

Chairman's REPORT



Dear Registered Professional Surveyors,

It has been my privilege to be the Chairman of the Surveyors Registration Board and I find great pleasure in presenting this Annual Report for 2009/10.

The following are the main tasks accomplished in the year 2010:

Registration

In year 2010, the number of Registered Professional Surveyors (RPS) recorded a steady growth of 5.47% to 2,489 while 173 professional surveyors were newly registered, an 6.13% increase compared with 2009.

Registered Inspectors (RI)

A Working Group was convened by Mr. Robin Leung, with Messrs K W Lam, Antony Man, K S Wong and Kenneth Yun as members, to comment on the registration requirements for Registered Inspectors under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme. The following recommendations were proposed by the Working Group to the Buildings Department for consideration.

- 1) The RPS(GP) and RPS(PFM) should also be included in the recognized list of professionals for registration of RI.
- 2) Academic training for RI should be, among others, Surveying in generic.
- 3) The core training and post-qualification working experience for RI should include repair and maintenance.
- 4) Nominations made by respective Registration Boards should be fair.

Promotional booklet for Registered Professional Surveyors (RPS)

The new booklet for promoting the services of Registered Professional Surveyors was published in September 2010, and distributed to all RPS, HKIS members, government departments and related organizations, private corporations, academia, professional institutions and concerned parties. It is our aim to enhance their understanding and recognition of the RPS qualification and the professional services provided by registered members including, but not limited to, building surveying, quantity surveying, valuation, property management, land surveying, town planning and development and consultancy offered by RPS to the property and construction industry, its associated professions and industries and the consumer public.

Legal Support Fund from the Government

The five registration boards have set up a Joint Working Group (JWG) to pursue the proposal

of setting up a legal support fund from the Government for registration boards to cater for appeals in court to decisions or rejection of applications and disciplinary actions made by the registration boards.

A joint paper was submitted to the Development Bureau (DB) for their consideration. The JWG is prepared to further discuss with DB the amount of the allocation as well as the associated criteria and administrative mechanism so required for setting up the fund.

Insurance on SRB's Directors and Officers

This year, the Board has committed insurance on directors' & officers' liability and company reimbursement with a view to indemnifying the liability of Board members.

Renewal of Management Agreement with Surveyors Services Ltd.

The Board has renewed the management agreement with the Surveyors Services Ltd. for another year on the same terms as previous years to provide administrative services to the Board.

Renewal of the retainer agreement with the Legal Advisor

We considered necessary to continue with the retaining legal advisory services for the Board and had renewed the retainer agreement with the Legal Advisor on the same terms of the last year.

Procurement Guidelines

To enhance the internal management and control of procurement practices, the Administrative Committee was entrusted to undertake a review with a view to developing a more comprehensive internal guidelines and procedures for the Board's consideration.

Switching of deposits to gain more interest

Under the low interest environment, the Hon. Treasurer has explored opportunities for a higher return on funds managed by the Board by approaching various financial institutions for quotes. After the market search, the Board decided to switch the deposits to some other banks which could offer a higher interest rate.

Closing Remarks

Last but not least, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all Board members and the Honorary Auditor for their dedicated contribution and unfailing support throughout the year 2009/2010. My special thanks also go to Ms Kiny Hung, our Registrar and the promotional group on the production of the most impressive promotion booklet which has fully served its intended objectives.

Wong Bay

Chairman, Surveyors Registration Board 2009/10