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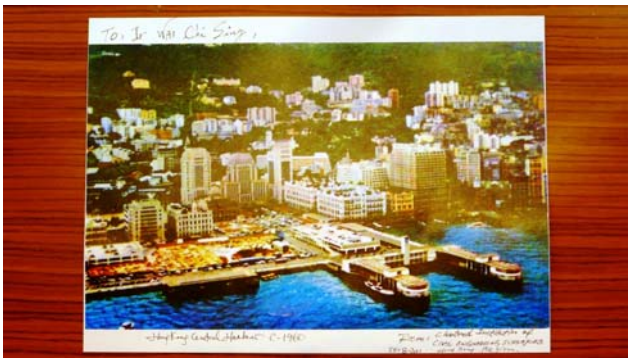
Regional News for August 2011

Lunch Meeting With Mr. WAI Chi Sing

Michael Wong

25 Aug 2011: In the Newsletter June issue, we mentioned the media had reported on a contractor employing persons with dubious certifications undertaking surveying work for some public works construction. We took up the issue and approached the Development Bureau in order to enhance the surveying profession in the civil engineering industry. We were honored to meet Mr. Wai Chi-sing JP, the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) and Mr. Ricky Li, Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) on 25 August. Our Chairman Mr. Honby Chan and Committee members attended the meeting. We exchanged views on the current situation and problems with existing trade practices in the civil engineering industry, such as surveyors' qualification and credibility. We had suggested to the Bureau to deploy additional surveying graduates on government capital works projects such that more graduate surveyors could join the civil engineering industry. Since the employment of graduate engineers is well established in the industry, we consider similar schemes for graduate surveyors would be a great benefit for healthy development of the construction industry. We are hopeful that the Bureau would consider our suggestions. We also explored the possibility of increased cooperation opportunities between the Institution and the Bureau. In this connection we would invite Mr. Wai or his colleagues to give a talk to our members on new development of the Bureau. Meanwhile, we will invite some of our young surveyors to join relevant youth groups to better prepare themselves as the next generation of surveyors for the future.

(From left) HK Region LIU Chun Kit, Lesly Lam, Calvin Li, Cordia Yu, Michael Wong, Mr. Ricky Li (Dev Bureau), Honby Chan, Ir. CS WaiJP (Perm Sec Dev Bureau), Andrew Keung, Alan Cheung and Miranda Lui



HK Region Chairman Honby Chan presents a souvenir to Mr. CS Wai. This is a Postcard showing the Victoria Harbour in 1960s

LSGI Orientation Day

Calvin Li

26 Aug 2011: The Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics (LSGI) arranged a Departmental Orientation Programme 2011 to their freshmen. The Department invited us to give a brief introduction of ICES and our membership to students. Our Senior Vice Chairman Michael Wong, Vice-chairs Miranda Lui and Calvin Li and Treasurer Liu Chun Kit attended this activity. Miranda and Kit gave a presentation to those new students about ICES, career prospect and membership benefits. There were over a hundred students and academic staff in attendance at our presentation.

Treasure LIU Chun Kit and Vice-Chairlady Miranda Lui introduce ICES to the new GE students of the Hong Kong PolyU

Over a hundred students and academic staff attended our introduction

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Coming Events

5 Sep 2011: Dispute Resolution for Construction Project by Mr. Alfred Wu in Room CD309, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University), this would be the joint event with the university.

5 to 9 Sep 2011: Four days training provided to CHINCA members in Beijing, this would be a joint event with CHINCA.

16 Sep 2011: "BIG" BIM and how the Spatial Data Infrastructure Supports to be presented by Mr. Jimmy Lau of Bentley Systems at the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers headquarters, this is also a joint function with the HKIE.

17 Sep 2011: HKIS Annual Conference, ICES is one of the supporting organisations

27 Sep 2011: BK SURCO training presents a Contracts Surgery on Construction Risk Management to be conducted by John Battersby in Room 202, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, No. 15 Hennessey Road, Wan Chai.

8 Oct 2011: Technical Visit to Ocean Park: Thrill Mountain and Polar Adventure, details to be confirmed

22 Oct 2011: Our CEO Mr. Bill Pryke will visit Hong Kong and introduce ICES coming development, details to be confirmed