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## **HKIS Media Briefing 2021 Remarks on Key Concerns**

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (“HKIS”) Media Briefing was held today (19 February). President Sr Edwin TANG expressed that one highly topical area of concern of the HKIS is the promotion of healthy buildings and built environment as ways to mitigate risks from epidemics and the impact this might have on surveying practices. The six divisions of the HKIS will collaborate and make use of their professional knowledge in surveying to reflect on its proposals and advice to the government, the industry and public. Some suggested measures include the prompt implementation of a drainage system improvement policy by the authority, the strengthening of the anti-epidemic measures of the property and facility management and the relief measures for contractors under the epidemics. These will help create a healthy living and working environment that can guard against the spread of diseases/virus. The HKIS will continue to offer its suggestions to Hong Kong on sustainable development, and will offer professional recommendations on various social issues.

The chairmen of the six professional divisions expressed their views on different issues this year.

### **“Promote anti-epidemic measures of building surveying to the Public”**

#### **Sr Billy WONG, Chairman of the Building Surveying Division (BSD)**

BSD will continue to promote anti-epidemic and maintenance measures to the public regarding the hidden risks of virus transmission in household drainage systems with professional knowledge of building surveying. It will also set up a Building Affairs Expert Determination Centre to assist the public in resolving disputes over building affairs, such as water seepage and unauthorised building works etc., through methods other than litigation which will substantially save time and legal expenses.

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### **“Advocate a Comprehensive Study of the Lantau Tomorrow Vision”**

#### **Sr Alnwick CHAN, Chairman of the General Practice Division (GPD)**

GPD supports increasing the land supply through the “Lantau Tomorrow Vision” which will be beneficial to the society. GPD will put effort into studying the role of surveyors in this initiative and will recommend the Government to commence relevant technical studies and more in-depth and comprehensive reviews, such as detailed town planning, environmental impacts etc.

### **“Foster the Development of Smart City”**

#### **Sr KOO Tak-ming, Chairman of the Land Surveying Division (LSD)**

To fully promote the development of Smart City, LSD will make use of its professional knowledge on land surveying to facilitate the conversion of spatial data to needed spatial information, which can be readily used by the general public, for setting up the basic infrastructure for the development of Smart City.

### **“Formulate Response Strategies on Fighting the Epidemic and City Disasters”**

#### **Sr Francis LAM, Chairman of the Planning and Development Division (PDD)**

PPD will put effort into exploring the response strategies in fighting the epidemic and city disasters. These include the ability to set up emergency shelters and temporary control centres at some community facilities rapidly during the outbreak of epidemic or disasters. The evacuation shelters in Japan can be used as one of the references to prepare for future challenges.

### **“Hire Professionals to Manage Three-nil Buildings”**

#### **Sr Kays WONG, Chairman of the Property and Facility Management Division (PFMD)**

In view of the recent outbreak of the pandemic in a number of buildings and areas, in particular the “three-nil” buildings, PFMD recommends government departments or statutory bodies to set up professional government departments to and funds and subsidies to appoint property and facilities management professionals to manage the “three-nil” buildings that are in urgent needs of improvement on environmental hygiene. In the long run, the government should consider



mandatory building management so as to ensure a safe and healthy living environment for the occupants, their visitors and the general public. In addition, the HKIS will continue to support government's measures for providing technical support to the targeted buildings, and encourage the industry and members to use latest appropriate high-tech applications for anti-epidemic work.

### **“Promote the Quantity Surveying Profession”**

#### **Sr Amelia FOK, Chairman of the Quantity Surveying Division (QSD)**

Despite the fact that the construction industry suffers a certain impact brought by the pandemic, the employment situation of the quantity surveying graduates is relatively stable. In the coming year, QSD hopes to promote the quantity surveying profession so that the public will have a better knowledge of the development of this profession. Furthermore, it will provide recommendations on relevant industry issues.

Photo 1: Sr Edwin TANG, President





Photo 2: The HKIS Spokesmen 2020-2021

1st row(From left to right): Sr Robin LEUNG, Honorary Secretary of HKIS; Sr Paul WONG, Vice-President; Sr Billy WONG, Chairman of Building Surveying Division; Sr Francis LAM, Chairman of Planning & Development Division; Sr Amelia FOK, Chairman of Quantity Surveying Division; Sr Edwin TANG, President; Sr Alnwick CHAN, Chairman of General Practice Division; Sr Kays WONG, Chairman of Property & Facility Management Division; Sr KOO Tak-ming, Chairman of Land Surveying Division; and Sr Alexander LAM, Honorary Treasurer and Vice Chairman of General Practice Division

2nd row: Sr Kitty NG, Chairman of Young Surveyors Group(left fourth); Sr Vincent HO, JP, Chairman of Building Policy Panel (left sixth); Sr LAU Chun-kong, JP, Chairman of Land Policy Panel (left seventh)





## **About The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors**

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) is the only surveying professional body incorporated by ordinance in Hong Kong. As of 17 February 2021, the number of members reached 10,951, of which 7,276 were corporate members, 73 were associate members and 3,602 were probationers and students. 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 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.

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