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The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors hosts Community Campaign for the first time
Exhibition Week to showcase Community Development Cycle
Explore Future Development and Stimulate Public Interest

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) is launching the key project of the community campaign — the HKIS Exhibition Week. The exhibition reviews the activities of the HKIS under the campaign; showcases the role of surveyors in a development cycle; and displays winning entries of the Map Making Competition for senior secondary students, in which young people’s creativity on community development is revealed. This year, for the first time, the HKIS organised a “Surveyors led Community Programme”, engaging the public and young people.

Surveyors are closely connected to the daily lives of all people, and yet not everyone understands what they do. In order to connect with the public, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors has launched a community programme entitled “Surveyors serve Hong Kong” (測量專業建香港、認識蛻變創未來), which consists of a series of activities for the public, including Touring Central with Surveyors, HKIS Map Making Competition, HKIS Exhibition Week, etc. Taking Central as a starting point, the HKIS aims to arouse the public’s interest in issues concerning their daily lives from another perspective, like living space, community facilities, land use, and building related problems.

The HKIS Exhibition Week will be held for 7 days starting today as the grand finale of the entire community campaign. **Mr MA Siu Cheung, Eric, JP, Acting Secretary for Development, Development Bureau**, officiates at the kick-off ceremony. Other guests include professional associations related to development and building construction, academia of related disciplines, community organisation representatives, HKIS Council Members and secondary school students. The HKIS Exhibition Week is staged at IFC Central, while key messages about the exhibition are printed in the form of leaflets for distribution to the public.

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Sr Vincent Ho, President of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, addresses the public at the ceremony, “It is our aim to have direct interaction with the public through this community campaign. We have organised 18 sessions of ‘Touring Central with Surveyors’ for the public, all of which were fully subscribed in a short time. The HKIS is thrilled with the enthusiastic support from the public. We noticed that the participants of Touring Central with Surveyors were mostly concerned with issues like building maintenance, redevelopment of old areas, transport facilities, pedestrian rights and property ownership. However, the public does not have comprehensive information regarding these issues which are closely connected to their lives. We hope that we can share more information with the public in future, such as by organising workshops and providing more news in the social media”.

The Map Making Competition for senior secondary students also received a very encouraging response. According to Sr Ho, the HKIS noticed the aspirations of young people in building a community. Their designs were created in response to human needs. An example is that many students wished to construct a food square in the busy Central District, so as to meet the office worker’s needs for having lunch. Going Green is also a common goal among the students. The students paid a lot of attention to the spiritual life of urban people, as reflected in their demand for more green areas, conservation of local traditional culture, as well as the promotion of young creative arts. Their concept was to pursue a people-oriented approach.

Sr Ho continued, “This year, the HKIS has organised for the first time a “Surveyors led Community Programme”, engaging the public and young people. Participants and volunteer workers alike provided encouraging and positive feedback about the programme and it is hoped that more activities would be organised in the near future.

There are six awards for the Map Making Competition and the HKIS will present the awards to the winning students in the kick-off ceremony today.

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The award recipients and categories are as follows:

<p>Winner:</p> <p>Student Name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fung Yu Yan - To Cheuk Hei <p>School: St. Stephen's Girls College</p>	<p>First Runner-up:</p> <p>Student Name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chow Wing Lam - Wong Wing Hei - Chu Hiu Lam - Lau Yik Chun <p>School: STFA Leung Kau Kui College</p>	<p>Second Runner-up:</p> <p>Student Name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chan Kwan Kit <p>School: STFA Leung Kau Kui College</p>
<p>Merit Entry:</p> <p>Student Name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lau Ka Chun - Ng Hoi Chi - Lau Mei Ting - See Hiu Wah Sally <p>School: Hoi Ping Chamber of Commerce Secondary School</p>	<p>The Best Presentation Award:</p> <p>Student Name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wong Wai <p>School: CNEC Christian College</p>	<p>The Best Creativity Award:</p> <p>Student Name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mak Yuen Ching - Mui Wai Tung - Lam Wing Sze <p>School: Baptist Lui Ming Choi Secondary School</p>

The winning items will be displayed in this exhibition and on the campaign's YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQHKEq8uRWLoHJxt384XSiw/videos>) for public viewing.

Sr Ho continued, "On the basis of HKIS' aim, to train and manage local professional surveyors, the Institute will continue to serve the community and the public on land development, real estate development as well as construction management and other aspects of professional work. The Institute will also monitor governmental policies in relevant professional context and offer recommendations, so as to work for a better Hong Kong".

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About HKIS

Established in 1984, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) is the only surveying professional body incorporated by ordinance in Hong Kong. As of 8 October 2015, the number of members reached 9349, of which 6113 were corporate members, 74 were associate members and 3162 were probationers and students. The work of the HKIS 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 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 unauthorized building works, building safety campaign, problems of property management, town planning and development strategies, construction quality and housing problems.

Please visit the official site for more details: <http://www.hkis.org.hk>

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