



Surveying expertise

When every household was busy preparing for the Lunar New Year celebrations, General Council and respective Divisional Council members have also been working diligently on promoting various surveying disciplines and expertise. I am grateful to update you on some of the major activities and recent developments.

- We had a meeting with the Ministry of Construction in Beijing alongside other professionals on 18 January. One of the major issues is how HK professionals can obtain the relevant "practice licence" on the Mainland. A working group has been set up to continue communication with relevant parties on this topic.
- The first CPD in the Year of the Rat "HKSAR Heritage Policy - a case study: HKJC Revitalization Proposal on Central Police Station Compound" was held on 12 February when speakers from the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust shared with us Government current heritage policy and the revitalization proposal on Central Police Station Compound respectively, it is encouraging to hear members on the floor expressing various areas of concern. Active participation by members in local affairs would be one of the many effective ways to reinforce and consolidate our expertise to both Government and society as a whole.
- January has been a busy month for the HKIS Saleable Area Working Group which had meetings with the Hong Kong Real Estate Developers Association (REDA), various Government departments and local surveying firms. The Executive Committee subsequently endorsed the issuance of a supplement entitled "Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice" and that has been uploaded onto the home page of the Institute.
- A working group meeting was held on 4 February to review FIG membership. Opinions from the six divisions were gathered and discussed. We shall continue to review the situation.
- A Media Luncheon was successfully held on 16 January to introduce Council members and official spokesmen of the Institute to the local media.
- The Institute will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2009. A committee headed by Vice-President Stephen Yip has been set up to organize a series of events for the celebration. The first meeting was held at the end of January and progress will be reported in the coming issue of the **Surveyors Times**.
- The Surveyors Luncheon has been scheduled on 29 February in World Trade Centre Club. It would be our honour to have Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor JP, Secretary for Development of the HKSARG as our guest speaker. All members are encouraged to join this type of gathering as it is both meaningful and helps to foster surveyor fraternity.
- A few days before the lunch, the HKIS Spring Reception would have taken place on 26 February at the Hong Kong Jockey Club in Happy Valley. We would have a number of honorable guests from Government and the academia. The event programme included a certificate award ceremony for all newly qualified surveyors.
- We have scheduled to visit various staff associations in Government and I hope to report on progress soon.

In addition to the above, the Institute is now raising funds for the relief operation in snowstorm-affected areas on the Mainland. We need your generous support and donation.

I wish you good health and fortune in the Year of the Rat.

Yu Kam-hung
President

測量專業範疇

正當各家各戶忙於準備慶祝農曆新年之際，理事會及各組別理事會成員亦努力埋首於推廣學會的專業領域。本人現謹與各位分享學會最新發展與活動：

- 1月18日，本會及其他專業人士與國家建設部會面，其中一項議題是商討香港專業人士如何取得內地「執業牌照」事宜。學會已成立工作小組，繼續與有關方面進行溝通。
- 學會鼠年第一個持續專業發展項目「香港的古蹟保育政策個案研究：香港賽馬會的中區警署建築群活化計劃」，於2月12日完滿舉行。來自香港政府及「香港賽馬會慈善信託基金」的講者與我們分享了政府現行古蹟保育政策和有關中區警署建築群的活化計劃，而學會會員亦表達了不同層面的意見和關注。希望各會員能繼續積極參與本地事務，使測量專業能更受政府及社會各界的瞭解與認同。
- 對「香港測量師學會實用面積釋義工作小組」而言，一月是個相當忙碌的月份。我們曾與香港地產建設商會、政府有關部門及各大測量師行會面。學會執行委員會亦已批准發布「量度作業守則附件」（Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice），有關資料已上載於學會網頁。
- 我們於2月4日召開了工作小組會議，檢討學會於「國際測量師組織聯盟」的會籍問題，集合及討論了學會六個組別的意見，並將繼續跟進和檢討。

- 學會於1月16日舉辦了媒體午宴，向各本地傳播媒體介紹了一眾學會理事和發言人。
- 學會將於2009年慶祝25週年會慶。由副會長葉滿華擔任主席的委員會，已於一月下旬舉行首次會議，籌備一連串慶祝活動。我們將通過**測量師時代**報告最新籌備進程。
- 今年首次測量師午餐聚會將於2月29日假世貿會舉行。我們非常榮幸邀請了發展局局長林鄭月娥女士作演講嘉賓。希望各會員能踴躍參與。
- 學會將在2月26日假座快活谷香港賽馬會舉辦春節酒會，嘉賓包括多位來自政府及專上學府等人士。酒會上，我們將進行新合資格會員的証書頒贈儀式。
- 於不久將來，我們將會與政府各部門測量師職工組織會面，並會儘快向各會員報告有關最新進展。

學會現正進行募捐，以解內地正受雨雪災難同胞的燃眉之急。謹呼籲各會員鼎力支持，慷慨解囊。

本人謹祝 各會員鼠年萬事勝意、身體健康！

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