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## 1,241 Expectations

The 2008 Legislative Council (Legco) Election was held successfully on 7 September 2008. A total of five candidates, including myself, competed for one seat in the Architectural, Surveying and Planning Functional Constituency. Of the total of 3,834 votes, Hon. Patrick Lau received 1,429 votes and became the Legco Member of our functional constituency for the coming 4 years. The number of votes received by me was 1,241, representing 1,241 expectations from my supporters. The results for the Architectural, Surveying and Planning Functional Constituency are as follows:-

No.	Candidate	Number of Votes
G1	Yu Kam-hung	1,241
G2	Steve Chan	383
G3	Patrick Lau	1,429
G4	David Chan	69
G5	Stanley Ng	712

Running for the Legco Election was a milestone in my life. It was a memorable experience and I will definitely benefit from it for the rest of my life. Thanks to all my supporters who spared their personal time and backed me throughout the process. I shall continue to strive for the advancement of the institution in future.

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to the other four candidates: Steve Chan, Patrick Lau, David Chan and Stanley Ng. They are all respected in their fields, professionally and ethically. They inspired me a lot. Congratulations to Hon. Patrick Lau on his success. I am confident that he will perform well as a Legco Member.

Special thanks are due to those who sent me e-mails of encouragement. Although I was not elected, I will continue to

work towards my promise: the unification of professions, broadening of developments and the betterment of Hong Kong. Below are some e-mails from my supporters:-

*"Don't worry. You gave it your best shot and that is all we can expect of you. As we discussed, the experience gained will be invaluable for the future."*

*"I went to vote before I jumped on a plane back to Beijing, but still we lost by less than 200, which is a pity. Hope to see you soon in Beijing or in HK."*

*"Support you, YSG, HKIS and Surveyors."*

*"It is a pity that you were only short of some 188 votes, out of 1,241. Anyway you must be exhausted, so do get some rest before returning to work. My full support to you always."*

*"My commiserations! Let us as a profession put more pressure on Patrick Lau to do more for surveyors!"*

*"I am just one of those in the trade and I don't think you know who I am. May I express my great appreciation to you for the whole exercise. I am really impressed by your bravery in speaking for us, and striking for us. Thank you. p.s. I like the turtle signature in your flyers. Cheers."*

*"I was sad to hear the news yesterday. I know I may not be in a right/qualified position to give comment/encourage you, but please don't be discouraged. I believe you can work even better in your surveying profession! Thanks for striving for a position in the Legco."*

*"Community can be served in many ways. Keep your spirits up."*

*"You have done a great job in the election already. Although you did not win the election finally, you are a winner in our mind and have demonstrated leadership skill. Keep going and come back in four years' time and regain what should*

*be yours! (from Mr Paul Chan of the Accounting sector!)  
I wish you all the best!"*

*"Congratulations on a very creditable performance and a very close result. All surveyors in Hong Kong will be very proud of your performance at these elections, which are so important to our democratic political development."*

## Sichuan Reconstruction Work

The 5.12 Sichuan Earthquake has caused great casualties to the province in terms of both human lives and properties. According to the information announced by the State Council of the PRC on 25 August 2008, 69,226 people died, 374,643 were injured and 17,923 people were lost in the earthquake. Various efforts have been initiated by different organisations, public and private, to restore normal lives to the victims.

In order to contribute to the reconstruction of Sichuan, HKIS joined "The Hong Kong Construction Sector 5.12 Reconstruction Joint Conference", led by the Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government. Other non-government organisations, such as The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), The Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP) and The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA), also joined the Joint Conference.

At the second meeting of the Joint Conference held on 12 August, two projects were proposed to take forward to the reconstruction in Sichuan:

1. Project Working Group for Reconstruction of Provincial Highway 303
2. Project Working Group for Reconstruction of Wolong Natural Reserve

The reconstruction of Provincial Highway 303 is crucial as it is an artery road connecting Wolong Town to other main towns in Wenchuan County. Its extension also leads to Chengdu City, the capital city of Sichuan Province. It is important for the logistics of food and other resources from other parts of the province to reach the town. For Wolong Town, it is the natural habitat of the giant panda. The reconstruction of Wolong Natural Reserve will restore the natural environment and prevent the potential extinction of the panda. The management facilities, community facilities and infrastructures will be rebuilt.

Volunteers would need to spend seven to ten days in Sichuan to participate in one of the projects above. Members of our institution demonstrated their great concern on the matter and expressed their sympathy towards the victims. So far we have received over 100 replies. In the capacity of the President of HKIS, I strongly encourage our members to enrol in the recon-

struction work, as the reconstruction of the devastated areas requires great input of knowledge from professionals like us.

As appointed by the Executive Committee, I am the Convener for the Sichuan relief work in HKIS. I will act as liaison with the HKSAR Government regarding the further arrangement of the reconstruction work and convey the latest progress to the HKIS volunteers.

## Promotion Committee

In order to promote the professional image and services of HKIS, a Promotion Committee was proposed by the Executive Committee, which will comprise one to two representatives from each division including YSG.

The Executive Committee also recommended the President to be the Chairman for a term of two years, subject to the approval of the General Council. Terms of reference are to be confirmed later. The preliminary list of committee members has been drafted and the final list will be announced next month.

After the formation of the Promotion Committee, the capability statements of each division will be revised for more up-to-date information and clearer scope of services. The Committee will also visit various government and non-government organisations to promote the changing role of surveyors in the society, the future development of our profession and identify potential co-operation opportunities.

## My Recent Activities

I am glad to share with you the following remarkable events in August and September:

- On 12 August, I attended the 5.12 Reconstruction Joint Conference at Central Government Offices;
- On 14 August, I met and exchanged opinions with a group of real estate professionals from Guangdong Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Real Estate Agents. The meeting was housed at CBRE Hong Kong Office;
- On 10 September, I was invited to the Financial Secretary's Consultation at Central Government Offices;
- On 12 September, I was invited to be one of the guests for the DTZ Scholarship Presentation Ceremony at DTZ offices in Jardine House, Central;
- On 19 September, I had lunch with Professor Chen Zuyu. Professor Chen is a renowned expert in water resources and hydro power.

Best regards,  
Kam-hung