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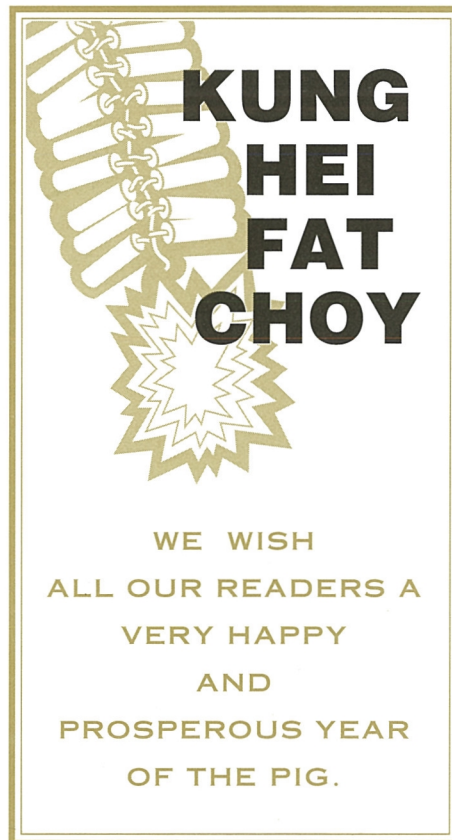
First, a Happy New Year (1995) to you all. Second, an equally happy Year of the Pig to you. The order is not of priorities, but merely according to the calendar. Somehow, however, I have a little difficulty with the pig as the symbol of a year. While I have no problem with people announcing that they are dogs or chickens or whatever symbol is appropriate, it is difficult, in western thought at least, to enter a conversation by announcing that one is a pig. It invites responses of, shall we say, a rather jocular nature. But as a symbol of material prosperity it is difficult to think of one more appropriate than the porker.

With the New Year, we approach a little closer to 1997. As you may have noticed, I rarely comment on political issues, and I make no exception now. There will be a change of government (an occurrence not especially noted in most countries) and since that is a certainty (not a question, as in UK, of whether a particular government can survive a couple of years) it is a matter which we, as a profession, should consider carefully and set our plans accordingly. A profession is a dynamic concept; the basics may change only slowly, but the range of services and skills on offer changes and develops. In the next thirty months, we need to set a course which will form the basis, perhaps, of the next thirty years.

It worries me, from time to time, that, as professionals, we tend to become conservative and, while not perhaps entirely stuck in our ways, we are often a little unthinking of the likely direction of changes. But, albeit with difficulty, some future trends can be assessed. We need

to make those assessments now. The profession may well have enough problems with unforeseeable changes (an inevitable fact of life); it is for us to plan for those which can reasonably be forecast.

So I enter 1995 with some profound uncertainties. Are we beginning a period when a sound foundation will be laid for the well-being of surveyors of the future? Or are we closing a period which may be seen as one when the well-being of surveyors of the present prevented constructive thought for the future? Time, I suppose, will tell: watch this space.



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GENERAL PRACTICE DIVISION - ASSESSMENT OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE INTERIM SUBMISSION BY LYALL ALEXANDER WEBBER

One of the important elements of the APC process is the requirement for candidates to make an interim submission after completing 12 months, or 200 working days professional training and experience.

The candidates must submit an up-to-date copy of their log books with a proper analysis of the work which they have done confirming that they are obtaining the right balance of experience in the area they have nominated. Although it is not mandatory many candidates also submit their diaries for review as this gives a much better indication to the assessors as to the type of experience which is being obtained.

In addition the candidates must write a report of about 3,000 words on their first year's practical work. The report must give details of the types of work undertaken, the geographical areas within which they have carried out that work and demonstrate how the candidate is learning to apply his academic knowledge through practical experience.

The purpose of the interim submission is to allow both the candidate and the Institution an opportunity to review progress and take any necessary steps to ensure that by the end of the second year the candidate will have met all the technical requirements of the APC and, in particular, have achieved the right amount of experience in the chosen areas of expertise. Where necessary the assessors can give guidance on changes in their work arrangements in order that candidates will meet the requirements set down by the Institution for the final assessment.

Over recent years there has been a tendency for some candidates to submit their reports late, but this year the problem has got much worse.

In June and July this year the Hong Kong Joint Office received some 40 interim reports from candidates who had already submitted applications to sit the final APC assessment in October. Clearly had any of those candidates had problems in gaining the right balance of experience it would have been far too late for them to have resolved those problems in time for the final assessment. It would also have been far too late for them to benefit from any advice about the nature and type of training they were receiving.

These matters are of great concern to the GP council who are now considering whether or not to amend the Hong Kong APC rules so that candidates who are late in making their interim submissions will be prevented from taking the final assessment in accordance with their original time-table. For example, if an interim submission is three months late then the candidate is likely to be deferred 6 months before he can take his final assessment. If the submission is more than 6 months late then a 12 months deferment is likely.

However, the problem does not lie solely with the candidates. It is very much part of the responsibility of the supervisors and counsellors to ensure that candidates honour the commitments which they make when first joining the Institution. By not taking a more active role with the candidates, supervisors set a bad example which is all too often reflected in a poor performance and failure to pass the APC.

RICS INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

The proposed RICS International Strategy has been reported on in previous issues of the newsletter. The paper itself was submitted to RICS General Council on 14th November and passed without amendment. Much work now has to be done, both in London and in Hong Kong on the implementation of the Strategy, with particular reference to the new regional groupings, and the pilot study intended to be undertaken in this region.

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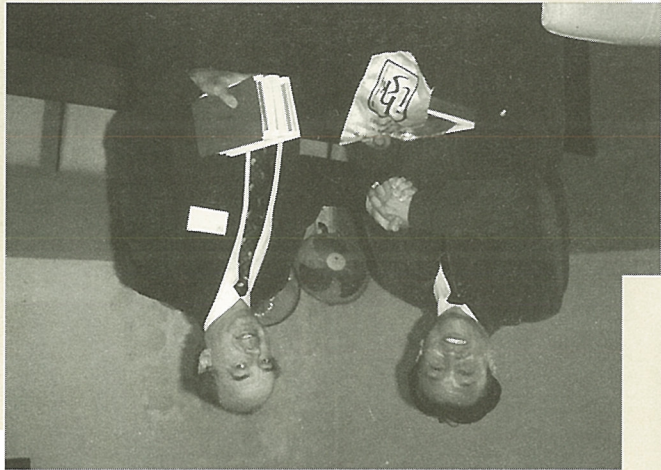
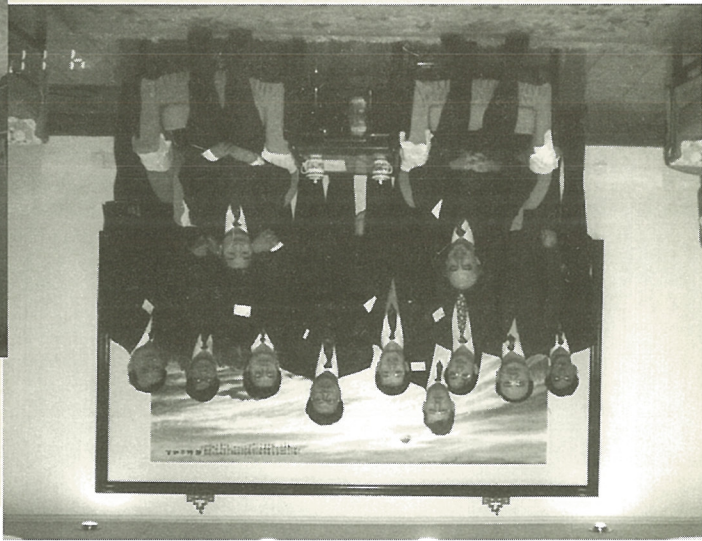
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HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS - VISIT TO BEIJING, NOVEMBER 1994

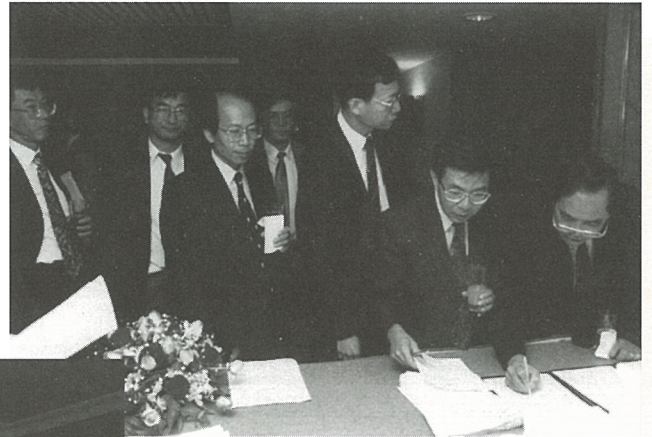
A delegation from the HKIS visited Beijing at the beginning of November. Organised by Stephen Yip, those taking part were the President, Michael Mann, P C Lau, T N Wong, David Faulkner, Eric Au, Kenneth Poon, K L Mok and Samson Wong. Meetings were held with the Ministry of Construction, the State Lands Administration Bureau and the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office. The President made reference to the trip in his annual report - see last month's issue of "Surveying".



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RICS HONG KONG BRANCH AND HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The AGMs of both the RICS Hong Kong Branch and the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors were held on Tuesday 29th November 1994 at the Hong Kong Hilton Hotel, attended by more than 100 members.



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for the Year 1994/95

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Quantity Surveying	:	Anita Liu	City University of Hong Kong
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Junior Organisation	:	Robin Leung	Buildings Department



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THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1994

1. INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Year ended 31st July 1994	16 months ended 31st July 1993
INCOME		
General Fund	\$ 1,087,926	\$ 1,216,189
Editorial Board Fund	—	9,000
Test for Professional Competence Fund	—	250,275
	\$ 1,087,926	\$ 1,475,464
	\$ 1,087,926	\$ 1,475,464
EXPENDITURE		
General Fund	\$ 873,413	\$ 1,145,017
Editorial Board Fund	—	33,450
Test for Professional Competence Fund	—	98,191
Division Funds		
- General Practice	—	18,918
- Quantity Surveying	—	28,860
- Building Surveying	—	29,746
- Land Surveying	—	5,732
- Junior Organisation	—	23,030
Grants to Divisions	—	7,100
	\$ 873,413	\$ 1,390,044
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NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR/PERIOD	\$ 214,513	\$ 85,420

2. BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST JULY 1994

	1994	1993
INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANY	\$ 1	\$ 1
CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 1,782,926	\$ 1,595,580
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 872,528	\$ 899,695
NET CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 910,398	\$ 695,885
	\$ 910,399	\$ 695,886

Representing:-

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Capital Fund	\$ —	\$ 145,935
General Fund	910,399	183,006
Editorial Board Fund	—	(12,011)
Test for Professional Competence Fund	—	378,956
	\$ 910,399	\$ 695,886
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RICS HONG KONG BRANCH :

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1994

1. INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	1994	1993
INCOME		
General Fund	\$ 666,483	\$ 900,319
Social Fund	—	272,905
Publication Fund	98,250	94,276
Chairman's Arbitration Fund	—	23,000
	<u>\$ 764,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,290,500</u>
EXPENDITURE		
General Fund	\$ 929,763	\$ 896,366
Social Fund	—	262,403
Publication Fund	28,499	27,761
	<u>\$ 958,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,186,530</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (193,529)</u>	<u>\$ 103,970</u>

2. BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST JULY 1994

	1994	1993
INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANY	\$ 1	\$ 1
CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$ 722,436</u>	<u>\$ 759,471</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 475,094</u>	<u>\$ 318,600</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$ 247,343</u>	<u>\$ 440,872</u>

Representing:-

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

General Fund	\$ (183,350)	\$ (142,030)
Social Fund	—	132,660
Publication Fund	414,388	344,637
Chairman's Arbitration Fund	—	89,300
Total operating funds	<u>\$ 231,038</u>	<u>\$ 424,567</u>
Reserves	16,305	16,305
	<u>\$ 247,343</u>	<u>\$ 440,872</u>