

Chairman's *Report*

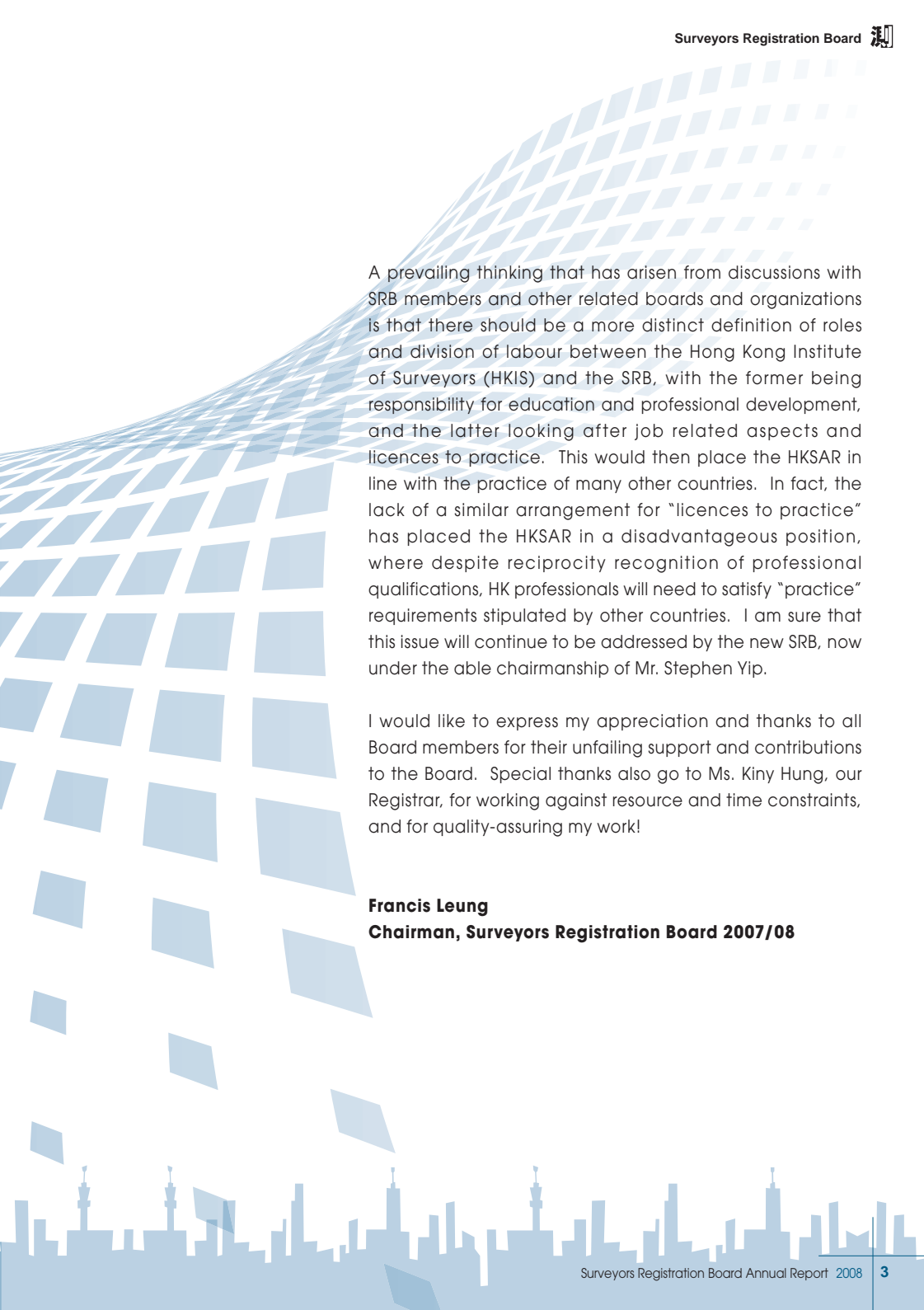


It has been my privilege to be the Chairman of the Surveyors Registration Board for the Year 2007/08.

The number of Registered Professional Surveyors (RPS) was on steady growth. During 2007/08, 116 new RPS were admitted. By the end of the year, the total RPS membership reached 2,257.

The Board is charged with the duties of upholding the qualification standards for registration of members as RPS. Given that its functions are governed by the Surveyors Registration Ordinance (Cap. 417), the operations of the Board may be regarded as regular and mundane. Yet, it is only through this unyielding process of quality setting and constant review that we are able to provide the highest quality of professional service to the community.

Since enactment of the Surveyors Registration Board in 1991, there have been quite a lot of changes in the surveying profession, including the nature and scope of services that we provide, and the circumstances in which we practise. In view of the passage of time and changed circumstances, the roles and functions of the SRB and its members should be subject to review, initially within the ambit of the current Surveyors Registration Ordinance (Cap. 417), and where necessary, with recommendations for amendment to the Ordinance.



A prevailing thinking that has arisen from discussions with SRB members and other related boards and organizations is that there should be a more distinct definition of roles and division of labour between the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) and the SRB, with the former being responsible for education and professional development, and the latter looking after job related aspects and licences to practice. This would then place the HKSAR in line with the practice of many other countries. In fact, the lack of a similar arrangement for “licences to practice” has placed the HKSAR in a disadvantageous position, where despite reciprocity recognition of professional qualifications, HK professionals will need to satisfy “practice” requirements stipulated by other countries. I am sure that this issue will continue to be addressed by the new SRB, now under the able chairmanship of Mr. Stephen Yip.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all Board members for their unfailing support and contributions to the Board. Special thanks also go to Ms. Kiny Hung, our Registrar, for working against resource and time constraints, and for quality-assuring my work!

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Chairman, Surveyors Registration Board 2007/08