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Applications Open Today for HKIS Awards 2024 Recognizing Surveyors' Role in Building a Sustainable Future

Introducing Project Outside Hong Kong Award Category and Recognising Innovative Surveying Technology

[Hong Kong – 20 September 2023] – The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) proudly announces that the applications are now opened for HKIS Awards 2024, a biennial event that recognises the invaluable contributions of surveyors in the construction industry. With their unwavering commitment to excellence, surveyors play a pivotal role in ensuring the success and sustainability of building projects. The HKIS Awards provide a prestigious platform to showcase the exceptional work of surveyors and promote their professional image. The award briefing session today was well received that nearly 50 attendees attended, including interested parties and the jury panel formed by industry leaders and government officials.

Under the theme "Surveying for a Sustainable Future," HKIS Awards 2024 aim to pay tribute to the surveyors for their substantial contributions in creating a sustainable future. The Awards celebrate outstanding achievements in development projects that prioritise sustainability and contribute to a greener and more eco-friendly environment. Aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations, the Awards seek to emphasize the crucial role of surveyors in sustainable development, fostering a culture of sustainable practices in the industry and promoting a sustainable future for Hong Kong. Additionally, the HKIS Excellence in Surveying Award will be presented to the project with exceptional overall quality, deemed the best among all the Grand Award Winners.

In response to the growing involvement of surveyors in projects outside Hong Kong, a new award category, Project outside Hong Kong Award, is introduced. This category acknowledges the significant contribution of Surveyors to projects beyond the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Projects from mainland China and overseas are encouraged to participate.

Sr Paul Wong, President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, stated, "It is my privilege to bring together the six surveying divisions and pay tribute to the remarkable surveyors who have made significant contributions to the development of Hong Kong, in Mainland and overseas. This award serves as a platform to showcase the exceptional work of our surveyors and promote our professional image to the public."

Sr Prof Winnie Shiu, Chairlady of the HKIS Awards 2024 Organising Committee, remarked, "The HKIS Awards 2024 has two newly added emphases to enhance sustainable development. The first one is Sustainability Values, Processes, and Impact, which



encompasses innovative sustainable practices, energy-saving strategies, government policies and procedures, as well as their environmental, social and economic impact. The other focus is Innovation and Technology, which stresses feasibility, adoption of technologies, cost-effectiveness, comfort and well-being."

Sr CK Lau, JP, Convenor of the HKIS Awards 2024 Jury Panel, shared valuable tips to potential applicants, "Surveyors play a vital role in building a sustainable future. I hope to see participating projects matching the award theme by demonstrating innovative technologies and sustainable solutions, in order to highlight the project contribution from surveyors."

The HKIS Awards 2024 is an exceptional opportunity to celebrate the achievements of surveyors and highlight their contribution to sustainable development. The award opens applications from now until 15 December 2023.

Key Dates

Date	Items
20 September 2023	Award Briefing Session & Application Opens
31 October 2023	Early-bird Application Deadline
12:00 noon	
15 December 2023	Regular Application Deadline
12:00 noon	Materials Submission Deadline
2 February 2024	Finalists Announcement
24 – 25 February 2024	Stage 2: Site Visit
(Tentative)	(Applied to Hong Kong Construction and Post Occupation
	Award Categories only)
29 – 30 March 2024	Stage 3: Finalists Presentation to Jury Panel
(Tentative)	All Finalists will conduct presentation in front of the jury panel
12 July 2024	Award Presentation Ceremony-cum-Dinner



Award Categories

The HKIS Awards 2024 opened to all types of development projects, including Residential, Commercial, Government, Institution or Community (GIC), and Industrial projects. Both new and existing projects are welcomed. The Award focuses on the use and application of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise across the disciplines in the respective phases within the project development cycle, accomplishing economic, environmental and social sustainability. Projects from local areas, the mainland, and overseas are all welcomed to participate in the Awards.

Hong Kong Award Categories

Applied project must be in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Applied project can be in any respective phases within the project development cycle below:

Award Categories	Surveyor's Contribution
Planning	 Project Inception & Project Planning Land Administration Town Planning Approvals, Statutory Approvals and Engagement with Local Public Bodies Sustainability Values, Processes, and Impact Innovation and Technology
Pre-construction	 Resources and Financial Arrangement Design Development Procurement Sustainability Values, Processes, and Impact Innovation and Technology
Construction	 Value and Cost Management Project Management Construction Management Sustainability Values, Processes, and Impact Innovation and Technology
Sales & Leasing	 Marketing Concept Development Sales and / or Leasing Strategies Marketing Management Sustainability Values, Processes, and Impact Innovation and Technology
Post-occupation	 Value Enhancement Property/Facility Management Sustainability Values, Processes, and Impact Innovation and Technology

Project outside Hong Kong Award Category

Applied project must be outside the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Applied project can be in any respective phases within the project development cycle below:

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Project outside Hong	 Planning
Kong	 Pre-construction
	 Construction
	Sales & Leasing
	 Post-occupation

^{*} Eligible projects should possess either Occupation Permits (OP or Phased OP), Acknowledgement letters on Form BA14 or Confirmation letter of Substantial Completion between 1 January 2019 and 15 December 2023 (both dates inclusive) as stated in the submission requirements.

Award Types

Awards are available in 4 tiers, ranked at follow:

Award Type*	Description
HKIS Excellence in Surveying Award	HKIS Excellence in Surveying Award will be presented to the
	project with outstanding OVERALL quality that is judged to be
	the BEST among all the Grand Award Winners.
Grand Awards*	There will be a Grand Award Winner(s) for each award
	category. This is the highest recognition to projects at the
	category level.
Merits*	There will be recognition of merit(s) for each award category.
Finalists*	There will be recognition of finalist(s) for each award
	category that has passed the first screening and that has
	been conducted site visit* and/or presented at the Finalist
	Presentation to Jury Panel.
	# Site visit judging process is applicable to Hong Kong Construction and Post Occupation Award Categories only.
	# Finalist qualification will be usurped if the project team is unable to conduct site visit or present at the Finalist Presentation to Jury Panel.

Special Award	Description
Innovative Surveying Award	One award will be given out among all finalists to recognise the project's outstanding quality in innovative surveying technology

^{*}The HKIS Awards 2024 Organising Committee reserves the right not to bestow an award if the Jury Panel deems that no application is worth receiving that particular award. The decision of the Jury Panel shall be final.

Jury Panel Members

Jury Panel Convenor

Sr CK LAU, JP

Managing Director | Hong Kong & Managing Director | Asia, Valuation & Advisory Services, Colliers

Past President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

Members*

Sr Prof CHAU Kwong Wing

Chair Professor, Department of Real Estate and Construction, The University of Hong Kong; Past President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

Dr CHEUNG Tin Cheung, SBS

Chairman, Hong Kong Green Building Council

Ar Prof Ada FUNG, BBS

President, Hong Kong Alliance of Built Asset & Environment Information Management Associations;

Chair, Hong Kong Chapter of buildingSMART International

Ir HO Chi Shing

Chairman, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency

Prof LING Kar Kan, SBS

Vice Chairman, Hong Kong Housing Society;

Director, Jockey Club Design Institute for Social Innovation of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Sr LO Pui Yiu, Sapphire

Assistant Director of Lands, Lands Department, HKSAR Government

Dr Winnie TANG, MH, JP

Founder and Honorary President, Smart City Consortium

Mr WONG Chuen Fai, JP

Commissioner for Climate Change, Environment and Ecology Bureau, HKSAR Government

Prof YEH Gar On, Anthony

Chair Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong

Ms YU Po Mei, Clarice, JP

Director of Buildings, Buildings Department, HKSAR Government

Details on the award categories, jury panel, and further information can be found at www.hkisawards.org.

Listed in alphabetical order by surname

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1. Sr Paul WONG, President of the HKIS (Middle), Sr Prof Winnie SHIU, HKIS Awards 2024 Organising Committee Chairlady (Left) and Sr CK LAU, JP, Jury Panel Convenor (Right) explained the Award in detail.



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2. President of the HKIS and the Awards Jury Panel (first row), HKIS Past Presidents, HKIS Official Bearers and HKIS Awards 2024 Organizing Committee (second row) witness the official launch of the Award:

(First Row) (From left to right)

- Sr Prof CHAU Kwong Wing, Chair Professor, Department of Real Estate and Construction, University of Hong Kong; Past President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
- Sr LO Pui Yiu, Sapphire, Assistant Director of Lands, Lands Department, HKSAR Government
- Mr WONG Chuen Fai, JP, Commissioner for Climate Change Environment and Ecology Bureau, HKSAR Government
- Ms YU Po Mei, Clarice, JP, Director of Buildings, Buildings Department, HKSAR Government

Sr Prof Winnie SHIU, HKIS Awards 2024 Organising Committee Chairlady; Past President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

- Sr Paul WONG, President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
- Sr CK LAU, JP, Jury Panel Convenor; Past President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
- Dr CHEUNG Tin Cheung, SBS, Chairman, Hong Kong Green Building Council
- Ir HO Chi Shing, Chairman, Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency
- **Dr Winnie TANG**, **MH**, **JP**, Founder and Honorary President, Smart City Consortium
- Sr KAN Fook Yee, GBS, SBS, Founding President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

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3. The HKIS Awards 2024 Briefing Session drew over 50 participants to attend, including developers, construction professionals, surveyors, and the media.

About HKIS

Established in 1984, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) is the only surveying professional body incorporated by ordinance in Hong Kong. As of 8 August 2023, the number of members reached 10722, of which 7683 were corporate members, 55 were associate members and 2984 were probationers and students.

HKIS work includes setting standards for professional services and performance, establishing codes of ethics, determining requirements for admission as professional surveyors, and encouraging members to upgrade skills through continuing professional development.

The Institute has an important consultative role in government policy making and on issues affecting the profession. We have advised the government on issues such as building safety and unauthorized building works, problems of property management, town planning and development strategies, construction quality, construction costs and housing problems. We have also issued guidance notes on floor area measurement, real estates valuation and land boundary survey, etc.

We have an established presence in the international arenas, have overseas connections, and have entered into reciprocal agreements with professional surveying and valuation institutes in Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and Mainland China recognizing the counterpart's member's qualifications. In addition, HKIS is a member of various leading international surveying organisations.



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