

## *Regional News for September 2010*

### *Meeting with RICS HK*

*Michael Wong*

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**15 Sep 2010:** To discuss and explore closer working relationship with RICS, our committee members Michael Wong, Calvin Li and Liu Chun Kit met with the RICS counterparts, Cheng Wai Pan, Raymond Choi, Terry Sham and Joseph Wong. They exchanged the views on the recent development for land surveyors in the civil engineering industry and agreed to have more cooperation opportunities in the professional development and promotion in public.

It was also suggested that a working group would be set up to further explore our common interests.

### *Gathering with HKIS BOE*

*Denny Mak*

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**17 Sep 2010:** 30 members attended a gathering with the representatives from the Board of Education of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, Mr. KC Tang (the Chairman) and Mr. Franki Yeung, at the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

This special gathering provided an opportunity for ICES members in Hong Kong to meet HKIS committee and discuss the arrangement of the HKIS / ICES reciprocal agreement.

Mr. KC Tang introduced the procedure and the requirements of the HKIS membership application and the scope / types of questions likely to be asked in the professional interview. The questions are generally in line with the life cycle of a project, starting from pre-contract cost estimate to post contract final account. They would cover the basic principle of quantity surveying which the candidates might not necessarily be familiar with the building QS techniques. He advised that the questions would be firstly about the definition, then the pros and cons for the usage. For instance, he suggested that the examiners might ask questions about types of contract (lump sum, design & build): the definition, pros and cons for such. He would expect the candidates to demonstrate that they had the professional skills sufficient for any employers to employ them as qualified professional surveyors in their companies. Mr. Franki Yeung added that they would use the same standard to assess the candidates, regardless of the reciprocal recognized bodies.

This was a very good communication between the HKIS examiners and our members who intend to join HKIS through the reciprocal agreement. We look forward to hearing our first batch of members successful in joining Quantity Surveying Division of HKIS.

## *Promotion of Engineering Surveying to Students*

*Michael Wong*

**25 Sep 2010:** To sustain the institution development in Hong Kong, we need a continuous inflow of new blood, promotion of geospatial engineering and land surveying to potential students is very important. PolyU Info Day on 25 September gave us a good opportunity for our promotion. Not many students had full knowledge on what the geospatial engineering and land surveying could provide. The open day provided a good chance for them to get some insights about geospatial engineering before they put in their application for relevant courses in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Michael Wong, LIU Chun Kit and Calvin Li attended the promotion booth and gave brief introduction to school leavers about engineering surveying practices, job opportunities and qualifying process.



Promotion booth in Poly U  
Education Info Day on 25 Sept

## *Gethin Roberts – Senior Vice President*

*Denny Mak*

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Congratulations to Prof Gethin Roberts, our Senior Vice President, for his recent appointment of the Dean of Science and Engineering at the Ningbo<sup>1</sup> 寧波 campus of the University of Nottingham. Once he settles down, he is planning to visit Hong Kong and will liaise with us to participate the ICES activities. It is great for Hong Kong Region that we have such a heavy weight in this part of the world. The Hong Kong Committee will be keen to work with him soon.

## *Coming Events*

**20 Oct 2010** Being invited by ICE to be a supporting organisation to the seminar on “International Contracting for India’s New Airports” by the past chairman of ICE (Hong Kong), Mr Gerry Tucker, FICE.

**19 November 2010:** Half day seminar in the University of Macao about mobile mapping, venue to be confirmed.

**26 Nov 2010** BK SURCO training: A full day conference on “New Era for Dispute Avoidance in Hong Kong’s Construction Industry” at the Marco Polo Hotel, Hong Kong.

**December 2010:** Follow up topic about Civil Justice Reform to be given by Mr. Steven Yip, Hon Legal Adviser of the Hong Kong Region, details to be confirmed.

**5 – 7 December 2010:** The Hong Kong Region was invited to be a supporting organisation to the International Construction Law Conference 2010 to be held by the Society of Construction Law Hong Kong.

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<sup>1</sup> Ningbo is located on the northeastern of Zhejiang Province, China