



# THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS

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(Attn: Mr Victor Tai)

Dear Mr Tai,

## Admission of Talents and Professionals

Thank you for your letter (DEVB(PS)104/84) of 10 October 2012.

Established in 1984, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) is the largest local professional institution representing surveyors, from 85 members at inauguration to around 8,200 strong today. We are most pleased offer the following views for your attention.

### 1. Manpower

HKIS membership comprises 4 grades, namely, Honorary Grade consisting of Honorary Fellows, Professional Grade consisting of Fellows and Members, Technical Grade consisting of Associate Members, and Training Grade consisting of Probationers and Students. Members and Fellows are referred to as Corporate Members and are categorized by reference to their professional practice into 6 different disciplines and divisions, namely, Building Surveying, General Practice, Land Surveying, Quantity Surveying, Planning and Development, and Property and Facility Management.

Generally speaking, most members of HKIS will be admitted through the completion of the Assessment of Professional Competence Scheme (APC). A prospective member has to obtain a recognized academic qualification, join HKIS as a Probationer and commence the relevant divisional APC. As part of this, a Probationer has to complete suitable training for a minimum period of 24 months depending on divisional requirements, and to satisfy the assessments before being considered for admission to HKIS.

For non-locally trained/qualified personnel holding qualifications from overseas professional surveying institutions, they could also apply to become a member of HKIS under reciprocity agreements. Currently, we have reciprocal recognition agreements with 12 overseas institutes.

Holders of overseas academic qualifications could also apply for Associate Members or Probationers if the qualifications are accredited or acceptable for admission to the corresponding membership of HKIS recognized national professional surveying bodies of the respective countries in which the qualifications are conferred. All applications will be

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assessed individually and the onus to demonstrate accreditation or acceptability of the qualifications by such professional bodies rests with the applicants.

For more information about the academic and professional qualification required to be admitted as members of HKIS, you may refer to our website for details.

## **2. Feedback on the existing admission schemes**

The manpower situation in the surveying profession is satisfactory. We welcome the existing admission schemes to attract talent professionals to join the profession and enhance exchange of expertise.

## **3. Improvement suggestion**

To facilitate entry of talents and professionals, we viewed that proper promotion channel is necessary. From the breakdown as provided, the number of entrants from surveying profession under the ASMTTP is minimal. We are of the view that the Government could join hands with the mainland and overseas authorities / counterparts / universities / professional institutions and associations to promote the Admission Scheme. We could also promote to those potential entrants that the benefit, attractiveness, and also the future career development if they are settled in Hong Kong.

We hope that the above comments would help you have more understanding about our profession. Should you have any further queries, please feel free to contact our Senior Manager (Administration) Mr Coody Ko at 2526 3679.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Serena Lau', written over a circular stamp.

Sr Serena Lau  
President