



# Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors Newsletter

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## Chairman's Address

Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> issue of the annual PAQS newsletter.

I am very honored to be your PAQS Chairman for 2001/2002. I would like to commend the efforts of my predecessors in fostering cooperation, understanding and friendship amongst the PAQS member associations. Since the formation of PAQS many issues pertaining to Quantity Surveying in the Asia-Pacific region have been raised and discussed. Some of the proposals put forward as a result of these discussions have received positive responses and have already been implemented. Other proposals have not received sufficient support from members and were either subject to modification or rejected. The important thing though is that these issues are being discussed in an open and friendly forum of member associations which has been of enormous benefit in assisting member associations to gain a closer understanding and appreciation of Quantity Surveying practice in the various member countries.

However, if PAQS is to be present as a stronger body internationally, more effort has to be put in. In my term of chairmanship, I would like to continue to foster the good relationship amongst our members and I plan to visit all member countries to meet the various associations and hear member viewpoints. On the issue of membership, I will explore the possibility of increasing PAQS membership. The China Cost Engineering Association has already indicated their interest to join PAQS as an Associate Member and I will endeavor to encourage more potential members to join.

In terms of education, I would like to see the further development of policies relating to university accreditation and related Quantity Surveying (QS) course development in the region. This will include examining ways to assist potential universities in China to set up QS related courses. I would also like to see more comparative studies in areas of interest by our members in the region. On the international front, I believe an important issue that needs further consideration is the relationship of PAQS with other international professional bodies such as the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC), the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

I would like to thank all members of the Organizing Committees for their tremendous work with this year's PAQS Congress in Hong Kong and the International Conference on Project Cost Management in Beijing. They helped to make these events a resounding success. The 2002 PAQS Congress will be held on April 14 – 18 in Melbourne, Australia in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Cost Engineering, Project Management and Quantity Surveying and the 17<sup>th</sup> ICEC Congress. The 2003 Congress will be held in Tokyo, Japan.

I hope you have all had a prosperous year and I wish you further success and good health in 2002.

Mr. T.T. Cheung (HKIS)

## PAQS MEMBERSHIP

### FULL MEMBERS

#### **AUSTRALIA - AIQS**

Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors

#### **HONG KONG - HKIS**

Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

#### **JAPAN - BSIJ**

Building Surveyors' Institute of Japan

#### **MALAYSIA - ISM**

Institution of Surveyors Malaysia

#### **NEW ZEALAND - NZIQS**

New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors

#### **SINGAPORE - SISV**

Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

#### **FIJI - FIQS**

Fiji Institute of Quantity Surveyors

#### **SRI LANKA - IQSSL**

Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka

### OBSERVERS

#### **CHINA - CECA**

China Engineering Cost Association

#### **SOUTH AFRICA - ASAQS**

Association of South African Quantity Surveyors

## PAQS OFFICE BEARERS

### **Chairman**

Mr. T.T. Cheung

### **Immediate Past Chairman**

Mr. Peter Beddek, NZIQS

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman**

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## PAQS Website

The PAQS organization now has its own website at the following address:

**<http://www.paqs.net>**

A range of information pertaining to the PAQS organization, its history, membership, awards, research projects, congresses and latest news can be found on this site. It has a photo album of various PAQS events including photographs from all the PAQS Congresses and Board meetings since 1997. The site also has useful links to PAQS member organizations and other international bodies.

## PAQS Chairman 2001-2002

At the annual PAQS Board Meeting in Hong Kong this year, Mr. T.T. Cheung, from the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), was elected as the new PAQS chairman for 2001-2002.

TT is a fellow of both the HKIS and the RICS. He was born in Hong Kong and is married with 2 children. He received his Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying with First Class Honours at the University of Hong Kong in 1985. He was also a Master of Science graduate from the Bartlett School of Architecture at the University College London specializing in building economics and project management.

TT commenced his professional QS training in 1985 at Levett and Bailey as a graduate QS and was promoted to Associate within 5 years. In 1991 he worked for a local property developer as Assistant General Manager overseeing their property portfolio in both Hong Kong and China. In 1995, he joined an American property developer as General Manager and was involved in overseeing substantial land development in China and was resident in China for 3 years. Upon returning to Hong Kong in 1999, he became the Managing Director of a construction and fit-out subsidiary of a Hong Kong listed company with investments in both Hong Kong and China. TT has over 10 years solid experience in the Chinese property development market and has witnessed the evolution of cost management in this sector.

TT is currently the Honorary Treasurer of the HKIS, Director of Region IV of ICEC and is Director of the China Engineering Cost Association. He is the past Chairman of the Quantity Surveying Division of the HKIS. He also serves on the Board of a number of organizations on a charity basis including the Hospital Authority and the Society for the Relief of Disabled Children. He is also external examiner for quantity surveying courses conducted by the University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. His personal interests include the development of the cost management profession in China, education and training, dispute resolution and mediation services.



**Mr. T.T. Cheung (left)  
at the PAQS Congress in  
Hong Kong with AIQS  
General Manager Mr.  
Terry Sanders.**

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### Contributions

Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome. Contributions may be in the form of general news or announcements, information about forthcoming conferences/events or short articles. Contributions can be sent directly to the Editor or via the relevant professional association.

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# PAQS Awards 2001

In 2000 PAQS introduced an award scheme to recognize individual achievements in the region. The award categories comprise the PAQS Medal and Service, Academic and Technical Innovation Awards. The following details the recipients of the 2001 awards which were presented at this year's PAQS Congress in Hong Kong.

## PAQS Medal

The PAQS Medal for 2001 was awarded to **Professor Dennis Lenard**. This medal is awarded for Excellence in International Quantity Surveying and represents the highest honour that can be bestowed by the organization.



Professor Lenard was instrumental in the formation of PAQS after the initial Pan Pacific conferences in 1994 and 1995 and was elected as the inaugural PAQS Chairman for 1996/97. He encouraged the growth of PAQS membership and professional development activities for Quantity Surveyors in the region, including a number of early visits to China. After leaving the PAQS Chair he has continued to support the organization and facilitated the Accreditation and Competency Standards Workshop for PAQS delegates in Kuala Lumpur in 1999.

Professor Lenard is a past National President of the AIQS and is currently the Chairman of ICEC. He is presently the Director of the Centre for Construction Innovation at the University of Salford.

## Academic Award

The PAQS Academic Award for 2001 was presented to Dr. Anita Liu from the University of Hong Kong in recognition of her outstanding achievements in international research.



This award recognizes excellence in academic performance that has application or benefit that transcends national boundaries.

## Technical Innovation Award

The PAQS Technical Innovation Award for 2001 was awarded to Mr. John Hemmet (FAIQS).



This award recognizes excellence in innovation in areas of technique, products, services, teaching, management or the implementation of innovation. Such technical innovations must have an application or benefit that transcends national boundaries.

Mr Hemmet won this award for his role in the development, production and marketing of the universally used RIPAC estimating software/program.

Whilst the award was announced in Hong Kong, it was only recently presented to Mr. Hemmet in Australia at a Gala Dinner to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the modern AIQS Institute. The Award was presented on behalf of TT Cheung by a very senior member of the Australian Government, the President of the Australian Senate, Mrs Margaret Reid.

## Service Award

The Service Award recognizes outstanding service to international quantity surveying and cost engineering. Recipients must be able to demonstrate a degree of service that exceeds the expectations of their local PAQS member institutions. No nominations were received for this award.

## Nominations for 2002 Awards

Nominations for the 2002 Awards are now being sought. Potential award recipients must be nominated by peers with nominations to be sent to your local PAQS member association by January 2002. Nominations should include a one page summary of the nominee's achievements.

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# 5th PAQS CONGRESS

## Hong Kong



The 5th PAQS Congress was hosted and organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors in Hong Kong in May this year. The Congress was held in conjunction with the 2001 International Conference on Project Cost Management in Beijing. The PAQS Congress was held at the City University of Hong Kong with the theme of "Project Procurement and Cost Management – Perspectives From Different Nations". Congratulations to the HKIS Organizing Committee chaired by Mr. TT Cheung for organizing such a successful and well-attended event.

Mr. Stephen Liu, President of the HKIS presented an opening address for the event. Other distinctive speakers and the subject of their papers were:

**Design – Build : Evolution or Revolution?**, Ms Eugenie Lip, Associate Director, Davis Langdon & Seah Singapore  
**Innovative Procurement in Construction: An Australian Case Study**, Prof. Dennis Lenard, Chairman, ICEC.  
**Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract – The Singapore Experience** - Ms Daphne Lee, Associate Director, KPK Quantity Surveyors.  
**Contractor Payment Protection Legislation**, Mr. Peter Eagleton, Chairman, NZIQS  
**Information Technology Procurement & Management**, Mr. Trevor Main, National President, AIQS  
**QS Role in IT Environment**, Mr. Takayoshi Satou, Building Surveyor's Institute of Japan  
**US Techniques for Conducting Project Risk Analysis**, Dr. Ken Humphreys, Secretary-General, ICEC

The seminar ended with a closing speech by the PAQS Chairman Mr. T.T. Cheung. TT also presented the PAQS flag to Trevor Main of the AIQS, who will be the next hosting member association in 2002.

The HKIS hosted a reception dinner for all PAQS members at the Eagle Hotel. Members enjoyed a wonderful evening with delicious Chinese cuisine and special "talkshow" entertainment by Mike Hodgetts (AIQS) and Edward Tang (SISV) and a karaoke performance by the BSIJ team.



PAQS Chairman Mr. T.T. Cheung (far left) at the PAQS Dinner with Mr. Trevor Main, Mr. Terry Sanders (AIQS) and their partners.



The famous BSIJ Karaoke Team in fine voice at the PAQS Dinner.

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## 2001 International Conference on Project Cost Management Beijing

After the PAQS Congress and Board meeting, attention turned to the 2001 International Conference on Project Cost Management which was held at the China Hall of Science and Technology in Beijing from 24-27 May. It was jointly organized by the HKIS, the China Engineering Cost Association and the Department of Standard and Norms of the Ministry of Construction.

It was a great success with nearly 400 delegates and partners attending. There were approximately 60 delegates from overseas associations including delegates representing the PAQS member countries (Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Japan), the RICS and ACostE (UK), the ICEC and SAVE (Society of American Value Engineering) USA, and the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors. 50 delegates attended from Hong Kong and 175 attended from Mainland China.

The HKIS administered all the overseas delegates and papers and assisted in the running of the conference. Special congratulations are in order for the members of the HKIS QS Division Council who assisted with the conference and, in particular, Mr. Nelson Cheng, Dr. Anita Liu and Dr. Richard Fellows.

Mr. Zhang Yijun, the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Construction (MOC) officially opened the conference. It was followed by speeches from Mr. Qi Ji, the Director of the Department of Standards and Norms and the Legco member of HKSAR, the Hon. P. C. Lau. The presidents of all the PAQS member associations also delivered short speeches exhorting the importance of project cost management. Mr. Helius Ng, from the Works Bureau of the HK Government SAR, also participated in the conference.

The conference went extremely smoothly over two days. In addition, two very entertaining social events were held for all delegates. Delegates attended the Beijing Opera on the first evening and a western buffet-style dinner on the second evening. The overseas delegates were particularly impressed with the acrobatic dances in the Beijing Opera.

At the dinner, a band was formed with Professor Denny McGeorge (keyboard), Dr. Richard Fellow (bass guitar), Mr. Stephen Cheung (drum), Dr. Colin Storey and Dr. John Jones. The Aussies and the Kiwis particularly enjoyed a revival of the golden oldies 60s rock and roll music and dancing. They really had a great time.

The last event of the conference was the technical site visit to the Olympic stadium site, but most of the overseas delegates chose to visit a much greater project, the Great Wall of China.



**The Opening Addresses at the Beijing Conference**



**Leaders of the various professional associations attending the conference.**



**The Beijing Opera**



# PAQS ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The PAQS Annual Board Meeting preceded the Congress and was attended by delegates from PAQS member associations. The Annual ICEC Region IV meeting followed the PAQS meeting. The meeting was chaired by the outgoing PAQS Chairman, Mr. Peter Beddek from the NZIQS. The main issues discussed and resolutions made are outlined below.

## New PAQS Chairman

Mr. T.T. Cheung, from the HKIS, was elected as the new PAQS Chairman for 2001/2002.

PAQS have a policy of rotating the Chairman amongst the member associations every two years. The Board congratulated the outgoing Chairman Mr. Peter Beddek for his stewardship over the past two years.

## PAQS Office Bearers

The following PAQS office bearers were elected for 2001/2002:

Chairman	Mr. T.T. Cheung (HKIS)
1st Vice Chairman	Mr. Ong See Lian (ISM)
2nd Vice Chairman	To Be Announced (BSIJ)
Secretary	Ms. Ellen Lau (HKIS)
Treasurer	Mr. Terry Sanders (AIQS)

The Secretariat has now moved from the NZIQS to the HKIS. Ms. Margaret Yung from the HKIS will look after PAQS administrative matters.

## Board Meeting Attendees

The following attended the Board Meeting:

### Members

#### **Australia (AIQS)**

Michael Hodgetts  
Trevor Phillips  
Trevor Main  
Terry Sanders

#### **Hong Kong (HKIS)**

TT Cheung  
Stephen Liu  
Anita Liu  
Ellen Lau

Nelson Cheng

#### **Singapore (SISV)**

Edward Tang  
Francis Lee  
Daphne Lee

#### **Malaysia (ISM)**

Ong See Lian  
Mokhtar Puteh

#### **New Zealand (NZIQS)**

Peter Beddek  
Peter Eagleton  
John Granville

#### **Japan (BSIJ)**

Kouchi Noro  
Ryoichi Shimada  
Takio Kusuyama

Takayoshi Sato

#### **Sri Lanka (IQSSL)**

Chitra Weddikkara

### Observers

#### **ICEC**

Dennis Lenard  
Ken Humphreys

#### **South Africa (ASAQS)**

Roelf Visser



Delegates at the PAQS 2001 Board Meeting

## PAQS Mission & Future Directions

Much discussion was again held on the future direction of the PAQS organization. The key issues evolved around proposals to adopt a more formalized structure for PAQS and to substantially increase revenue in order for the organization to increase its influence and effectiveness in the region. A proposal for individual membership was also discussed. As yet nothing in this respect has been resolved.

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## PAQS Competency Standards

PAQS has spent the past few years developing a set of Competency Standards suitable for adoption by all member associations. These standards were formally adopted at the meeting. Those seeking a copy should contact their local member association. Reference can also be made to the 2001 PAQS Newsletter which included a detailed summary of the draft standards (which were adopted with little change).

## PAQS QS Course Accreditation

The adoption of the PAQS Competency Standards was seen as an important step in the development of a PAQS QS Course Accreditation Scheme. In 1998, a proposal was put to the Board for the formation of a PAQS Accreditation Assessment Panel to conduct course accreditation of university quantity surveying courses in the PAQS member countries. It was proposed that accreditation by this panel would result in accreditation by all the member associations. This would then obviate the need for individual assessments by each association. However, this accreditation would not be necessary for Universities who seek accreditation by their domestic association only. The Panel would consist of one member from each institute and be chaired by members on a rotational basis.

The PAQS Board have discussed this proposal in considerable detail over the ensuing years. Last year agreement was reached in principle for the accreditation scheme but certain details remained unresolved. At this year's meeting a significant step forward in initiating the scheme was achieved. It was agreed that any university in a PAQS member country that had obtained accreditation of its QS degree course from each of the AIQS, NZIQS, SISV, ISM and HKIS could apply for and be granted PAQS Accreditation.

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There are now two universities that have achieved the required individual accreditations and their own national Institutes will nominate them for PAQS Accreditation at the next PAQS Board meeting. If successful, graduates of these courses will then have both national and international recognition of their degrees enabling them to join as Probationers their own national QS Institute and any other PAQS member Institute that they may wish to join (with the possible exception of Japan which has a different system to other PAQS members).

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**Mr. Michael Hodgetts, President of the AIQS, and Mr. Edward Tang, Past President of both the SISV and PAQS President, exchange souvenirs at the PAQS Board meeting**

## Snapshots from the PAQS Board Meeting & Congress



## Possible PAQS Cost Management Manuals

The AIQS have offered its recently published Cost Management Manual Volumes 1 and 2 to the PAQS Board for adoption and publishing by PAQS in the future. While at the moment these volumes are specific to Australia, it is believed that they could easily be amended to include any specific requirements of PAQS members and consequently the word Australian could be deleted from the title. Publication of this Manual by PAQS would give the association an additional source of income, which could be used to fund further research for the profession in the region. Additionally, it could also assist in standardizing QS procedures between PAQS members in such matters as cost planning and codification of elements and sub elements. It is possible that if this offer is accepted by PAQS, it could help facilitate a future Standard Method of Measurement (SMM) for building works in the region. Currently most PAQS members have their own SMM.

## PAQS Research Proposals

At the next PAQS Board meeting to be held in April next year in Australia, a number of potential PAQS research projects will be put forward for consideration. These include:

### 1. QS Employment Contracts/Conditions in the PAQS Region

A research project to gather information on the employment contracts and conditions for QSs in the various countries in the region and compare these across the PAQS membership. This project could provide valuable information for members of PAQS Institutes who may wish to travel overseas for work or for QS employers who may be looking to partner with QSs in other countries. It will also be useful in determining the costs of QS services in various areas.

### 2. PAQS Region

The development and publishing of a PAQS Business Directory of QS firms in the various countries of the region. Quite often with the globalization of construction services, QSs in one country need to be able to contact similar firms in another country. A PAQS Directory of QS firms would be most useful for such purposes and could also assist researchers who need to communicate with firms in many countries.

Both of these projects when completed could be placed on the PAQS website and provide a benefit for members in PAQS countries. It could also form the basis of services for individual membership of the PAQS, which is another matter that the PAQS Board is to consider in the future. The proposed PAQS Business Directory might also generate some income for the PAQS by the charging of a small fee for firms to be included in the Directory.

## PAQS Chairman Visits

The Board considered it important for the PAQS Chairman to visit all member countries during his term. Protocols for funding these visits were discussed and it was agreed that any such visits should include the chairman conducting Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Seminars in each country.

## Future Congresses

The PAQS Congress will continue to be held on an annual basis and the following host countries were determined for the next five years. It should be noted, however, that the order may need to be adjusted depending on potential new members who will also be given the opportunity to host a Congress.

2002	Melbourne, Australia (in conjunction with the ICEC World Congress)
2003	Japan
2004	Singapore
2005	New Zealand
2006	Malaysia



## ICEC REGION IV MEETING



The International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) held its annual Region IV meeting at the conclusion of the PAQS Board meeting. Mr. T.T. Cheung chaired the meeting as the new Region IV Director. ICEC has provided tremendous support for PAQS particularly through the efforts of ICEC's Secretary-General, Dr. Ken Humphries.

Further details of the ICEC organization can be found on its excellent web site at <http://www.icoste.org>. The PAQS newsletter is included in this site and its "International Round Up" section provides up to date information on issues pertaining to cost management around the globe.

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# VIEWPOINT

## Comments By Members on Regional Issues

*This is a new section of the newsletter set aside for members to express their views in relation to PAQS and Quantity Surveying issues germane to the Asia-Pacific region.*

*The following was received from an AIQS member.*

### **Confusing Accreditation and Membership**

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) global membership drive has been explained to most QS Institutes in the PAQS region as a strategy to promote the profession internationally and meet the demand for their “product” which exists in many of those countries.

These reasons sound very noble but, for local national QS Institutes, which now find themselves faced with competing with the RICS for their own local members, they are hard to accept. This is even harder when the RICS establishes a competing organization within our own countries.

The RICS has been a respected friend and leader in the surveying professions **but its recent global strategy has only demonstrated its inability to recognize the capabilities of others to achieve standards of excellence equal to or better than their own.** It highlights the fact that **the RICS is and always will be a UK based organization** no matter how it is camouflaged by so called national associations of RICS members. The RICS could have achieved most of its aims by working through and with the local national Institutes but it has instead decided to compete with them.

Why then should the RICS be surprised at the ill feeling and alarm that their global membership drive has generated around the world? Do they really care? The answer to that appears to be NO and even if they do care will they change what they are doing in any way. Again most probably NO.

Given the resources available to the RICS to promote themselves, it is quite possible that in the future some regional Institutes will be destroyed or taken over by the RICS. The significance of such situations can only be guessed at but there is a great feeling amongst many members that the losses will outweigh the gains in the long run – just look at the dissatisfaction with the RICS expressed by their own QS members.

It seems a great pity that accreditation of qualifications has been bound to membership of one overly large organization which has its roots on the other side of the world.

**Maybe its time for some good old fashioned nationalism and regionalism, to show our UK friends that they can not just walk over us, as one of their senior officers once told a group of us in Kuala Lumpur.**

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# EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Further information is available on the program's website at <http://www.dab.uts.edu.au> where you can download electronic brochures for the courses. Alternatively, you can contact Michelle Nayve on +612 95148017 or email [project.management@uts.edu.au](mailto:project.management@uts.edu.au) or [facility.management@uts.edu.au](mailto:facility.management@uts.edu.au).

*This is another new section of the newsletter set aside for education providers to provide news of new educational developments and the introduction of new courses in Quantity Surveying and related areas. This first article describes the development of some innovative postgraduate courses at the University of Technology Sydney. All education providers are welcome to contribute.*

## **New Postgraduate Courses at UTS**

The Project Management and Economics Program at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) has introduced some new postgraduate courses in Project Management and Facility Management. Students in each discipline area can study at Graduate Certificate, Masters or Doctorate levels via a range of flexible attendance options. A Master of Business Administration is also offered with a major in either project management or facility management.

The courses in project management are distinguished by their delivery process, which is truly international. Work is underway to progressively offer the advanced project management subjects in a range of countries (such as France, United Kingdom, USA, Canada and Hong Kong) in conjunction with university partners, effectively creating an international MPM degree where students can participate in Sydney or other offshore destinations. A team of staff from this consortium will teach common content that is matched with local degrees.

The courses in facility management are also distinguished by their delivery process, which is highly flexible and fully electronic (including internet and video conference). Therefore, the courses have a worldwide market and address international issues which reflect the global nature of the profession. Work is underway to progressively link the advanced facility management subjects to elective options or discipline specializations in a range of countries (such as United Kingdom, USA, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia) in conjunction with university partners.

The professional doctorates are characterized not only by research directed at specific industry problems, but by the formation of alliances with leading academics, and the ability to undertake both research and coursework off-campus. An international panel of industrial supervisors is to be used to mentor students in key locations worldwide, and it is expected that such an eminent group will encourage course applications from senior practitioners who wish to learn from recognized experts in their discipline. The Doctor of Facility Management is a world first.



# PAQS ROUND UP

## News & Events from PAQS Member Countries



### AIQS Strategic Plan 2000-2005

As a result of a Strategic Planning Workshop held in late 2000, the AIQS have formalized its 5 year strategic plan for the period 2000-2005. The plan forms a blueprint for the development of both the AIQS and the QS Profession in Australia generally. The following are the key elements of this plan.

#### Vision

The QS profession will be the primary source of advice regarding value for money in the sustainable use of resources for projects and facilities.

#### Mission

To advance the QS profession by:

- informing the community of our integrity
- maintaining Standards of Excellence and Best Practice
- promoting QSs as indispensable to value-added services
- optimizing the benefits of QS intellectual property,
- developing new markets and opportunities.

#### Goals

1. Promote and market the QS profession and QS services to governments, client groups, other professions and the public.
2. Provide leadership and improved communication for the profession.
3. Enhance strategic alliances with related and international organizations
4. Develop and maintain the standards of the profession through education, research and effective dissemination.
5. Optimize opportunities to develop the Institute's business activities and increase membership numbers.
6. Encourage the participation of younger members in the Institute's affairs and stimulate their interest in the profession.

### New Refereed Journal

The AIQS and the Australian Institute of Building (AIB) have joined forces to launch a new refereed journal called The Australian Journal of Construction Economics & Building. The first edition was published in August this year. At this stage, a limited number of copies will be made available free of charge to AIQS members with members also being able to download files from the AIQS and AIB websites.

However, "The Building Economist" remains the main journal of the AIQS and is published on a quarterly basis. This journal can now be accessed on the AIQS website. Articles in current issues are available in synopsis form and a journal archive section is under construction. In addition, an index of all articles published in the journal since 1972 is available.

### AIQS Publications

The AIQS have built up quite a collection of QS related publications to assist both students and practitioners alike and are available for purchase by both AIQS members and non-members.

Joseph Sierra, a Fellow of the AIQS with vast QS experience stretching over 40 years, has published a large number of QS related books under the auspices of the AIQS. These include:

- The "A to Z" Guide To Builders' Estimating
- Basic Building Economics
- Building and Engineering Claims
- Variations, Claims and Mediation
- Civil Engineering Measurement
- Electrical Installation Estimating
- A Brief Guide to Running a Small Business

Other publications put out by the AIQS include:

- The Australian Standard Method of Measurement (5<sup>th</sup> Ed) (1991)
- Book of Areas
- Australian Cost Management Manual
- National Competency Standards for Quantity Surveyors and Construction Economists
- Dealing With Risk and Managing Expectations
- The Conference Management Manual
- Guideline Fee Scale and Conditions of Engagement (July 2000)

The AIQS also produce an annual Tertiary Guide which provides information on all tertiary QS courses in Australia and an annual Member's Business Registrar which provides details of all AIQS member firms who have subscribed to the register. A range of newsletters, practice notes, videos and further education material is also available.

### History of Quantity Surveying in Australia

The AIQS are currently preparing a book on the "History of Quantity Surveying in Australia" which they hope will be published in 2002.

### New HKIS QS Division Website

The HKIS QS Division has established its own website as an adjunct to the HKIS site. The address is:

<http://www.hkisqsd.com>

A sub-committee headed by Mr Evelyn Kwok has been formed to maintain the contents of the website.

## Hong Kong Industry Outlook

By Mr. Stephen Liu, President (HKIS)

Tax avoidance and bankruptcies are on the rise with a slow economy and layoff announcements in the news every week. The Japanese economy contracted by 0.8% last quarter and Asia is now in recession. Given the uncertain outlook for the world economy, which is worsening due to the recent tragedy in New York, and the structural changes in the Hong Kong market, economists have revised downwards the 2001 GDP forecast to zero or negative growth. The good news is China will be admitted into the WTO this November and China has fared better than most nations with an impressive growth of 8% this calendar year. We hope that Hong Kong will benefit from the growth of the Mainland economy due to the current lack of professional expertise there. It might look a bit gloomy for the building and property market in Hong Kong. However, we should not be too depressed about the current situation but should prepare ourselves for the transformation that is taking place in China. The past scandals of construction quality have challenged the industry benchmarking of professionalism. It is time that the different disciplines within the surveying profession put their acts together to implement best practices by ensuring that professional ethics and integrity are being followed and maintained at all times. As such, it helps to enhance our surveying profession's reputation and image to the public. One of the objectives of the HKIS is to foster a strong and influential membership association among the different disciplines by further expanding and sharing our professional expertise with our counterparts in the Mainland.

## Expansion of HKIS Influence on Mainland

After several years of close contact with relevant counterparts in the Mainland, and with further recent visits to our friendly professional institutions in the Region, HKIS is working towards building up a regional association of professional surveyors for mutual recognition of the professional qualifications among the different professional institutes. This will ensure future co-operation and growth of the surveying profession in the Asia Pacific Rim. The Director of the Department of Standards and Norm of the Ministry of Construction, Mr. Qi Ji, visited the HKIS on 21 June 2001. He was one of the main supporters of the 2001 Beijing International Conference on Project Cost Management in May and he expressed his appreciation of the efforts of HKIS in making the Conference a big success.



Mr. Tommy Yim, Mr. Qi Ji, Mr. Stephen Liu, Mr. T.T. Cheung

## ISM 40 Year Anniversary

The Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (ISM) is currently celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year of operation. The following is a brief outline of how the ISM was formed.

Prior to December 1961, there were two professional bodies concerned with surveyors. One was the Malayan Institution of Surveyors (the former R.I.C.S. Federation of Malaya Branch) and the other one was the Institution of Land Surveyors. History for surveyors was created when on 13th March 1961, these two bodies met at the Boardroom of the Selangor Club and resolved that the Institution of Surveyors (Federation of Malaya) be formed. Pending registration and the drafting of a Constitution, the meeting elected Mr. Khoo Soo Guan (President), Mr. W. G. Wicks (Vice President), Mr. Yap Thean Ee (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. R. H. Norris (Hon. Treasurer). On 15th April 1961, the Inaugural meeting of the institution was held and was attended by 12 members. The meeting confirmed the above 4 members as Protem Office Bearers. On 2nd December 1961, the Inaugural General Meeting was held at the Shell Theatre in Kuala Lumpur. The meeting was attended by 38 Fellows and members. The First Council Meeting of the Institution was held on 14th December 1961 at the Conference Room, Survey Headquarters, Mountbatten Road. At the E.G.M held on 19th June 1966, the name of the Institution was changed to The Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia.

The First issue of the 'Surveyors Quarterly Gazette' was dispatched to members on 23rd January 1965. It contained 18 pages and one article. In 1971, the name of the journal was changed to 'The Surveyor' and it was changed again to 'The Malaysian Surveyor' with the publication of the 1st Quarter 1999.

The ISM held its first examinations in December 1974. An important milestone was reached on 19th June 1976 when YB. Dato' Asri Hj Muda, the Minister of Lands & Mines laid the Foundation Stone of the ISM Building at a ceremony witnessed by many senior members of the institution. On 22nd March 1977, the building was completed and was officially handed over.

## Malaysian Industry Outlook

Bank Negara has announced that Malaysia's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 0.5% in the 2nd quarter of 2001 and the government has stated that the country had avoided following Singapore and Taiwan into recession. It had announced a RM 28.9 billion ringgit fiscal stimulus package in its 2001 budget in October last year, which it then augmented with an extra RM 3 billion ringgit in March this year. The construction and service sector has been announced as one of the major contributors to the growth of the economy.

## ISM QS National Convention

With the success of the "QS National Convention" at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) from 8-9 May 2001, the ISM is looking forward to jointly organizing the next "QS National Convention" at the University Technology Malaysia (UTM) sometime in the middle of next year. The Standard Method of Measurement, 2nd Edition (SMM2) was launched during the 2001 convention. The ISM then organized a road show to conduct a series of workshops on the SMM2 in six (6) branches all over the country. The workshops were concluded in September.

A 5 Day Value Management Training Programme was organized at the Sheraton Imperial, Kuala Lumpur in September and October. The training programme has been accredited by The Institute of Value Management Australia (IVMA) and jointly supported/endorsed by the ISM.

## FIQS Apply For ICEC

The Fiji Institute of Quantity Surveyors (FIQS) recently applied for membership of ICEC. Upon acceptance, all PAQS member associations will be ICEC members.

## New NZIQS President

Mr Peter Eggleton was recently elected as the new President of the NZIQS for 2001-2002.



Peter was educated at Timaru Boys High School, completed a full time course in quantity surveying at Christchurch Polytechnic finishing his advanced studies through The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand. He commenced quantity surveying in Christchurch in 1972 with Murray Kilty, a private quantity surveying consultant. Remaining in Christchurch, he joined Rawlinson & Co Limited in 1982 becoming a Director of 1985. Peter has a long association with the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors; joining in 1973 he became an Associate in 1982, and in 1999 was awarded Fellowship status of the Institute. He is also a Registered Quantity Surveyor. He has served on the Canterbury Branch board, at committee level, Vice President on the national council in 2000/01 and is President until June 2002.

A member of the Canterbury Club and a Rotarian, Peter's other interests include badminton, tennis, golf and travelling. Peter is married to Rana and has two children, Simon and Hamish. In his inaugural speech to the Institute AGM, Peter identified the years main priorities as reviewing the Institute Rules, updating the Membership categories and criteria with Continuing Professional Development and registration in mind, a marketing initiative for Institute business and achievements and continued representation of Quantity Surveyors in the construction industry especially nationally through the Construction Liaison Group (CLG) and internationally as a foundation member of the PAQS.

## SISV International Affiliations

The Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) places great value on its close ties with similar professional organizations around the globe. In addition to PAQS, the SISV are a member of the following organizations within the ASEAN and Asia Pacific region:

Asean Federation of Land Surveying & Geomatics (Asean FLAG)  
Asean Valuers Association (AVA)  
Asian Association of Remote Sensing (AARS)  
Commonwealth Association of Surveyors and Land Economy (CASLE)  
International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)  
International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI)  
International Valuation Standards Committee (IVSC)  
Pan Pacific Congress of Real Estate Counsellors, Appraisers & Valuers (PPC)

The SISV have also established membership reciprocity agreements with the following associations:

Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS)  
Australian Property Institute (API) (formerly known as Australian Institute of Valuers and Land Economists)  
Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS)  
New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS)  
New Zealand Institute of Valuers (NZIV)  
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), UK

## BSIJ New Web-Site

The Building Surveyors' Institute of Japan (BSIJ) have developed a new web-site.

**<http://www.bsij.or.jp>**

The BSIJ intend to use it as a major information and communication tool for not only its members but also for the industry generally and the wider community. An English section of the site is currently under construction.



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# 2002 PAQS/ICEC Joint Congresses



**Melbourne, Australia  
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**Incorporating:  
3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Cost Engineering, Project  
Management and Quantity Surveying  
17<sup>th</sup> ICEC World Congress  
6<sup>th</sup> PAQS Congress**

The 2002 PAQS Congress will be held in conjunction with the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC).

ICEC is a nonpolitical and nonprofit organization which was founded in 1976 with the object of promoting cooperation between national and multinational cost engineering, quantity surveying and project management organizations worldwide. ICEC member societies are located in more than 30 countries, and have chapters or sections in many additional countries. Through these chapters and sections, ICEC has access to more than 50,000 cost engineers and project managers in over 120 different nations. The World Congress is a very prestigious event held every 2 years and usually has over 500 delegates from around the globe in attendance.

The Congress will be held at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne Hotel with concurrent workshop themes of:

- Project Management
- Estimating & Cost Planning
- Cost Scheduling/Control
- Contracts & Disputes
- Asset & Facility Management
- Planning & Scheduling
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- Professional Development



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