

Chairman's Report

Dear Registered Professional Surveyors,

It is my great pleasure to serve the Surveyors Registration Board as the Chairman for the year 2002. The Board held five meetings during the year, with good attendance.

The following is a recapitulation of the work done by the Board in last year:



Registration

The Registration Committee was responsible for the examination and recommendation of new applications for registration as RPS to the Board and reviewing the renewal applications of RPS. Four meetings were held and a total of 114 applications for registration were recommended. The total number of RPS at the end of year 2002 was 1,726. The increase in RPS in year 2002 over year 2001 was noted to be nearly 6%.

In mid 2002, the Registration Committee also recommended to the Board that there was no need to restrict the timing of the one-year experience as long as it was post qualification experience (i.e. post qualification experience can be in any period of time before the date of application). The Board adopted the recommendation and the guidelines of the RPS registration application form had been amended accordingly.

Use of Title

At the end of 2002, the Board had permitted Registered Professional Surveyor to use RPS as an abbreviation instead of R.P.S. required by s29(1) of Surveyors Registration Ordinance and to adopt the following description of title:

Registered Professional Surveyor (Building Surveying)/ RPS(BS)

Registered Professional Surveyor (General Practice)/ RPS(GP)

Registered Professional Surveyor (Land Surveying)/ RPS(LS)

Registered Professional Surveyor (Town Planning and Development)/ RPS(PD)

Registered Professional Surveyor (Quantity Surveying)/ RPS(QS)

Promotional Group

Within year 2002, a promotional group was active in promoting RPS. Different public associations and government bodies had been approached in order to strengthen the recognition of RPS status. Hence, the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau announced that with effect from 1 September 2002, one of the qualifications for inclusion on qualified consultants lists (BS, QS) should be RPS. We are delighted by this achievement as the role of RPS in society is well recognized.

Sponsorship

In early 2002, the Board agreed to sponsor the amount of HK\$20,000 for displaying SRB banner in the HKIS booth at the Education and Careers Expo and the Hong Kong Real Estate Services Expo, Shanghai for the promotion of SRB and RPS.

Closing Remark

Last but not the least, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Board members for their support and contribution in the year 2002, and I look forward to your continued support to the Board's activities in the future.

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Chairman, 2002