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**The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors- Annual Conference 2022
“Northern Metropolis: A New Era of Hong Kong towards Sustainability,
Resilience and Growth”**

Hong Kong, 17 September 2022 - The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) hosted its Annual Conference today at Island Shangri-La, themed ‘**Northern Metropolis: A New Era of Hong Kong towards Sustainability, Resilience and Growth**’. This year, the Annual Conference was conducted simultaneously in hybrid mode, which drew a record-breaking participation of over 600 industry professionals. Government officials, business leaders, industry experts and scholars were gathered together to explore forward-looking strategic planning of the sustainable development of the Northern Metropolis. **The Honourable Paul CHAN Mo Po, GBM, GBS, MH, JP, Financial Secretary of HKSAR Government**, and **Ms Bernadette LINN, JP, Secretary for Development, Development Bureau of HKSAR Government** act as the Guest of Honour of the Conference.

The Northern Metropolis Development Strategy announced last year at the Policy Address proposed to develop the northern part of the New Territories, covering a total land area of about 300km², into a metropolitan area ideal for people to live, work and travel and foster the collaboration with Shenzhen through forming a spatial framework of ‘Twin cities three circles.’

Many outstanding speakers shared their thoughts and insights on the metropolis and express their views on the possibility of its sustainable development.

During the Annual Conference, **The Honourable Paul CHAN Mo Po, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government**, congratulated the HKIS through a video message on the success of the Annual Conference, and expressed that he looked forward to the opinions and suggestions brought by the HKIS to the northern metropolitan area in the future; while **Ms Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government**, shared the views on the development of Northern Metropolis and highlighted that it is the government’s vision to develop the Northern Metropolis into an ideal place to live, work and travel, and enhance the cooperation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen to facilitate integration into the overall development of our country.

The annual conference was divided into three sessions, with ten industry leaders, experts and scholars sharing their insights on this topic. Speakers including **Mr CHAN Kar Lok, Walter, SBS, JP, Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society**, discussed about the ‘Housing Development for Sustainable Living’, while **Ir Patrick SIU, Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park Limited**, talked about “The

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Loop: Pioneer in the Northern Metropolis' and **Mr LAI Chi Wah, Andrew, Director of Lands, Lands Department of HKSAR Government** shared the topic of 'Implementation of New Development Areas - Pioneer of Northern Metropolis'. These topics aroused enthusiastic discussions both on-site and online.

Sr CHIU Kam Kuen, President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, said, 'As surveyors, it is our responsibility to keep abreast of the development of the environment that we live in and constantly strive for improvement. This equips us with the knowledge and ability to deliver professional practices and services.'

Sr LAM Ka Fai, Francis, Chairman of the Annual Conference Organizing Committee and Vice President of the HKIS noted in his closing remarks, 'This conference outlines the current and future development of Hong Kong. Through mutual discussions, not only will we be able to develop the northern metropolis in a sustainable manner, but we will also be able to evolve into a resilient city with a new engine of growth.'

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List of speakers (in order of speech delivery)

The Honourable Paul CHAN Mo Po, GBM, GBS, MH, JP, Financial Secretary, HKSAR Government (Guest of Honour)
Ms LINN Bernadette, JP, Secretary for Development, Development Bureau, HKSAR Government (Guest of Honour)
Mr CHAN Kar Lok, Walter, SBS, JP, Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society
Dr LAM Ching Choi, SBS, JP, Member of the Executive Council, HKSAR Government
Sr Hon TSE Wai Chuen, Tony, BBS, JP, Member of Legislative Council (Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape Functional Constituency), HKSAR
Ir SIU Patrick, Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park Limited
Hon LAU Kwok Fan, MH, JP, Legislative Council Member (New Territories North), HKSAR, the Convener of Hong Kong Northern Metropolis Development Alliance
Mr HO Chun Hung, Deputy Director of Buildings, Buildings Department, HKSAR Government
Mr LAI Chi Wah, Andrew, Director of Lands, Lands Department, HKSAR Government
Prof YEH Gar On, Anthony, Chair Professor of the Department of Urban Planning and Design Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong
Mr WAN Man Yee, BBS, JP, Director of M Y Wan and Associates Ltd
Mr FONG Hok Shing Michael, JP, Director of Civil Engineering and Development, Civil Engineering and Development Department, HKSAR Government

Conference Proceedings downloadable here: <https://tinyurl.com/2njn7fnw>

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001 Ms LINN Bernadette, JP, Secretary for Development, Development Bureau, HKSAR Government (centre), Sr CHIU Kam Kuen, President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (6th from left), Sr LAM Ka Fai, Francis, Chairman of Annual Conference 2022 Organising Committee, and HKIS Vice-President (6th from right) and Member of HKIS Executive Committee at the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Annual Conference 2022.



002 Ms LINN Bernadette, JP, Secretary for Development, Development Bureau, HKSAR Government attends the Conference as the Guest of Honour

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003 Sr CHIU Kam Kuen, President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors delivers the opening speech.



004 With simultaneous delivery both online and offline this year, the Conference draws a record-breaking participation of over 600 industry professionals.

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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 9 September 2022, the number of members reached 10,646, including 7,552 corporate members, 63 associate members and 3031 probationers and student members. HKIS work includes setting standards for professional services and performance, establishing codes of ethics, determining requirements for admission as professional surveyors, and encouraging members to upgrade skills through continuing professional development. The Institute has an important consultative role in government policy making and on issues affecting the profession. We have advised the government on issues such as building safety and unauthorized building works, problems of property management, town planning and development strategies, construction quality and housing problems. We have also issued guidance notes on floor area measurement, real estates valuation and land boundary survey, etc. We have an established presence in the international arenas, have overseas connections, and have entered into reciprocal agreements with professional surveying and valuation institutes overseas and in Mainland China, recognizing the counterpart's member's qualifications. In addition, HKIS is a member of various leading international surveying organisations.

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