

Regional News for November 2009

12 - 14 Nov 2009: Michael Wong, Liu Chun Kit, Calvin Li and Peter Wong attended the 50th anniversary of Beijing – Hong Kong – Macau Surveying Conference, a bi-annual event organised by a working group of Geospatial Engineering specialists, government sector, Land Surveying (GE) institutions and University professors from Beijing, Hong Kong and Macau. For this 50th anniversary conference, it was hosted by Beijing Society Surveying and Mapping (北京測繪學會) and in collaboration with The Hong Kong Institution of Surveyors, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyors, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics & Macao Cartography and Cadastre Bureau (澳門地圖繪製暨地籍局). There were 50 technical presentations submitted by Professions of GE industries from mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau and the conference attracted more than 200 delegates coming from academia and professionals within the China region.



It is a good chance to network with most of the GE organisations in Beijing and enhance the relationship among the organising parties

30 Nov 2009: the seminar was co-organized with the Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyors on the topic of BIM – High Performance Building Design and Delivery. The speaker Mr. Paul Yue, Application Engineer, Bentley Systems Hong Kong Limited, introduced the use of powerful BIM software on many Building projects. The software could also generate and analyze virtual 3D models. About 50 participants attended the seminar..



LIU Chun Kit (right) presented souvenir to Paul YUE
Members from ICES and HKIES joined this event.



ICES or CICES ?

When the Institution re-named Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors in September, people would like to use the acronym CICES to represent the Chartered Institution. However, the Council of Management in the head office decided to use ICES rather than CICES. Our members please note this resolution and shall not use CICES further. Some institutions may call us CICES so we should also courteously let them know our correct acronym.

Coming Events

Jan 2010: A function to be jointly held with HKIS; details to be confirmed.

29 Jan 2010: A CPD talk by Steven Chong and Daniel Kong, CIOB Gold & Bronze Award of the Construction Managers of the Year 2008, to be jointly held with HKIPM at Morrison Hill Technical Institute; details to be confirmed.

March 2010: A half-day seminar to be jointly held with HKIS, HKIE-IT and LSGI of PolyU on Spatial Data Infrastructure; details to be confirmed.

Appointment of Honorary Legal Adviser

It was our greatest honour that Mr. Steven W Y Yip, Partner of Minter Ellison, has consented to act as the Honorary legal adviser to the Hong Kong Region with effect from 1 December 2009. Mr. Yip has been our loyal supporter and shared with us with his experience on construction law and dispute resolution topics in many CPD evening occasions.



Steven (left) met Andrew in the talk about Civil Justice Reform in this September.

Message from the Chairman

We have celebrated the 40th anniversary and the Royal Charter in the midst of the Wall Street financial meltdown. The economic crisis has hit growth and shredded jobs but we are lucky that the Hong Kong Government has endorsed different initiatives and committed spending on the new infrastructure development in order to further stimulate the economy. As more and more new construction projects coming up for bidding, we are optimistic that the worst time is coming to an end.

Our recently Chartered status means the expectations our members and the industry have of us have changed, we are ready to rise to the challenge. We are particularly keen to work closely with businesses to promote ICES Approved Development Schemes as a cost effective framework in which trainees can record their personal and professional development and receive guidance and assessment, ultimately leading to a professional qualification with ICES.

As reported earlier, ICES is planning to sign a Reciprocal Recognition Agreement (RRA) with the Hong Kong Institution of Surveyors (HKIS). This is an extremely important milestone for Hong Kong Region as we would like to expand our membership base in Hong Kong, and this hopefully would attract more new members to our Institution. The process of carrying out this agreement has already begun with procedures being developed to cater for the needs of both Institutions, and there have been several enquires on this route! ICES HK is also trying to attract new members by promoting the Institution through different universities. Discussion with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on their degree courses accreditation is in good progress.

As the end of 2009 is approaching, I take this opportunity to show my deepest gratitude to our members' support during this year, and our committee members who have demonstrated great commitments in bringing our members a myriad of events which we hope would provide a platform for members to exchange and share the latest ideas on civil engineering related subjects. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.