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This year's HKIS Annual Dinner will be held on 3 November 2008 at Grand Hyatt Hong Kong. Here is the President's Message that I would like to share with you all for this remarkable event.

President's Message at the Annual Dinner, 2008

Welcome to the HKIS Annual Dinner 2008. On behalf of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, I would like to thank the Honourable Donald Tsang, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, for being our guest of honour. I would also thank all guests for joining us for a meaningful gathering with members of all divisions of the Institute and related professionals on this special evening.

During this year, we can see that our six divisions, namely Building Surveying, General Practice Surveying, Land Surveying, Quantity Surveying, Planning and Development and Property and Facility Management and Young Surveyors (YSG) Group, have undertaken various assignments with a view to reaching the goal of enhancing our profession. All office bearers and divisional council members have contributed to carrying out the assignments, including speeches and sharing at professional conferences and CPD events, exchanging ideas with real estate professionals from the Mainland and participating in discussion forums.

We also launched the Sichuan Relief Works campaign to recruit interested members in helping those in need in the Sichuan area. A Promotion Committee was set up. The Committee comprises representatives from various divisions and the YSG, and aims to help the promotion of our professional image and the services we provide.

In the forthcoming period, we shall focus on the promotion of the Institute to different organisations, government departments, professional institutes, universities, listed companies and funds within and outside Hong Kong, including Mainland China. We shall also prepare, review and revise the capability statements of all divisions for a better introduction to the scope of the Surveying profession. On the Government side, we shall review the existing constitution of the relevant working groups or Government advisory committees and ensure that the interests and opinions of surveyors are properly represented. We shall also continue to work hard to pave the way to provide more communication platforms, sharing and exchanging information and ideas amongst members and with other professional and government bodies, both locally and internationally.

All this hard work cannot be done by one man, and we are proud of having a marvellous team of Office Bearers. In particular, I wish to deliver my heartfelt thanks to Mr Francis Leung and Mr Stephen Yip for their hard work throughout the year. We have the same mission and commitment and have a strong team spirit in working towards the same goal.

I have always had a vision for building a better profession and a better Hong Kong, which I believe can be realized. Our profession is moving towards the new age of globalization, which urges "Multilateral Professionalism" to remain competitive. We need to cope with the dynamic challenges we face, especially in the "Financial Tsunami" hitting the world at the moment, which is believed to be the biggest financial and economic crisis of the century. We must be proactive and respond sensibly to the likely changes to our economy which are faced by our profession. Let us remain strong and grow our profession amid tough times of financial turbulence.

Last but not the least, I wish the Annual Dinner 2008 a success.

My Recent Activities

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

- On 28 September, I was interviewed live on radio by RTHK on the topic of “義工攜手建四川” organised by Agency for Volunteer Service;
- As a member of the Hong Kong Construction Sector 5.12 Reconstruction Joint Conference, I have visited Sichuan recently together with the Secretary for Development, Mrs Carrie Lam and other members to conduct field visits to some reconstruction projects in the disaster area;
- I have joined this year's HKIS Study Tour at Chengdu together with 35 members held from 15 to 19 October 2008. During the tour, we visited the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu, some development sites in Chengdu and primary school students in the disaster area.



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