

Regional News for June 2011

Surveying Professionalism in Hong Kong *Honby Chan*

You should be aware of the incident in the Central - Wan Chai Bypass Project, which made fanfare headline in some local newspapers recently. The papers alleged that the Contractor employs person with dubious certificate to carry out surveying works and in so doing, put all the settlement monitoring data in doubt. While the investigation is still on-going, we do not prepare to comment on the incident but it does stir up a lot of deliberation amongst the construction professionals, and in particular, the surveying circle.

As soon as the incident became public, ICES has formed a working group to explore ways to enhance the quality of engineering surveying in construction sites. Even though we trust the incident may just be an isolated case, the general public does cast a doubt on the reputation of surveying profession. However, ICES has already approached, and shall strive to assist, the government in avoiding any recurrence of another similar incident.

Based on our observations, we do note that there are local contractors hiring surveying representatives who fall short of the contract requirement in public works and worst still, they may look after several projects at the same time. Obviously we condemn such malpractice as they can never perform their relevant duties in a professional manner, thus causing possible delay and extra costs to the project.

We are approaching the officials in the Development Bureau to let them know our views and suggestions.

Demarcate the Race Course for the Eastern District Dragon Boat Race *Calvin Li*

4 June 2011: This year, ICES Hong Kong Region was invited again as the Campaign's Survey Consultant for the Eastern District Dragon Boat Race cum Celebration of the 100 anniversary of the China Revolution 1911. The survey for the demarcation of the race course was conducted on 4 and 5 June. Our survey team was represented by Michael Wong, Liu Chun Kit, Henry Kwok and Calvin Li.



We were invited as the campaign's consultant to demarcate the race course in Eastern District. Thanks to our survey team, led by our Senior Vice Chairman Michael Wong, contributed to this survey



Dragon Boat Race at Stanley

Calvin Li

6 June 2011: Our members had a wonderful time in the **Sun Life Stanley International Dragon Boat Championships** in Stanley on 6 June 2011. I am glad to report that after a series of seven painstaking training sessions from 17 April to 29 May 2011, our Dragon Boat Team, formed by the energetic members from the Lighthouse Club, ICES Hong Kong and the Institution of Civil Engineers Hong Kong Association (Graduate & Student), had first entered onto silver bowl final with a good time of 1'31.86"!!!!!! (surveyed very precise) We successfully made our fastest record time in this Championship and were committed to take up the same race next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to present my deep appreciation to the Lighthouse Club, ICES, ICE (G&S) and our sponsors for their continuous support and backup. I would say thank you to our professional photographer, Mr. Eric Tse in helping us to take so many fabulous photographs. Last but not the least, thanks for all our lovely Dragon Boat Team Members' effort, participation and contribution.



*A show of hands before the Race!!
Our spirit ran high with our paddles in
the Dragon Boat Race this year. Thanks
for the support and collaboration of ICE
and the Lighthouse Club. And of course,
Big Applause to our Team with the best
record time this year.*

We could do better the next year!

*Drumming up for our team morale with
our paddlers splashing frenziedly in the
water off Stanley Bay.*



Civil Engineering Measurement

YU Kwok Lit

14 June 2011 With more and more infrastructure and railway projects in civil engineering works nature being launched in the local construction industry, we jointly organized a CPD with the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors for topic about civil engineering measurement. The CPD, was presented by Mr. John Battersby - Director of BK SURCO, aimed at to provide a better understanding of the different measurement

method approaches from the building works. John introduced the two most commonly methods of measurement used in Hong Kong for civil engineering works, i.e. the “Standard Method of Measurement for Civil Engineering Works” 1992 Edition (Hong Kong Government) and CESMM3 (as used by the MTR Corporation). John also explained the relation between the Conditions of Contract and the Bills of Quantities and finally gave some valuable suggestions to avoid the pitfalls and overcome the problems when preparing the Bills of Quantities. 49 ICES members and guests participated in this CPD.



John delivered valuable topics to ICES members. This time he also talked to the HKIS members who are familiar with the building construction method of measurement.

Chairman Honby Chan presents a souvenir to John



Visit from Hunan Bureau

Miranda Lui

21 June 2011: Hunan Administration Foreign Experts Affairs (HNAFEA 湖南省外國專家局), a provincial established bureau responsible for the administration of foreign experts working in Hunan Province in southern China, paid a courtesy visit to the Hong Kong Region. Our Chairman Honby Chan and Vice-chairs Alan Cheung and Miranda Lui met the President of HNAFEA Mr. Wang Gui Shu (王瑰署局長) and his delegates at BK SURCO office.

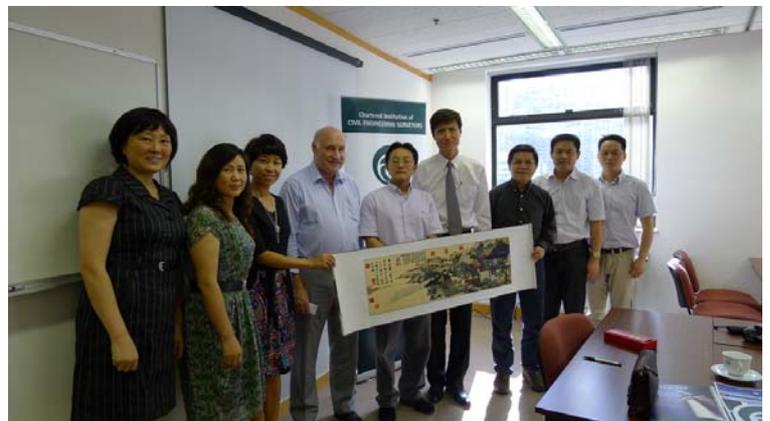
As HNAFEA is upgrading the levels of technology development in the province they are seeking design & technology training and experts for their development of international market for most industries. They have special interests in the international construction market as well. Mr. Wang also mentioned that the provincial government had raised funding to support China enterprises working overseas by providing international expertise to be sought from worldwide. As such they are willing to have collaboration opportunities with ICES as well as BKSURCO. We also suggested sending them our monthly ICES journal to let them know our news and professional practices all over the world.

We are pleased to know that Mr. Wang also support ICES China development and we were invited to visit HNAFEA government office in the near future.



HNAFEA delegates visited the Hong Kong Region at BK SURCO office at Hopewell Centre, Hong Kong

We look forward to having more collaboration opportunities between HNAFEA and ICES & BK SURCO



Coming Events

14 July 2011: CPD for Professional Mediation Training, which is jointly organised with the Hong Kong Mediation Centre.

26 July 2011: Mediation Updates by Mr. Steven Yip, Hong Kong Region Honorary Legal Adviser, at Room 701, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Building.

28 July 2011: ICES was invited to be a Supporting Organization of the Hong Kong Building Information Modeling (BIM) Awards 2011 at The Mira Hong Kong.