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From the Editor 編者話

CHANGE

This newsletter was first published in March 1992 under the name "Surveying". The name of the publication was changed in 2003 to become the "Surveyors Times". Other than the name change, there have been a number of changes to the contents of this newsletter throughout these years.

While this newsletter has been very successful in providing news of the Institute to its members, it has also helped promoting the services of surveyors to the public because each month, the Institute sends this newsletter to various government departments, university libraries, public libraries and other professional bodies and institutes (local, mainland and overseas). This newsletter needs more articles on professional surveying practices to achieve this aim. Please contribute your articles to this newsletter (see details of such contribution below).

In order to help the Editorial Board to further improve this newsletter, please send your comments to steditor@hkis.org.hk.

CALL FOR ARTICLES ON PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING PRACTICES

Do you have something on professional surveying practice which you would want to share with other members? The Editorial Board would welcome such contributions for publication in Surveyors Times.

Each article, which should preferably not longer than 2 pages of this newsletter, can be in English and Chinese and should be submitted in Word format with the title of the paper and author's details. For articles in Chinese, a summary in English is required. Submissions must not have been published previously elsewhere. The Editor reserves his right to edit each article to fit the space available for the article and to ensure conciseness, clarity and stylistic consistency of such article. Publication of any article shall be at the discretion of the Editor whose decision shall be final. Please email your article to steditor@hkis.org.hk



Wong Bay

Demonstrating Professional Expertise through Caring about Current Affairs

Dear Fellow Members,

With the celebration of Chinese Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day and Lantern Festival, February is always a joyful time for gatherings with our families and loved ones. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful time-out for a fresh start in 2011. Amid the festive moment, our General and Divisional Council Members have been working diligently to deal with the Institute's internal and external affairs. Subsequent to the forum on the "proposed regulatory framework for the property management industry" held on 27 January 2011, we have collected members' views and put forward to the Chairman of Panel on Home Affairs



of Legislative Council for his consideration. In general, members supported a new statutory framework for the regulation of property management industry.

New Practices Notes have just been issued by the Buildings Department to implement the policy to foster a quality and sustainable built environment in Hong Kong. Though we are delighted to see the government has shown a commitment to promoting a better living environment for Hong Kong, we will keep a close watch on the implementation of the new measures, which will be effective from 1 April 2011, and continue to exchange views with the government.

Recently, the Financial Secretary of HKSAR government has put forward his initiatives in the 2011-2012 Budget, the Institute welcomes the government in making the effort to ensure healthy and stable development of the property market by introducing additional land supply in the coming year for the provision of 30,000 to 40,000 private residential flats in total, converting three government office buildings at the Wan Chai waterfront

into grade A offices, boosting land supply of residential sites to 52 – 18 new plots and 34 rolled over from last year's application list, and allocating extra \$1 billion funding for Operation Building Bright. With great public concerns towards escalating prices and inadequate supply of housing units, in particular small to medium size flats, the Institute would like to take this opportunity once again to express our views and urge the government to consider the sustainability of these initiatives and develop a long term policy for stabilizing the property market. In addition, we advocate a regular programme of land sales so as to mitigate the housing supply problem and enhance the transparency of the property market.

One final note, in view of the escalating cost of business operation, we have carried out a review to the financial situation of the Institute and put forward a proposal for revising the Annual Subscription and Application Fee which have not been changed in the past five years. An EGM will be held on 25 March 2011 to discuss and decide on the proposal. I look forward to your continual support to the Institute and welcome any views or suggestions from members.

Wong Bay
President

關注社會事務 發揮專業所長

親愛的會員：

隨著農曆新年、情人節及元宵節相繼於二月份來臨，這實在是與家人及摯愛相聚的愉快時刻，我期望各位於 2011 年新一年伊始之際，先渡一個美滿的假期。在一片喜慶的時刻，理事會及各組別已準備迎接學會各項內外事務。學會於 2011 年 1 月 27 日，就「設立物業管理行業的規管架構」的公眾諮詢舉辦了公開論壇，搜集會員意見，經整合後提交立法會民政事務委員會。概括而言，會員普遍支持設立物業管理行業的規管機制。

屋宇署近期推出有關「優化建築設計 締造可持續建築環境」的新作業備考，學會對政府致力提供理想居住環境表示高興，學會亦會密切留意將於 2011 年 4 月 1 日推行的新規定，不時向政府提供專業意見。

日前，財政司司長向公眾發表了 2011-12 年財政預算案，對於政府致力建立健康而穩定的樓市所提出的措施，包括增

加來年土地供應以最終達致提供合共 30,000 至 40,000 個私人住宅單位、騰出灣仔海傍三座政府辦公大樓的土地以增加甲級寫字樓供應、出售 52 幅住宅用地 - 18 幅新增土地和 34 幅早前勾地表內尚未出售的土地，以及向「樓宇更新大行動」增撥 10 億元，本會表示歡迎。由於公眾對樓價飆升和房屋供應不足(特別是中小型單位)極為關注，本會希望藉此機會再次促請政府考慮措施的持續性，並設立長遠穩定樓市的措施。學會亦提倡定期賣地，以解決供應短缺的問題，增加樓市的透明度。

鑑於經營成本不斷上升，理事會檢討了學會的財政狀況，並建議調整會員年費及入會費，有關費用曾於 5 年前增作出調整。學會將於 2011 年 3 月 25 日舉行會員特別大會討論有關議案，期望各位會員踴躍支持。

會長 黃比 

List of HKIS Mediators

The Dispute Resolution Committee would like to invite members to join the HKIS List of Mediators. At present, the HKIS has a list of mediators under the Joint Dispute Resolution Committee with the Hong Kong Institute of Architects. However, all mediators on the list are mostly Quantity Surveyors and some Building Surveyors who can provide mediation services relating to the Standard Form of Building Contract and building matters. The DRC would like to extend the existing list of mediators to include more members having general mediation expertise and also having other areas of expertise and specialisation such as experts on land boundary disputes, valuation disputes, compulsory purchase of old buildings for development, defects of new buildings etc, and to cope with the mediation cases referred by the Joint Mediation Hotline Office (JMHO).

As one of the mediation service providers of the Joint Mediation Hotline Office (please refer to detailed report in Surveyors Times, September 2010), the HKIS will assist in offering mediation services with our areas of expertise. HKIS mediators would be invited to take up the mediation cases referred by the JMHO.

Mediators who are on the List of HKIS Mediators and who have undergone training in respect of compulsory sale cases organised by the JMHO are also eligible to join the List of Mediators for Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance Pilot Mediation Scheme (Cap 545). Such list is administered by the JMHO who was commissioned by the Development Bureau to administer the Pilot Scheme with a view to assisting owners involved in or contemplating applications for compulsory sale for redevelopment.

Members wishing to be admitted onto the List of HKIS Mediators have to satisfy the following requirements:

1. 7 years post HKIS qualification experience; and
2. Substantial experience in and knowledge of mediation including:
 - (a) Satisfactory completion of a mediation training course(s) of 40 hours minimum duration approved by the Dispute Resolution Committee; and

- (b) Mediate or co-mediate at least two actual or simulated mediation cases. After completion of any two such live or simulated mediation cases, a candidate is required to complete a self-evaluation sheet assessing the mediation process in which the candidate participated. In addition, a candidate should obtain in the case of a live mediation, 2 completed evaluation sheets from clients, if possible, together with the comments from the supervisor on the candidate's performance, or in the case of simulated mediations, comments from the simulation supervisors. The purpose of the evaluation sheets is to satisfy the Dispute Resolution Committee that an acceptable level of competence as a mediator has been achieved.

Members who satisfy the above admission criteria can apply to join the List by completing an application form. For a copy of the application form, please download from the HKIS website at www.hkis.org.hk or send an email to info@hkis.org.hk or contact the HKIS Office at 2526 3679.

HKIS Extraordinary General Meeting

Proposed revisions to Annual Subscriptions and Application Fees for admission into membership

Date : Friday, 25 March 2011
Time : 6:30 pm
Venue : Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811, 8/F
Jardine House, One Connaught Place,
Central, Hong Kong

Agenda

1. Briefing and discussion on the proposed revision to Annual Subscriptions and the Application Fees for admission into membership.
2. Voting on the Resolution.
3. Any other business.

Notice of the EGM and full details of the proposed revisions have been sent to all Corporate Members by post. For further enquiries, please contact 2526 3679 or email to egm@hkis.org.hk.

Open Discussion Forum on the HKIS Office Premises

The tenancy of the current HKIS office premises in Jardine House will expire in early 2013. The office premises include a reception, library, President's office, staff working area, a Board Room, 3 meeting rooms and a lecture theatre (accommodating up to 200 persons).

The General Council is considering whether we should continue to have the office premises located in the core Central District and also whether we should purchase our own premises. A working group was formed in 2010 to study the matter.

To facilitate a better understanding of members' views and preferences, a members' survey will be conducted by the working group. To solicit and encourage members to express their views and opinion on the matter, an open discussion forum has been organised as follows:-

- Date : 29 March 2011 (Tuesday)
- Time : 6:45 – 8:15 pm
- Venue : Surveyors Learning Centre, Suite 811,
8/F Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong
- Fee : Free-of-charge
- CPD hours : 1.5

For registration, please complete the Standard Reservation Form for CPD at page 15 and return to the HKIS Office on or before 21 March 2010. Seats will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

5 Consecutive Years Caring Organisation Logo

The HKIS has been awarded the 5 Consecutive Years Caring Organisation Logo in recognition of its community involvement and commitment of being a corporate citizen in the past years. We wish to thank the Agency for Volunteer Service in supporting our nomination.



HKIS Media Luncheon 2011

The Institute organised a Media Luncheon on 15 February 2011 at the World Trade Centre Club. Friends of the media were invited to join the luncheon and meet the new Council members. During the luncheon, Office Bearers, Divisional Chairmen and spokespersons were introduced to the media. Divisional spokesperson also presented their views on respective topical issues upon enquiry from the media.



Council members reaching out

1 February 2011

Lunch meeting with Secretary of Transport and Housing, Ms Eva Cheng

Mr Wong Bay, Ms Serena Lau, Mr Stephen Lai, Mr Edwin Tang, Mr Simon Kwok, Prof Chau Kwong Wing

10 February 2011

Monthly Thursday Luncheon organised by Executive Council Secretariat

Mr Wong Bay

10 February 2011

Spring Dinner of the Hong Kong Professional Property Services Alliance organised by the Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators, Chartered Institute of Housing Asian Pacific Branch, the Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies, and the Hong Kong Institute of Housing

Mr Wong Bay

10 February 2011

Spring Reception of the Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr Wong Bay, Mr Gary Yeung

11 February 2011

Spring Cocktail Reception hosted by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce

Mr Wong Bay

11 February 2011

Spring Dinner of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services

Mr Wong Bay, Mr Stephen Lai, Mr Stephen Liu, Mr Tony Tse

11 February 2011

Happy Hour Gathering with Secretary for Transport and Housing, Ms Eva Cheng organised by Prof Hon Patrick Lau

Mr Simon Kwok, Mr Gary Yeung

14 February 2011

廣東省人民政府2011新春宴會由廣東省人民政府港澳事務辦公室主辦

Mr Wong Bay

18 February 2011

Panel on Home Affairs Special Meeting on Regulation of Property Management Industry organised by Legislative Council

Mr Gary Yeung

15 February 2011

Annual Spring Reception of the Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr Wong Bay, Ms Serena Lau

16 February 2011

Chinese New Year Cocktail Reception of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and the Vienna International Arbitral Centre

Mr Wong Bay, Ms Serena Lau

21 February 2011

Spring Reception of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects

Mr Wong Bay

22 February 2011

Joint Institutes' Dinner hosted by Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Mr Wong Bay, Ms Serena Lau, Mr Stephen Lai

24 February 2011

Hong Kong Dental Association Spring Dinner

Mr Wong Bay

25 February 2011

Luncheon with Consumer Council

Mr Wong Bay, Dr Lawrence Poon, Mr Vincent Ho

25 February 2011

Chinese New Year Dinner hosted by the Hong Kong Chapter of IFMA

Mr Wong Bay

26 February 2011

油尖旺區大廈管理研討會(2010-2011)由油尖旺區大廈管理推展運動統籌委員會主辦

Speaker: 李偉峰先生

Building Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Vincent Ho BSD Council Chairman

Education and Careers Expo 2011

Thanks to the YSG in organising a team of energetic young surveyors and students in hosting the exhibition booth at the Careers Expo held on 17 to 20 February 2011! I attended the event and witnessed the zealous enquiries from many youngsters and parents on our Surveying Profession. I took the opportunity to present the prospects and career opportunities of Building Surveyors to a reporter of *Recruit* and hoped for widening publicity on the Building Surveying Profession via the media.



Finalised new GFA Concessions Policy of Buildings Department

As reported in last month's Surveyors Times, the government is going to take a big change on the policy in granting GFA concessions for new development projects following the policy address of Chief Executive in October last year.

A set of new and revised PNAPs/JPNs has been issued on 31 January 2011 to stipulate the new criteria and requirements in granting GFA concessions by the BD, LD and PD as appropriate. Members are advised to take a detailed study of the new and revised PNAPs/JPNs in preparation for advice to clients for any new projects.

Meanwhile, I wish to draw members' attention to the following new requirements:

- (a) 10% overall cap on GFA concessions
- (b) Criteria for GFA Exemption for carparking spaces
- (c) Building set back
- (d) Building separation
- (e) BEAM Plus certification
- (f) Energy Performance Assessment

Members should pay attention to the effective date of the new policy as stipulated in the new PNAPs/JPNs that:

"For building plans which have been firstly submitted on or before 31 March 2011 and subsequently disapproved by the BA but not on ground relating to proof of ownership

or realistic prospect of control of the land forming the site, the first resubmission of such plans to the BA on or before 1 April 2011, which is submitted within 6 months from the date of disapproval of the firstly submitted plans would not be subject to the requirements of this practice note. For the avoidance of doubt, if such first resubmission of plans eventually has been disapproved by the BA, any further resubmission of the plans would be subject to the requirements of this practice note.”

The BSD has invited the Buildings Department to deliver a briefing session to our members on the content and implementation details of the new policy in mid-March. Members are advised to take note of the announcement of the event via HKIS email broadcast.

Media Presence

BSD spokesman, Mr Andrew Kung (BSD vice-chairman) and I attended the media luncheon of the Institute held on 15 February 2011. We met many representatives of major media. It was a casual gathering allowing our spokesmen to acquaint with the reporters and to build up a network for future communications.

This month, I have spoken on various issues including the new government policy on GFA concessions, open kitchen design in many common home renovations, new government policy on UBW control etc. through the newspapers. I also attended a live programme at *Metro Info* (新城知訊台《集知新世代》) promoting BS expertise on pre-purchase inspection and hand-over inspection as well as record a programme at *Metro Finance* (新城財經台《新城地產街》) commenting on issues relating to the new GFA concessions policy and its implications to the recent land sale at Yuen Long.

Mr David Chan presented in an ATV programme on 1 February 2011 regarding the suspected building vibration of an old building at Wan Chai due to adjoining foundation works.


New Fire Safety Code

A new Fire Code consolidating the extant Code of Practice for Means of Escape in case of Fire 1996 (“MOE Code 1996”), Fire Resisting Construction 1996 (FRC 1996) and Means of Access for Fire Fighting and Rescue 1995 (MOA 1995) is being finalised by the Buildings Department which will be formally issued in May or June this year.

As advised by the Buildings Department, the new fire code has included more definition of terms revamping the overall presentation of the Codes, updating and amending some fire safety criteria and requirements. The new Code is anticipated to take effect for any projects with foundation consent granted on or after 1 December 2011.

The new Code contains major changes to the current codes being used and I trust members will take time to learn and prepare for the adoption of the new Code. BSD will organize a technical briefing session for members on the new Fire Safety Code once it is formally launched.

BSD Representatives to Board of Membership

Please note there was a typo error made in the last issue of *Surveyors Times* regarding the BSD representatives nominated to the Board of Membership. Apart from Mr Kenneth Yun, the other representative to this Board is Professor Barnabas Chung. 

General Practice Division Chairman's Message



Francis Ng GPD Council Chairman

Enhancing co-operation with the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers

Following on the visit to Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) in mid-January 2011, a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance the relationship and co-operation has been endorsed by both the GPD Council and HKIS General Council. A signing ceremony will be arranged in late April 2011.



Meeting with SISV on the enhancement of co-operation

Hon Secretary of SISV visits HKIS

On 11 February 2011, Ms Cynthia NG (together with her colleague in Hong Kong, Mr Faulkner) visited the HKIS Head Office. She was warmly welcomed by key personnel of GPD Council. Views on the institutes' current situation and professional development were exchanged.



SISV Hon Secretary visited HKIS

WAVO in Hong Kong

World Association of Valuation Organisations (WAVO) is a body which brings together professional property valuation organisations that represent valuers and related property consultants employed in private practice, business and industry, the public sector, and education, as well as some specialised groups that interface frequently with the profession. Members of WAVO include SISV (Singapore), API (Australia), AIC (Canada), ANEVAR (Romania), AI (United States), CAS (China), CIREA (China), CNG (Italy), HKIS (Hong Kong), HQA (Vietnam), KAB (Korea), PINZ (New Zealand), RERA (Dubai), IACVA (Canada), IGAV (India), KAPA (Korea) and VVA (Vietnam). The WAVO Meeting and its AGM this year are scheduled to be held at the HKIS Head Office on 30 April 2011. Members from different parts of the world will have a chance to exchange experiences and enjoy the Hong Kong metropolitan lifestyle. GPD will offer its full support in organising the WAVO Meeting.

A visit to a Prime Residential Estate in Singapore

In January, the GPD delegation visited the first award-winning and most iconic public housing project in Singapore's history - The Pinnacle@Duxton. Completed in late 2009 by the Singapore Housing Development Board (HDB) (which is similar to the Housing Authority in HK) and situated about 20-minutes walking distance south of Chinatown, the Pinnacle@Duxton comprises seven 50-storey HDB blocks, which is the tallest HDB block in Singapore history. It caters for the need of the sandwich

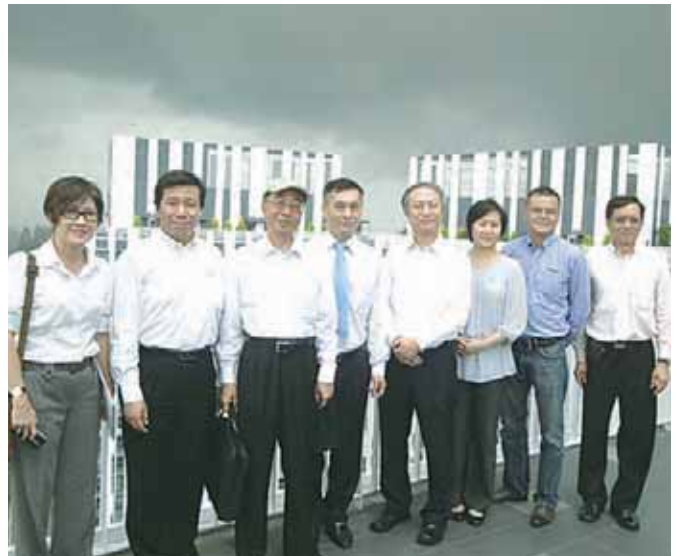
class. The delegation had a chance to walk over its distinctive feature which comprises sky bridges linking all 7 blocks. It is one of the longest continuous sky gardens in the world.



The Pinnacle@Duxton

Incidentally, during our visit, the Singapore Government announced measures to maintain a stable and sustainable property market. This was comparable to our Special Stamp Duty which was implemented last November. They comprise:

- (a) Increasing the holding period for imposition of Seller's Stamp Duty (SSD) from the current three years to four years;
- (b) Raising the SSD rates to 16%, 12%, 8% and 4% of consideration for residential properties which are bought on or after 14 January 2011, and are sold in the first, second, third and fourth year of purchase respectively;
- (c) Lowering the Loan-To-Value (LTV) limit to 50% on loans granted by financial institutions for property purchasers who are not individuals; and
- (d) Lowering the LTV limit on loans granted by financial institutions from 70% to 60% for property purchasers who are individuals with one or more outstanding housing loans at the time of the new housing purchase;



Delegation visited The Pinnacle@Duxton

CIREA Reciprocity

Training Sessions and Assessment – March 2011

The 100 candidates' name list has been finalised. The HKIS and CIREA are endeavoring to conclude the logistics arrangement. More details on the venue and hotel accommodation will be announced as soon as we possibly can. The dates of the two-day training session and assessment leading to CIREA qualification is scheduled to be held on 12 to 13 March 2011 in Sunshine Hotel Shenzhen (深圳陽光酒店) (羅湖區). The first day training session will start early at 9:00 am. The HKIS will arrange transportation departing early in the morning from Kowloon Tong to Shenzhen direct. The two-day training will end with a "Closing and Certificate Presentation" Ceremony, late afternoon on 13 March 2011. Certificates for CIREA qualification will be awarded to members who have satisfactorily completed the two-day training sessions and have passed the assessment.

Appointment Process of Independent Valuer

A Practical Guide providing guidance to users who wish to make use of the services of the HKIS for the appointment of independent valuation experts ("IVE") has recently been finalised by the Working Group formed under GPD ("GPD WG" which is chaired by Mr. C K Lau). A "PRACTICAL GUIDE for the Application to the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors for the Appointment of an Independent Valuation Expert" will be published soon. Services could relate to rental determinations (for rent review and lease renewal) or for capital value determinations. The HKIS had already published separately a set of Guidance Notes for Surveyors Acting as Independent Experts for Commercial Property Rent Review in 2000. This Practical Guide is not a legal document. Parties making use of the appointment service must agree their terms of engagement with the IVE.

Meanwhile, the GPD WG is working with the Administration Office to fine-tune the formatting and the Chinese version. Thereafter, the working group will launch appropriate marketing activities.

Review on Guidance Note ("GN") on Rent Review and Scale of Professional Charges for Services in HK - General Practice

The GPD WG, in collaboration with RICS(HK), is revamping the GN on rent review. Members will be kept informed of the progress.

On the Fees Scale for GP surveyors, the current scale was first published jointly by the HKIS and the RICS (HK Branch) in 1995. The HKIS had reviewed and re-printed

the same in 2005. The GPD WG is preparing an updated edition.

The Scale is advisory in nature and is published for the guidance of Professional GP Surveyors. The document has served useful purposes in the following areas of work by Professional Surveyors:

- Compensation claims. Consultation has been made with the Lands Department from time to time.
- Certain types of work from the URA.
- Courts/Tribunal-reference points for determination of the reasonableness of "costs" for expert surveyors' fees.
- Independent expert-reference points for the determination of reasonableness of experts' fees by the President of the HKIS or by the courts/tribunal.

The GPD WG is collecting comments from practitioners on the proposed fees scale. Further consultation and discussion with the relevant government departments and the URA will be made. ■

General Practice Division Assessment of Professional Competence Referred Oral Assessment 2011

The GPD Referred Oral Assessment 2011 will take place in June 2011. Application forms for the Referred Oral Assessment 2011 are now available from the HKIS office. The application form (APC6/GP/F11) may also be downloaded from our website (HKIS main page → Professional Development → APC/ATC → GPD). Completed forms must be returned to HKIS no later than 12:30 pm, Saturday, 30 April 2011.

Please call HKIS Education Department on 2526 3679 for more details.



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17 Mar	2011001	How Surveyors can use Simple Financial Models in Asset Valuation and Analyze the Property and Stock Markets like an Investment Bank Analyst?	1.5	Phemey Pon	GPD
26 Mar	2011015	Tendering Process	2	Ronnie Tong	PQSL/QSD
28 Mar	2011017	The Role of Birds in Planning and Development of Housing and Infrastructure in Hong Kong	1.5	Mike Kiburn	QSD
14 Apr	2011002	Valuation Practice in the PRC	1.5	Gary Man	GPD
28 Apr	2011021	Estimating of Civil Engineering Works for Hong Kong Government Projects	1.5	Chris Fung	QSD
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12 May	2011022	Mock Mediation	2	Representatives from the Hong Kong Mediation Council – Construction Mediation Interest Group	HKIS
16 May	2011026	Expert Witness - A Sharing of Experience	1.5	TT Cheung	QSD
26 May	2011025	Surveying Practice from the Eyes of a Business Entrepreneur in Business World	1.5	Thomas Chan Chun Hong	GPD

Details of individual CPD/PQSL events are provided in the Surveyors Times and/or HKIS Website www.hkis.org.hk. Please use the STANDARD RESERVATION FORM overleaf for registration. For enquiries, please email cpd@hkis.org.hk or call the Secretariat on 2526 3679.

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- 5 Reservation by fax, telephone and cash payment is not acceptable.
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- 7 Reservation cannot be confirmed until one week prior to the event.
- 8 An official receipt/ admission ticket, which must be presented at the event, will be returned by post upon confirmation of reservation.
- 9 Incomplete or wrongly completed reservation forms will not be processed.
- 10 In the event a Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above or Black Rainstorm Warning is hoisted, the event will be postponed and a new arrangement will be announced. Should the aforesaid warnings be lowered 4 hours before the event, the event will proceed as normal.
- 11 If you have not received any reply from our Institute within 7 days of the event, you may call HKIS at 2526 3679 to check the progress of your reservation.



CPD/QSD/2011019

The QS and Construction Site Safety

Speaker Mr Peter Berry

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Monday 14 March 2011 SLC, HKIS

Details Peter Berry is a qualified Quantity Surveyor for near 50 years. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Mediator accredited by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. He joined Hong Kong Government Architectural Office, Q.S. Branch in 1966 and became Architectural Office's Contract Adviser for ten years, when promoted to look after claims and eventually to advise on the review of Hong Kong Government's standard forms of contract and various technical circulars including the arbitration and mediation "rules" for Government construction contracts. Mr. Berry was the Principal Assistant Secretary in the Works Branch (now Bureau) chairing the Conditions of Contract Committee and was involved in the drafting of the domestic sub-contract form used in conjunction with Architectural Services Department contracts. After retirement, he assisted with various contractual disputes in the both Government and non-Government environments, he has helped Hong Kong Construction Association as their consultant on construction and contractual policy matters including the new Standard Form of Building Contract 2005 (in conjunction with the HKIA, HKIS and HKICM) and in preparing the accompanying Guidance Note.

We QS's are often given the job of putting together the specification and the other contract documents. We should know better than other professions that if it can't be measured, it can't be truly enforced. A vaguely worded wish list included in the tender documents is no answer to a specific need.

Apart from the obvious distress caused to family and friends when someone is severely injured or killed on a construction site, there almost certainly will be major direct time and money implications for the contractor and to the job which may not always fall onto the contractor. The down time to investigate what happened and sort out the mess before restarting work can also be substantial.

In considering the kind of BQ items to include for site safety, the QS must assess the risks and make sure that the contractor has a clear obligation to ensure the sub-contractors are to follow the same safety regime.

Language English

Fee HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)

Priority QSD Member; First-come-first-served

CPD/GPD/2011001

How Surveyors can use Simple Financial Models in Asset Valuation and Analyze the Property and Stock Markets like an Investment Bank Analyst?

Speaker Mr Phemey Pon

He is the founder and managing director of Centaway Property Asset Management Limited. He is a qualified general practice surveyor and has a master degree in finance from Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is an experienced stock investor well-versed in fundamental and technical analysis. He has been a speaker of CPD events for the past 4 years.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Thursday 17 March 2011 SLC, HKIS

Details Based on the speaker's experiences and researches, he will speak on the following areas:

1. How to do fundamental and technical analysis on the property market and stock market?
2. How to select the right economic indicators to predict the property and stock market?
3. How to use a simple and yet powerful valuation methods to predict the stock price of listed major property developers?

Language Cantonese supplement with English

Fee HK\$120 for member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$30 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed)

Priority First-come-first-served

PQSL/QSD/2011015

Tendering Process

Speaker	Mr Ronnie Tong, Assistant Director, Davis Langdon & Seah Hong Kong Ltd.		
Date & Venue	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Saturday 26 March 2011 SLC, HKIS		
Details	This seminar is part of the HKIS QSD PQSL Series 2010 - 2011 and aims to enable candidates to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply the principles, practices and procedures of tendering process;• Prepare the appropriate tender documentation;• Co-ordinate the tendering process (including pre-qualification of tenderers, tender invitation, issuing of tender documents, etc.); and• Evaluate the received tenders and award of contract.		
Language	Cantonese supplement with English	Fee	HK\$100 for member, HK\$150 for non member (HK\$20 walk-in surcharge for all pricings listed)
Deadline	11 March 2011	Priority	QSD Probationers and Students

CPD/QSD/2011017

The Role of Birds in Planning and Development of Housing and Infrastructure in Hong Kong

Speaker	Mr Mike Kilburn		
Date & Venue	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Monday 28 March 2011 SLC, HKIS		
Details	<p>Mike Kilburn is the Environmental Programme Manager of Civic Exchange and Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society. A lifelong birdwatcher, he has worked as a consultant bird surveyor for numerous projects and commented on and influenced many other private and public sector development studies. Notable successes include significant contributions to the realignment of the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, revisions to private development plans at Fung Lok Wai, the establishment of Robin's Nest Country Park, tighter regulation of rural development and illegal dumping under the Town Planning Ordinance, and preventing the incursion of SENT Landfill into Clearwater Bay Country Park.</p> <p>In his work for Civic Exchange he manages research and stakeholder engagement on a wide range of environmental policy issues, including nature conservation, air pollution, urban planning, energy, climate change and water supply.</p> <p>Mike will explain the role that birds have played in the planning and approval process of key projects such as the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, private developments in the Northwest NT including Nam Sang Wai and Fung Lok Wai, the proposed wind farms, and wider development studies such as the NENT, FCA and Lok Ma Chau Loop studies. He will also show how birds are increasingly influencing cross border planning under the Hong Kong Guangdong Framework Agreement.</p>		
Language	English	Fee	HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)
Deadline	14 March 2011	Priority	QSD Member; First-come-first-served

CPD/GPD/2011002

Valuation Practice in the PRC

Speaker Mr Gary Man, FHKIoD, FRICS, MHKIS, RPS(GP), MCIREA

Gary is the Managing Director of Censere Group and has more than 20 years of experience in valuation and consultancy field. He has been engaged in numerous assignments covering the Asia-Pacific region, in particular countries such as China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand and further west to India, Kazakhstan and Republic of Maldives.

Currently, he is the board member of the RICS Hong Kong Board and the Chairman of the Professional Valuation Committee of RICS (HK). In the academic field, he has been the visiting lecturer of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) on the subject of Business and Intangible Assets Valuation and others. Apart from lecturing, he was also invited to be the External Examiner for the MSc programme in International Real Estate (ZheJiang) for the PolyU.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Thursday 14 April 2011 SLC, HKIS

Details The seminar will mainly cover the following areas :

- 1) History of the PRC valuation practice development
- 2) Property titles issues
- 3) Common valuation methods adopted in The PRC
- 4) The difficulties that valuers are facing in working in The PRC market
- 5) Challenges and Opportunities coming in the future

Language Cantonese **Fee** HK\$120 for member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$30 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed)

Deadline 31 March 2011 **Priority** First-come-first-served

CPD/QSD/2011021

Estimating of Civil Engineering Works for Hong Kong Government Projects



Speaker Mr Chris Fung, FHKIS, MRICS, MCI Arb, RPS(QS), Technical Director of AECOM Asia Co. Ltd.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Thursday 28 April 2011 SLC, HKIS

Details Mr Chris Fung leading the in-house QS team for one of the largest civil engineering consultant in Hong Kong, Mr. Fung has over 20 years professional experience in supervising the preparation of Bills of Quantities and cost estimates for various types of civil engineering works, which is essential for the budgeting and cost management of Hong Kong Government's infrastructure projects.

The talk will mainly cover the following areas:

- Features of estimating approach for civil engineering works
- Benchmarking and price level adjustment
- Estimating methodology for Hong Kong Government projects
- Examples of estimating for Preliminaries, major items of works, Price Fluctuations, Contingencies
- Challenges for accurate estimates

Language English **Fee** HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)

Deadline 14 April 2011 **Priority** QSD Member; First-come-first-served

CPD/QSD/2011023

Design and Build Contracts



New

Speaker Mr Nicholas Longley, partner in the construction team at the Hong Kong office of Holman Fenwick Willan

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesday 4 May 2011 SLC, HKIS

Details Nicholas Longley has been in Hong Kong for 12 years. Nick specializes in construction and construction insurance law. He advises governments, employers, main contractors, specialist subcontractors, construction professionals and insurers on all aspects of construction law including procurement, contract production and negotiation and claims preparation and dispute resolution. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Law Society of Hong Kong's Insurance Law Committee as well as being on Hong Kong General Panel of Mediators.

This seminar will focus on the particular issues and risks arising out of design and build contracts and will cover the following topics:

1. How a design and build contract differs from a traditional contract and the advantages and disadvantages of using them;
2. What are the risks faced by the Contractor in entering into a Design and Build Contract and how should the Contractor manage them;
3. The Role of the Designer in a Design and Build Contract; and
4. Drafting Tips and Pitfalls to avoid.

Language English

Fee HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)

Deadline 20 March 2011

Priority QSD Member; First-come-first-served

CPD/HKIS/2011022

Mock Mediation



New

Speakers Representatives from the Hong Kong Mediation Council – Construction Mediation Interest Group

Hong Kong Mediation Council is a non-profit making organization established with the objective of promoting the use of mediation and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The activities of the Hong Kong Mediation Council include holding seminars and meeting on various aspects of mediation and other forms of ADR; training of mediators and educating users of mediation; coordinating the development of mediation through its various interest-groups; establishing standards of practice for mediation etc.

Date & Venue 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Thursday 12 May 2011 SLC, HKIS

Details Mediation is a confidential dispute resolution process in which a neutral person (the 'mediator') assists the parties in a dispute to reach a negotiated agreement. The mediator assists the parties to understand the issues in dispute, identify creative options to resolve the dispute and finalize agreement. Mediation is a recognized and well accepted alternative to arbitration and litigation. Mediation costs a small fraction of the cost of arbitration and litigation and can result in a fast and effective solution to a complex problem. Under the Civil Justice Reform, Practice Direction-31 requiring the filing with the court a mediation certificate, a mediation notice and response was made effective from 1st January 2010 in proceedings where all the parties are legally represented. In this event, Representatives from the Hong Kong Mediation Council – Construction Mediation Interest Group will give a presentation on the process of mediation and perform a mock mediation on a construction dispute.

CPD/PQSL EVENTS

Language	English for the Presentation and Cantonese for the Role Play	Fee	Free of Charge (See Remarks below)
Deadline	5 May 2011	Priority	HKIS Members, non-members are also welcomed
Remarks	Members registered for this CPD event but failed to attend will be charged a standard CPD event fee of \$120. Please fax the CPD Standard Reservation Form to 2868 4612 or email to cpd@hkis.org.hk for registration.		

CPD/QSD/2011026

Expert Witness - A Sharing of Experience



Speaker	Mr TT Cheung, BSc(Hons)(QS), MSc, FHKIS, FRICS, RPS(QS), RCE, DIF, DRAd, Accredited Mediator. Director, Aria and Associates Ltd., Adjunct Professor, Department of Real Estate and Construction, University of Hong Kong		
Date & Venue	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Monday 16 May 2011 SLC, HKIS		
Details	<p>Mr Cheung has been practising as expert witness in quantum for the past 10 years. He has come across a number of situations that are critical to the performance of expert witness.</p> <p>In the seminar, he will give us a refresher on the role of expert witness, the dos and don'ts, the latest court requirements and share with us some real case examples relating to the performance of expert witnesses and review some court judgment relevant to expert witnesses.</p>		
Language	English supplement with Cantonese	Fee	HK\$120 per member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$20 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed); Free of charge for full time university student (subject to availability)
Deadline	30 April 2011	Priority	QSD Member; First-come-first-served

CPD/GPD/2011025

Surveying Practice from the Eyes of a Business Entrepreneur in Business World



Speaker	Mr Chan Chun Hong, Thomas		
Date & Venue	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Thursday 26 May 2011 SLC, HKIS		
Details	<p>Mr Thomas Chan is the Managing Director of Wang On Group Limited, a property developer in Hong Kong and PRC; and the Chairman and Managing Director of China Agri-Products Exchange Limited, which specialized in the development and management of wholesale Distribution Markets for Agricultural products; both of which are listed in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Limited.</p> <p>Thomas will share his experience as the CEO of two listed companies as to how professional surveyors assist the growth and development of his Group's business :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The use of surveying in business world• Common weakness of professional surveyors, ways to improve		
Language	Cantonese supplemented by English	Fee	HK\$120 for member; HK\$150 for non-member (HK\$30 walk in surcharge for all pricings listed)
Deadline	12 May 2011	Priority	GPD Member; First-come-first-served

Applications are now invited for admission during the 2011/12 academic year for both the full-time (normally 1 year) and part-time (normally 2.5 years) taught postgraduate programmes for relevant professionals working in the construction and real estate sectors.

MSc/PgD in Construction and Real Estate

建築及房地產學 理學碩士學位/深造文憑 (Programme Code 04001)

Programme Structure

- Students pursuing the MSc award can opt for specializing in one of the three study disciplines, i.e. Construction, Planning and Development or Commercial Property.

Entrance Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree with Honours; OR
- A Bachelor's degree in a construction or real estate related discipline; OR
- Corporate membership of a relevant professional institution with a substantial content in the construction and real estate sectors.
- Relevant employment in industry, commerce or public administration is preferred.

Professional Recognition

- The MSc programme is accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) as meeting their academic requirements.

Enquiries

Tel: (852) 2766 7770 (Ms Lee) Fax: (852) 2764 5131 Email: bsgracie@inet.polyu.edu.hk

MSc/PgD in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution

建築法及爭議解決學 理學碩士學位/深造文憑 (Programme Code 04001)

Programme Structure

- Supported by visiting practitioners, including Lawyers, Arbitrators, Mediators, experts from China and senior construction professionals. (A scholarship is provided by Davis Landon & Seah)

Entrance Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in a construction-related discipline or equivalent (including recognized professional qualifications) plus relevant work experience (preferably at least 2 years); OR
- Qualified Lawyer.

Professional Recognition

- The PgD/MSc programme has full accreditation for membership (AHKI Arb) from the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- Those students who opt to complete the mediation workshop of the programme will be exempted by various professional institutions in Hong Kong and overseas as achievement of approved mediation course leading to membership
- The MSc programme is accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) as meeting their academic requirements

Enquiries

Tel: (852) 3400 3819 (Ms Yap) Fax: (852) 2764 5131 Email: bsconnie@inet.polyu.edu.hk

MSc/PgD in Project Management

項目管理 理學碩士學位/深造文憑 (Programme Code 04001)

Programme Structure

- Face-to-face contacts consist of three full-day lectures/workshops for each core subject (normally during weekends, including Saturdays and Sundays).
- Study Guides are provided for core subjects.

Entrance Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in relevant disciplines or the equivalent (including recognized professional qualifications); and preferably with 2-year relevant work experience.

Professional Recognition

- The MSc programme is accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)* in the UK, as well as the Hong Kong Institute of Project Management (HKIPM), as meeting their academic requirements. (*subject to re-accreditation in 2011)

Enquiries

Tel: (852) 3400 3819 (Ms Wong) Fax: (852) 2764 5131 Email: bssywang@inet.polyu.edu.hk

Students must obtain 30 credits (10 subjects or 7 subjects plus a dissertation) for the MSc award and 21 credits (7 subjects) for the PgD award.

Programme Flyer

http://www.bre.polyu.edu.hk/frameset/frameset_course.html

Entry Scholarship

Applicants with outstanding academic results (e.g. first class honours bachelor's degree or equivalent qualifications) from a reputable university, who submit applications to the programme on or before 31 March 2011 (Thu) will be considered automatically for award of the entry scholarship up to a maximum amount of covering the whole current tuition fee.

Online Application

<http://www.polyu.edu.hk/study> before 31 March 2011 (Thu). Applications after this deadline may be considered only when places are available.

Two subjects of each of the above programmes have been included in the list of reimbursable courses for Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes



Land Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Koo Tak Ming LSD Council Chairman

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

On behalf of the Land Surveying Divisional Council, I wish you a happy, fruitful and prosperous Year of the Rabbit.

As a land surveyor in Hong Kong, we have been well recognized by the public that our expertise is in the field of land boundary surveying. There are areas in the modern developments, e.g. 3D Spatial Data Modeling Technique, Laser Scanning Survey and Application of GIS for management of land and related attributes, which are yet to be made known to users: these quality services should be delivered to the right person at the right time and right occasion. Towards this end, we have to gain further exposure to promote our new services this year.

Visit to HKIS Booth in Education and Careers Expo 2011

This year, the HKIS set up a booth in the Expo to promote our image and career path. Representatives from the



The President and representatives from the LSD in the Expo

LSD visited the booth at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) in the evening of 18 February. We treasured the great effort by the YSG in making this event a great success.

LSD Contact Points

If you have any views on the Council's work, please feel free to send them to the Honorary Secretary at lsd@hkis.org.hk or to me at lsdchairman@hkis.org.hk.



HKI Arb International Entry Course March 2011

The Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators is offering suitably qualified professionals a 2-day course leading to entry to the Institute as an Associate. Applicants should possess a university degree or other recognised professional qualifications and the Institute retains its discretion to decide on the suitability of the applicant.

The course will be held at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre on 25 and 26 March 2011 (9:00am to 5:00pm). There will be an examination in the form of a pre-course assignment which must be handed in on the 1st day of the course and a 2-hour written paper on Saturday 2 April 2011 at 2:15pm to 4:30pm at the HKIAC, 38/F Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong.

The course will be based on the **new Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance (Cap 609)**, which is expected to come into effect sometime this year. Subjects covered in this course include:

Arbitration in the dispute resolution spectrum, Arbitration clauses, Applicable law, Constitution of the tribunal, Powers of the arbitrators, Content of the Award, Enforcement of the Award

The course director is Louise Barrington, JD, LL.M., FCI Arb, Chartered Arbitrator (2001). She previously taught Arbitration and other subjects at Chinese University and City University of Hong Kong, and directed ICC Asia. Louise acts as counsel in international arbitrations in Europe and Asia, and has sat as arbitrator on a variety of cases under ICC and UNCITRAL Rules. She is founder and director of the Vis East Moot in Hong Kong.

Fee: HK\$3,800 including course materials, and the examination fee.

Applications must be received by 11 March 2011. Please send your application giving (1) **name and ID No.** (2) **occupation, details of education and professional or industry qualifications** (3) **address**, (4) **email address and** (5) **day time telephone number**, along with a cheque made payable to "**Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators**"; to HKI Arb, c/o HKIAC, 38/F, Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong.

c/o Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre 38/F Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 2525 2381 Fax: (852) 2524 2171

Planning & Development Division Chairman's Message



Raymond Chan PDD Council Chairman

I wish to report a few things happened in the past month:

(I) Attended the Meeting of Qingdao Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

During February 21 to 25 February 2011, I have joined the Meeting of QingDao CPPCC. Qingdao is a fast developing city with large infrastructures being built. These large infrastructures include:

- 1) The 42km long Qingdao Haiwan Bridge. This bridge is going to be the longest bridge over water in the world and is expected to open in this year.
- 2) The 7.8km long Qingdao Jiaozhou Bay Undersea Tunnel which is also expected to open in this year.

青島膠州灣隧道位置示意圖



Location map of Qingdao Jiaozhou Bay Undersea Tunnel

- 3) Qingdao Metro which is the first MTR subway in Qingdao. The first line, line M3, will have 22 stations and is expected to be completed in 2014.

I made a couple of suggestions in the CPPCC meetings as follows:

- 1) To open the local market for more professionals and professional services from Hong Kong.
- 2) To improve its tourism during the winter.

(II) LegCo Meeting – Buildings Energy Efficiency (Fees) Regulation and Buildings Energy Efficiency (Registered Energy Assessors) Regulation

On 28th February 2011, I attended a LegCo Meeting. In this meeting, I made the following comments:


- 1) Qualification for Registered Energy Assessors – (Proposed to include only HKIE members or equivalent)

Energy efficiency of building services installation is not solely determined by its own design. It relates also to associated building design, associated accessories, maintenance status, operational / user mode, etc. Surveyors, especially Maintenance Surveyors and Property & Facility Surveyors are familiar with the actual running and maintenance of these installations. They should be competent to perform the duty of making energy audits for commercial buildings at the required 10 years intervals.

- 2) Composition of Disciplinary Board Panel – (Proposed to only composed of HKIE & ERB members)

Energy efficiency matters are not just something within a professional institute. It is something established by the Government and accountable to the public. Disciplinary Board Panel should not just be composed of HKIE & ERB members. The user / public side should also be represented. Developers, property owners, Professionals (Surveyors, Architects, etc.) should have their voices in the panel as well.

(III) FIG Working Week 2011, Morocco

Looking ahead, PDD will send a representative to attend the FIG Working Week 2011 in coming May in Morocco. The overall theme of the Working Week will be “Bridging the Gap between Cultures”. The theme will address the changes in current world and the importance of cultures and understanding the differences in different parts of the world including professional development, traditions and legislation at the same time when the world is more harmonized with common standards and global markets. We hope that our division can gain more recognition and will establish better liaison with fellow professionals internationally through this visit. 

Property & Facility Management Division Chairman's Message



Gary Yeung PFMD Council Chairman

In general, the working atmosphere and pace of the past few weeks were relaxed probably because of the Lunar New Year. Although a bit late, let me wish all members a wealthy and healthy year of the Rabbit!

On 26 January 2011, I accompanied the President to a lunch gathering with the Under Secretary for Home Affairs, Ms Florence Hui and Deputy Director of Home Affairs, Mr David Leung. I take this opportunity to thank David for his time in speaking at our Discussion Forum on 27 January 2011 in respect of the proposed "Regulation of Property Management Industry". I noted that the Home Affairs Department has an initiative to review the Building Management Ordinance (Cap 344) and a Review Committee chaired by Mr Chung Pui Lam was formed. Despite the fact that the Committee did not involve any representative from the professional property management institutes such as the HKIS, the Deputy Director kindly agreed to relay our Institute's views to the Committee whenever needed. Indeed, the HKIS had a Working Group which rendered comments to the government during the BMO Amendments in the year 2000 and 2007. I have raised my concern that it is quite rare for an Ordinance to be amended three times within a period of 11-12 years.

I attended two Spring Receptions on 10 February 2011, one being hosted by the Home Affairs Bureau and the other by the Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies, and both were held in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Incidentally, I took the opportunity to chat with several property management professionals and noted that their views in respect of the proposed regulatory framework were generally positive. However, some were quite concerned about the BMO review particularly on factors that will affect the administration of DMC.

The Panel for Home Affairs of the Legislative Council invited the Institute to offer its views in its Panel Meeting on 18 February 2011. I attended the Panel Meeting and expressed the views of the Institute. Generally, these views were gathered from the Discussion Forum held on 27 January 2011. Thanks to Professor Eddie Hui for his efforts in preparing the summary. The Institute's comments to the Panel are attached with this Chairman's Message for members' reference. Our views had invited quite a lot of media coverage in some major newspapers published on 19 February 2011.

As in the previous year, the Institute organised a Media Luncheon on 15 February 2011 in the World Trade Centre Club. Mr Dick Kwok and I attended the luncheon and had a thorough discussion with several journalists. Upon sharing with them the Institute's views, they raised an interest in the proposed statutory framework to regulate property management industry.

By the time you receive this issue of Surveyors Times, it should be getting quite close to the Award Presentation Banquet of the Quality Property and Facility Management Award (QPFMA). Gold and Merit Awards will be presented to the short-listed finalists in the Ceremony. I do hope that I can meet as many members as possible in this important event of the Council.

Last but not the least, may I remind members of the implementation of the statutory minimum wage in May 2011. For those members who need to prepare a budget for their clients with financial year beginning on 1 April 2011, you should note the huge impact of this new legislation on the management expenses, particularly the portions on cleaning and security services.

Regulation of the Property Management Industry

The following is a summary of views submitted by the HKIS to the Panel on Home Affairs on 11 February 2011:

(1) Regulatory Level and Qualification Standards

There is a general consensus that the proposed licensing regime at company level helps to promote property management companies' (PMCs) status and to raise service quality, even though it will increase practitioners' liability. A two-tier licensing regime is preferred because small-scale PMCs might be unable to afford expensive licensing fee.

HKIS recommends that the new system should follow the registration of general building contractors/minor works contractors currently adopted by the Buildings Department whereby a certain number of Registered Professionals are appointed as senior members and managers of the company as one of the licensing criteria. Likewise, all other property management service providers including owners' corporations and non-government organizations should be regulated. Whilst small and medium-sized companies shall also be licensed without exception, a transitional period may be implemented in order to allow ample time for meeting the new licensing requirements.

However, HKIS has reservation on the licensing of property management individuals. Members suggested that exemptions from licensing assessments (at individual level) shall be given to registered surveyors, registered housing managers as well as members of some other professional institutions. Currently, professional property managers are already regulated by the rule of conduct of their own professional institutes, such as HKIS. Further licensing of individuals becomes only a "Belt and Braces" job. The current practice of team work and collective decision making process generates extreme difficulty and unfairness, with a licensed individual personally being held liable for his/her managerial action. Owing to a wide variety of specialists involved (for example property manager, technical manager, security manager, etc.), it will also be difficult to establish a single and effective licensing system, not to mention the huge administration and licensing fees anticipated which may ultimately result in unnecessary increases in management fees.

To summarize, members generally preferred a licensing regime at company level since property management often involves team work and collective decision making processes. Such licensing regime will help to protect practitioners' best interest whilst at the same time, fulfill their responsibilities. There has been a suggestion that the licensing regime at individual level is less preferable because in fulfillment of responsibilities as an individual licensee, practitioners might potentially tarnish the authority of their PMCs.

(2) Roles of the Proposed Body and Scope of the Regulations

The proposed body should act as a regulator, supervisor, as well as disciplinary body. It should set up an enforcement section to ensure that licensees provide property management services in accordance with the codes of practice and/or codes of conduct established by the body.

Members suggested that the proposed regulatory framework should specify all the rights and responsibilities of licensees (at company level), penalty systems, offences and defences etc. Since the proposed regulations will increase the liability of practitioners, these details are helpful to licensed PMCs in supervising their employees, as well as to individual practitioners in exercising their authority. Besides, considering that the government actively promotes the use of mediation to resolve construction disputes, the proposed regulations shall include provisions which encourage the use of mediation mechanism in property management industry.

(3) Transitional Period

A transitional period is necessary. Government funds could be allocated to public education during the transitional period (i.e. from now until the planned date of implementation) such that the public get to know the importance of establishing a licensing regime and regulatory framework for PMCs.

(A full copy of our submission can be downloaded from the HKIS website at http://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/html/upload/NewsPosPaper/posp148_0.pdf)

Quantity Surveying Division Chairman's Message



Antony Man QSD Council Chairman

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2011 was held on 20 February 2011. I joined the HKIS Running Team for the full marathon, which commenced early in the morning at 6:20 am. Although it was about 13 degrees Celsius with showers at the beginning, most participants enjoyed such weather conditions. Finally, I finished the challenge of the 42.195 km in 5 hours. Thanks to Mr Lesly Lam for co-coordinating the HKIS Running Team in the event.

Results of APC

The results of the Assessment of Professional Competence held last September have been issued to all candidates. About 80 candidates passed both the written assessment and interview of the APC however the submitted diaries, records of pre-qualification structured learning and critical analysis of some of the candidates did not satisfy the requirements of the APC. Re-submission is required from these candidates prior to being elected as a Member. Congratulations to 57 candidates who can become elected members of the Institute after the processing by the Board of Membership and the General Council in March 2011.

Lunch with the Board Chairman of the RICS UK World Region Quantity Surveying & Construction Professional Group

The Vice President of HKIS and five Officers of the QSD Council met Mr David Bucknall, the Board Chairman of the RICS UK World Region Quantity Surveying & Construction Professional Group and officials from the RICS Hong Kong Board at a hotel in Wanchai on 22 February 2011. Collaboration in training and organising CPD events for quantity surveyors in Hong Kong were discussed. This was the first meeting between the QSD of HKIS and RICS Hong Kong Board. Both parties concurred that further meetings could be arranged for co-operation issues.

Renewal of Registration of PRC Registered Cost Engineers

The first batch of 65 HKIS members who became PRC Registered Cost Engineer in 2008 will be required to renew the registration for the 4-year period. The divisional representatives will work with our counterparts, the China Engineering Cost Association (中國建設工程造價管理協會), in PRC for the details of the renewal process. Members should pay attention to the requirements for change of employment

and renewal of registration, in particular on the continued professional development (繼續教育). Further details will be announced once available.

[請參閱中華人民共和國建設部令 第 150 號 註冊造價工程師管理辦法; 第二章 註冊 第九至十二條]
http://www.ceca.org.cn/new/4_0/2009_9_11_xi0418237551119900216192.shtml

ATC (Quantity Surveying Division) Final Assessment – May 2011

The ATC (QSD) Final Assessment 2011 will be held in May this year. The ATC Final Assessment comprises two parts, viz written assessment and interview. The written assessment will be held on Wednesday, 18 May 2011 and the interview will be conducted in June 2011. Successful candidates will become a Technical Associate (TAHKIS) of the Institute.

Application forms for the ATC (QSD) Final Assessment 2011 are now available from the HKIS office or candidates may also download the application form (ATC3QS) and the "Rules and Guide to ATC (QSD)" from the HKIS website www.hkis.org.hk (HKIS main page → Professional Development → APC/ATC → QSD). Duly completed application forms and the application fees must be submitted to the HKIS Office **no later than 5:30 pm on Thursday, 21 April 2011**.

If you have any queries or need further information about the ATC (QSD) Final Assessment 2011, please call the HKIS Education Department on 2526 3679.

QSD Annual Dinner 2011

The QSD Annual Dinner is scheduled to be held on 3 June 2011. Please jot down the event in your diary. You are cordially invited to the QSD Annual Dinner which provides an opportunity for meeting our friends of quantity surveyors. There were 14 tables with about 180 participants attending the QSD Annual Dinner last year. Your support and participation is crucial for the success of the event. Further details will be issued in due course and I hope to see you there.

The organising committee led by Mr Honby Chan, the Vice Chairman of QSD, will be recruiting helpers, MC and performers among the members of the Division (honbyhk@yahoo.com.hk). Your proposals and suggestions for betterment of this annual event are welcome. ■

Young Surveyors Group Chairman's Message

Arthur Cheung YSG Committee Chairman



Academic Seminar 2011 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

On 28 January 2011, we were invited to conduct a sharing session with about 40 students from the Department of Building and Real Estate of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The session began with an opening remark from Professor Geoffrey Q P Shen, Head of the Department of Building and Real Estate, followed with an introduction of HKIS and its six divisions given by me. Members from different divisions then shared their experiences in this industry with the students.

Members who joined the sharing session that evening were Bette Sinn, Hazel Tee, Jerry Li, Wang, Joanmi Li, Iris Chau, Kason Cheung, Angela So, Jeff Chan, Sylvia Leung, Cyrus Siu, Alex Wong and Kenny Chan. Thanks to all of you.



One-day Seminar on Contract Management 2011

The One-day Seminar on Contract Management 2011, which was jointly organised by HKIS, CI Arb, CIBSE, HKIE, ICE and the LSHK, was successfully held on 19 February 2011. This year, over 40 members registered for the seminar. We were very honoured to have Mr K C Tang, one of our senior members from the Quantity Surveying Division, as one of the speakers in the seminar and the topic of his speech was "A Walkthrough from Tender Documentation to Binding of Contract". Speeches delivered by all the honourable guests covered topics including execution of contract, contract management, arbitration and business communication. We believe all our members benefited a lot from this seminar.

The joint organising committee spent almost six months preparing and organising this annual seminar. Many thanks for the great efforts from Kathy Cheung, Katherine Wong, Rex Ying and all the helpers in the event.



HKTDC Education and Careers Expo 2011

The HKIS participated in the Education and Careers Expo 2011, which was held from 17 to 20 February 2011 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. This annual event provides an opportunity for us to promote the surveying profession to youngsters. Similar to previous years, the YSG took up the overall planning, design and logistics arrangement for the event this year. We developed a brand new design for the booth and the leaflets. Over 700 visitors visited our booth during the four-day event.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the help from 20 YSG members (including committee members, co-opted and student members). Thanks should also be given to our President and all senior members who visited our booth and gave us support throughout the event.

List of helpers:

University of Hong Kong

Francis Wong, Sharon Shieh, Pinky Li, Jason Wo & Hinry Lau

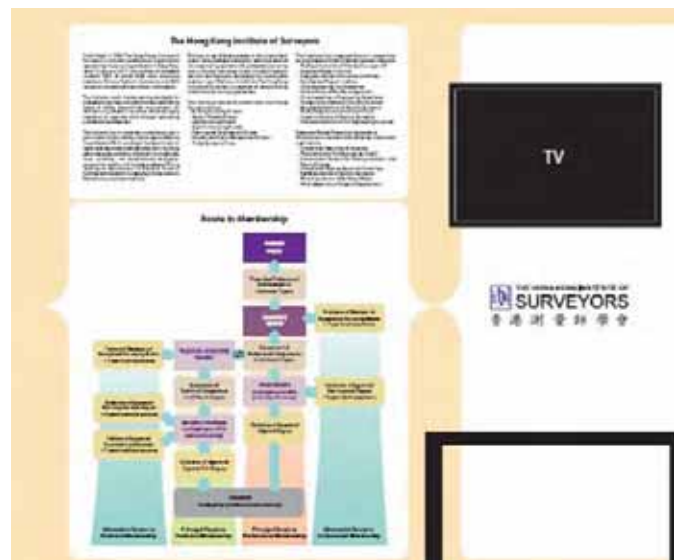
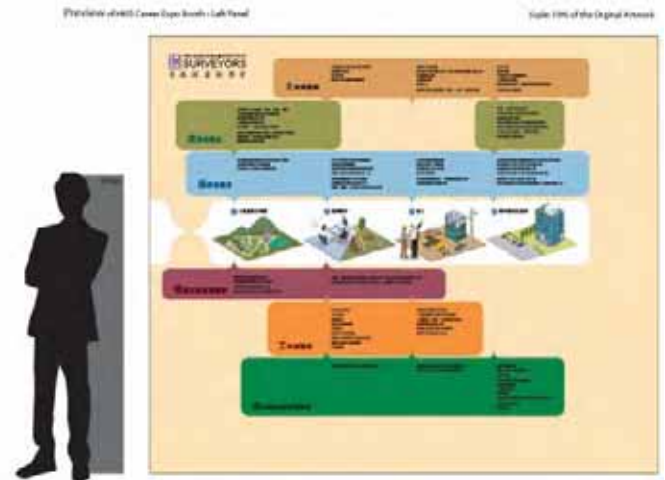
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The Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics

Kenneth, Henry Wong & Yeung On Chau

YSG

MK & ME, Cyrus Siu, Simon Wong, Janet Wong, Jeff Chan, Michelle Chung, Lesly Lam, Mandy Lam, Gigi Mok, David So, Angela So, Sylvia Leung & Kenny Chan



Forthcoming Events

Social Event - Oyster Shucking Master Class

In view of the overwhelming response from members to the Oyster Shucking Master class on 5 March 2011, we are organising **an additional class on 12 March 2011**. To re-cap, you will learn from this hands-on class how to open oysters with skill and finesse. You will also try three quality wines which complement the oysters. For details and registration, please contact Ms Donna Yu on 2526 3679 or email to cpd@hkis.org.hk/williamlai@hkis.org.hk.

Visit to City University of Hong Kong

We have been invited by the Building and Construction Society of the City University of Hong Kong to conduct

a sharing session with their students on 4 March 2011. Members from different divisions will share their experiences with students during the visit.

WE NEED YOU!

For the success of the YSG, we need your support, advice and participation in our coming events and our committee. If you are interested in becoming part of us or you have any enquiry about YSG, please feel free to email us at hkis.ysg@gmail.com. Or, you can attend our next YSG meeting at 7:00pm on **14 March and 11 April 2011**, at the HKIS premises. ■

YSG Social Event 2011

Thai Boxing Course

Cooking Class

創藝坊

Surveyors' Dinner

Oyster Shucking Master Class

生態考察團

YSG Cup

& more coming soon ...

All these events hold much fun and excitement and we need your support to make them a success!
We cordially invite you to join our upcoming social events.

For more details, please do not hesitate to contact us via hkis.ysg@gmail.com



The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
Sports Team / Interest Group



Chairman: Lesly LAM, leslylam@hkis.org.hk

For those members who are interested in joining various Sports Teams and Interest Groups managed by the Sports and Recreation Committee, please contact the Chairman or Ms Donna YU at cpd@hkis.org.hk / 2526 3679 for registration.

Running

HKIS Running Team in the Hong Kong Marathon 2011 – Superb Results!

Team Captains: Mr Lesly LAM / Miss Kathy CHEUNG / Miss Carmen WONG

The Institute formed a strong running team and joined the Hong Kong Marathon 2011 held on 20 February 2011. We had a superb performance and achieved many good results in 10km Run, Half Marathon (21 km Run) and Full

Marathon (42.195 km Run). The best results are listed as follows. We have many chances in winning prizes in each category of the Joint Professional Marathon Competitions.

The superb results of the HKIS Running Team

Full Marathon			Half Marathon			10km Run		
Male		Results	Male		Results	Male		Results
Fan	Frankie	3:21:44	Choi	Brian	1:40:53	Pong	Daniel	0:44:12
Lai	Kelvin	3:34:44	Cheung	Michael	1:47:46	Chan	Arthur	0:45:44
Koo	Jason	3:34:58	Wong	Colin	1:49:38	Wong	Joe	0:52:40
Lam	Joe	3:37:52	Pang	SK	1:50:12	Tam	Anthony	0:55:10
Shum	Roy	3:52:29				Tsui	Paul	0:57:17
Female		Results	Female		Results	Female		Results
Ng	Angel	3:47:18	Lau	Amy	1:51:45	Chung	Maria	0:57:41
Wong	Carman	4:25:06	Leung	Elaine	2:20:01	Chan	Joel	0:59:27
Wong	Winnie	4:33:49						

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following teammates in joining the Hong Kong Marathon 2011. We recognized and gave supports to each other during the run since we put on eye-catching purple HKIS running team singlets. Please keep an eye here on the upcoming running events in the year.



Some HKIS Runners



The HKIS Running Team in the Hong Kong Marathon 2011

Full Marathon		Half Marathon		10km Run	
Chan	Winson	Chan	Ka Kui	Chan	Arthur
Cheung	Chu Wah	Cheung	Michael	Chan	Siu Lai
Cheung	Kathy	Choi	Chun Tong	Chan	Valerie
Fan	Chor Kit Frankie	Choi	Brian	Chau	William
Koo	Jason	Fung	Ronnie	Chong	Ben
Kwok	Sek Tung	Lam	Lesly	Chung	Michelle
Lai	Kelvin	Lan	Kelvin Ki Fung	Chung	Maria
Lam	Joe	Lau	Amy	Fu	Wai Shing
Man	Antony	Leung	Tsz Min	Lam	Allen
Ng	Victor	Leung	Elaine	Ng	Ivan
Ng	Chun Wei Angel	Liu	CK	Pong	Daniel
Shum	Roy	Lo	Philip	So	David
Si	Yau Li	Luk	Wilkie	Tam	Anthony
Wan	CY	Pang	SK	Tsui	Paul G Kin
Wong	Eric	Tsang	Rachel	Wong	Joe
Wong	Kwok On	Wong	Augustine	Wong	Celina
Wong	Carman	Wong	Colin		
Wong	Winnie	Yung	Johnny		
Yip	Patrick				

The Sports and Recreation Committee would also like to express sincere appreciation to the members of the Support Team.



Before Full Marathon in the morning



After Full Marathon



Before Half Marathon in the morning





After 10km Run



Cooking



HKIS Cooking Team – Interested Members are invited!

Group Leaders: Ms Jo LAU / Mr Lesly LAM

The group leaders of the cooking team would like to call more interested members to join and participate in the Joint Professional Cooking Competition on 25 June 2011. Practices and sharing sessions will be arranged prior to the competitions. Please email to Mr Lesly LAM at leslylam@hkis.org.hk for registration.

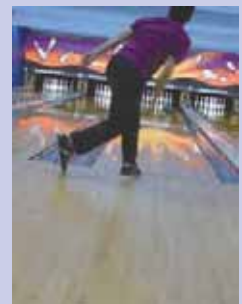
Bowling



HKIS Bowling Team in Joint Professional Bowling Tournament 2011 – Recruiting teammates

Team Captain: Mr Tommy LAM

The Joint Professional Bowling Tournament 2011 is approaching. With a series of tough practices, our bowling team members reaped a fruitful reward and won the 2nd runner-up in 2010. The team captain would like to invite members who are interested in bowling to join us this year. Regular practices will begin right after the Lunar New Year.

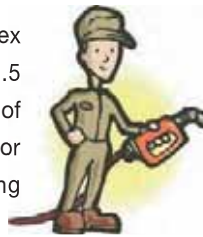


Recruitment of players is always opened for all qualified members, probationers and student members. We Look forward to seeing you.

Latest privileges

• Gasoline •

For all HKIS successful applicants of the Caltex StarCard, you can enjoy a discount of HK\$1.5 per litre on Tuesdays and Fridays. A discount of HK\$1.2 per litre is available on other dates. For enquiries please call the hotline of Ming Xing Investment on **2851 3297**.



special discount

• Language courses •

Kaplan, one of the largest educational institutions in Hong Kong, is offering discounts on its Mandarin and English courses for HKIS members. Simply present your membership card at their enrolment counter to enjoy the privilege. For details, please go to www.putonghua.com/web/promotion/hk_surveyors.



15% off

• Opera tickets •

Opera Hong Kong is the first opera company to have been established in Hong Kong. The company was formed in July 2003 as a non-profit-making charitable organisation. As a caring organisation, the HKIS is working with Opera Hong Kong to promote performing arts in Hong Kong. Members can now enjoy a 10% discount on Opera Hong Kong programmes by simply showing your membership card at URBTIX outlets. For details of the programmes, please go to www.operahongkong.org.



10% off

Other offers:

• Health Check Plan •

Health check-up packages are offered to all HKIS members by Union Hospital at a privilege offer of HK\$2,990 for male and HK\$3,390 for female. Plan inclusive of Physical Examination & Medical History; Medical Report & TWO Doctors Consultations; Complete Blood Count; Diabetic Screening; Lipid Profile; Hepatitis Profile B; Liver Function Test; Renal Function Test; Thyroid Screening Test; Gout Screening; Urinalysis; Stool & Occult Blood; Resting ECG; Chest X-Ray and Kidneys, Urethra & Bladder X-Ray for male; Pelvic Examination including Pap Smear and Mammogram/Ultrasound for female. For booking and enquiries, please call **2608 3170**.

35% off

• Football Shirt •

Kitroom Sports in Mongkok is providing an exclusive offer to members buying football shirts. Simply show your membership card to enjoy a 20% discount. For details of the shop, please go to <http://www.kitroomsports.com/>.

20% off

• Shell Card •

A discount of HK\$1.20 per litre gasoline for all successful application of the Shell Card. For enquiries please call Mr Alex Au of Kingsway Concept Ltd. on **2541 1828**.

• Esso Discount Card •

- (1) For petrol, from 16 January 2010, the discount is HK\$1.30 per litre for successful applicants with consumption exceeding 50 litres per monthly period; otherwise it is HK\$1.20 per litre. Petrol is first fully paid by credit card at Esso station; rebate will be credited to customer's bank account.
- (2) For diesel, successful applicants will get a direct discount of HK\$2.00 per litre at any Esso station.

• Esso Fleet Card •

Discount is HK\$1.30 per litre for successful applicants. Enquiries for above cards, please call Mr Cres Wong of Ace Way Company on **2807 3001**.

Note: The HKIS will not be privy to any contracts between the HKIS members and the agency concerned. We will not be responsible for the administration of or the consequences arising from these contracts, including any personal data that HKIS members may agree to provide to the agency. No liability of any kind will be borne by the HKIS. All business transactions made under the membership benefits of HKIS are strictly between the merchant and HKIS members. The HKIS will not be involved in any complaints made by any party in any business transaction. All enquiries should be made to merchants directly.

Date	Event	Organiser	Location	
2011				
Mar	16	HKIS Board of Membership meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	24	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	24	HKIS General Council meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	25	HKIS Extraordinary General Meeting	HKIS	SLC, HKIS
	25	Quality Property and Facility Management Award 2010 Award Presentation cum Banquet	HKIS & HKAPMC	Sheraton Hotel, Hong Kong SAR
April	28	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
May	11	HKIS Board of Membership meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	18-22	FIG Working Week 2011	FIG	Marrakech, Morocco
	26	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	26	HKIS General Council meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Jun	3	HKIS Quantity Surveying Division Annual Dinner	HKIS QSD	Royal Plaza Hotel, Hong Kong SAR
	23	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Jul	12	HKIS Board of Membership meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	28	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	28	HKIS General Council meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Aug	25	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Sep	14	HKIS Board of Membership meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	22	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	22	HKIS General Council meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Oct	27	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Nov	9	HKIS Board of Membership meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	24	HKIS Executive Committee meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
	24	HKIS General Council meeting	HKIS	Board Room, HKIS
Dec	9	HKIS Annual General Meeting	HKIS	SLC, HKIS

For details, please visit www.hkis.org.hk or contact the HKIS office on 2526 3679. Board Room, HKIS = 810 Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong. SLC, HKIS = 811 Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong.



HKTDC Education and Careers Expo 2011

