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**HKIS Building Surveyors Conference 2019**

**“Evolving with High Tech, Starting with BS”**

The Building Surveying Division of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS-BSD) held the Building Surveyors Conference 2019 at Kerry Hotel Hong Kong today. The conference, **“Evolving with High Tech, Starting with BS”**, explored the potential use of technologies, especially the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), on the building surveying practice. Over 250 industry professionals, academics and government delegates attended this exciting annual flagship event.

**Ir WAI Chi-sing, GBS, JP, FHKEng,** Managing Director, Urban Renewal Authority, was invited as the Guest of Honour of the Conference. We are also glad to have some experienced experts and renowned scholars as our speakers of the event, including Sr Dr CHEUNG Tin-cheung, Director of Buildings, and Dr Kenneth TANG Siu-sing, Chairman of Spatial Data Infrastructure Committee, Smart City Consortium.

“Technological advancement is indispensable in driving the building surveying and construction industries forward. It enables us to achieve quality building design, enhance productivity and improve cost-effectiveness in managing building projects and their subsequent maintenance and management. Over the years, both the HKIS Building Surveying Division and the Urban Renewal Authority endeavoured to promote the application of innovative ideas and advanced technologies in our operations and the industries, embracing the common goal of developing Hong Kong into a sustainable and smart city in the 21st century,” said Ir WAI.

Sr Kenny TSE, Chairman of the HKIS Building Surveying Division also acknowledged the importance of technologies to the industry development by stating, “Marking the 35th Anniversary of the HKIS, the theme for this year’s Building Surveyors Conference is “Evolving with High Tech, Starting with BS”, indicating that the Conference itself has become a pioneering platform for industry experts, practitioners and academics to gather and exchange their evolving experiences as technology advances. Undoubtedly, this occasion is also beneficial to various parties in discovering new insights and innovative ideas, as well as exploring potential collaborative opportunities across different fields.”

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**About The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors**

Established in 1984, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) is the only surveying professional body incorporated by ordinance in Hong Kong.  As of 11 October 2019, the number of members reached 10692, of which 6981 were corporate 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.

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. We are working on amendments to standard forms of building contract and have issued guidance notes on floor area measurement methods.

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