

# Chairman's Report



## **Dear Registered Professional Surveyors,**

The Year 2009 was a busy one for the Surveyors Registration Board (SRB). We have held five meetings of the main Board and numerous meetings of the various committees. Attendance record of the main Board is included in this report.

### **Registration**

Within the year, 163 surveyors have successfully registered as Registered Professional Surveyors. As at the year-end, the total RPS membership reached 2,360. The number of new RPS in year 2009 over year 2008 was noted to be sharply increased by 40.5%.

### **Administration**

With the assistance of the Hon. Treasurers of SRB and HKIS, the Administration Committee led by Mr. Kenneth Pang, with Messrs Robin Leung, Dominic Siu, Kenny Chan and Sam Cheng as members, has conducted a comprehensive review on the management fee payable by SRB to Surveyors Services Limited (SSL), the wholly owned subsidiary of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors. After research, it was found that the current management fee payable by SRB to SSL was lower than the costs of shared use of the existing joint-use premises, and it was also lower than the costs of operating a separate office in Central. Apart from the cost issue, it was of mutual benefits to both SRB and HKIS to share the same office as there were intangible benefits in term of public image, one-stop service to members, unnecessary duplication of facilities, etc. In this connection, the Committee concluded that the existing basis of charging management fee should be maintained. The Board will keep this under review on a regular basis.

### Promotion

There was the Promotional Group convened by Mr. Wong Bay, with Ms. Serena Lau and Messrs Kenneth Yun, Eric Tang, Francis Lau, K S Wong and Donald Reader as members, that helped to prepare an action plan which will be a strategic long-term policy of the Board with the ultimate aim to attract more surveyors to register as RPS so as to provide better protection to the lay public.

### Disciplinary Proceedings

The Working Group comprised of Messrs Lam Li Wah, Sung Hon Kwong and Tang Sze Kin, Eric has devoted a lot of effort and time in drafting a new set of guidelines under the provisions of Surveyors Registration Ordinance in relation to proceedings of Inquiry Committee. After various discussions, the new set of guidelines has been endorsed by the Board for internal reference and will be adopted in future disciplinary hearings.

### Closing Remarks

In closing, I would like to thank all Board members and the Honorary Auditor of the Board for their effort and time throughout the year.

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**Chairman, Surveyors Registration Board 2008/09**