photo 4: Sr Francis LAM Ka-fai, Senior Vice-President of the HKIS and Chairman of the Competition Organising Committee (second from the right) introduced Transitional Housing Projects to students at Yan Oi House, Hung Shui Kiu.



Photo 5: Mr LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP, Legco Member (New Territories North) and Chairman of Subcommittee on Matters Relating to the Development of the Northern Metropolis, Sr Paul WONG Kwok-leung, President of the HKIS, and Sr Francis LAM Ka-fai, Senior Vice-President of the HKIS and Chairman of the Competition Organising Committee, along with students, overlooked San

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Tin/Lok Ma Chau and the Loop at Lok Ma Chau Garden.



Photo 6: Sr Paul WONG Kwok-leung, President of the HKIS (4th from the right in the second row), and Sr Francis LAM Ka-fai, Senior Vice-President of the HKIS and Chairman of the Competition Organising Committee (6th from the right in the second row), visited the Tang Ancestral Hall with students and listening to the introduction by volunteer tour guide Ms Tang (5th from the right in the second row).

Download the photos at: <https://tinyurl.com/3dnk9ztc>

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