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With the upsurge in demand for large-scale infrastructure and construction works to cope with long-term development projects under Hong Kong 2030+ and One Belt One Road, we need to nurture more new blood to undertake the vast changes in the city.

Hong Kong will need to overcome new challenges in respect of its ageing population and buildings to ensure the liveability and competitiveness of its economy over the next 10 years. These issues are very challenging to tackle, but also offer a glint of opportunity for the local professional surveyor industry.

Professional surveyors are experts who can share constructive advice on various policies and suggest strategic actions in view of the market's needs. The six surveying disciplines under the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) include building surveying, development and planning, general practice, land surveying, property and facility management, and quantity surveying.

As a professional body with more than 9,000 members, of which 6,336 are corporate members, HKIS has set out a clear vision to promote the professionalism of surveyors and encourage the active participation of industry practitioners in a wide variety of initiatives that will contribute to the advancement of the surveying profession in Hong Kong.

We have been actively involved in the consultative role of government policies and arranging activities to promote and upgrade the surveying profession. These include the Quality Property and Facility Management Award, organised by the property and facility management division, and the Building Surveyor Awards 2017, organised by the building surveying division. These awards created high-profile arenas for practitioners to showcase their distinguished practices.

Looking ahead, surveyors must be well-equipped with updated professional knowledge. We envisage that our surveyors are competent to keep abreast of the latest developments in society and bring changes for a more liveable and sustainable Hong Kong.

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