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The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Introduces “Create Your District” Competition 2017

A Competition to inspire and award talented students,
as well as promote the surveying industry

(Hong Kong) 25 May 2017 – The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) launched its “Create Your District” Competition 2017 at a ceremony to correspond with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. **Mr Eric Ma Siu Cheung, JP**, Secretary of Development, the HKSAR Government; HKIS President **Sr Thomas HO** and Vice-President **Sr Dr Lesly LAM** participated as officiating guests.

The HKIS inaugurated “Create Your District” Competition 2017 to encourage students to demonstrate their creativity by designing an ideal community while considering governmental challenges and environmental management. The Competition also aims to promote the surveying industry by demonstrating its role in city development to younger generations.

“Hong Kong has been facing a lot of obstacles on city development, such as the lack of land, difficulty on resettlement and high density of buildings, which are factors that have limited our imaginations. Hence, it is important for us to import innovative ideas, critical thinking and sustainable development from students through this competition, and encourage them to showcase their knowledge and creativity in developing their ideal community.” said **Mr Eric Ma Siu Cheung, JP, Secretary of Development, the HKSAR Government**.

“Surveying is a profession that is critical to city development, especially when it comes to land planning, architectural design, cost control, building use and management,” said **Sr Thomas HO, the HKIS President**. “The Institute is encouraging students to take an interest in the surveying profession and Hong Kong’s future development through interactions with our members.”

“Sham Shui Po is the first district selected for the competition because it is one of the earliest developed areas in Hong Kong; it is comprised of rich, historic buildings and its residents display strong community engagement,” said **Sr Dr Lesly LAM, the HKIS Vice-President** and chairman of the competition’s organising committee. “We hope students can learn more about the rich history and cultural traditions of different areas; this will be HKIS’s initiative for forthcoming competitions.”

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The “Create Your District” Competition 2017 is accepting Form 3 to Form 6 entries until 28 July 2017. Different forms of submissions that present Sham Shui Po in an ideal state creatively will be accepted.

Guided tours organised by the HKIS will take students to visit modern buildings and conserved monuments in Sham Shui Po. Students will have an opportunity to appreciate the importance of Hong Kong’s sustainable development and learn more about surveyors’ scope of work, including building revitalisation and management. The winning entries will be displayed in public exhibitions by the end of 2017. For more details, please visit the competition website at

<http://www.hkis-createyourdistrict.com/>

Enclosure: “Create Your District” Competition 2017 flyer

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About the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

Established in 1984, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors is the only professional organisation representing the surveying profession in Hong Kong. As of 7 April 2017, the number of members reached 9,511, of which 6,336 were corporate members. The Institute's work includes setting standards for professional services and performance, establishing codes of ethics, determining requirements for admission as professional surveyors, access and award the professional qualification, and advance members’ professional knowledge, technical and services standards through continuing professional development.

The Institute has an important consultative role in government policy making and on issues affecting the profession. We have advised the Government on issues such as unauthorised building works, building safety campaign, problems of property management, town planning and development strategies, construction quality and housing problems. We are working on amendments to standard forms of building contract and have issued guidance notes on floor area measurement methods.

For more details, please refer to HKIS website: <http://www.hkis.org.hk>

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