

Dear Presidents of FIG Member Associations,

It is with humility, determination and confidence in the future of our surveying industry, that I represent the National Society of Professional Surveyors' (NSPS) to be a Candidate for Vice President (VP) of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG). Having served FIG for two decades, I am grateful and prepared to take on this challenge and responsibility, to strengthen my contributions to the premier international organisation for the surveying profession. Having worked closely with major global organisations and professional institutes across the globe, as well as my four decades worth of surveying knowledge and experience, both in the private and public sector, demonstrates my commitment to our surveying industry, and effective organisational management, stakeholder engagement and effective leadership skills, making me a strong candidate for the post.



Two Decades of Experience with FIG

I started serving FIG in 2003 as the Personal Assistant to FIG Vice President T.N. Wong, during which I witnessed and materially assisted the VP to undertake core responsibilities to advance the profession, nurture young surveyors, and liaise with stakeholders. My continued activities and service in FIG has continued serving in major roles:

- Congress Director, FIG Working Week 2007
- Member of FIG Foundation Board of Directors
- Member of FIG Task Force on Review of Commissions Structure
- Co-Chair of FIG Commission 1 Working Group 1.2 – Women in Surveying
- Vice Chair of FIG Commission 1 – Professional Standards and Practice
- Chair of FIG Commission 1 – Professional Standards and Practice
- Advisory Committee of Commission Officers (ACCO) Representative to FIG Council

I currently serve as the Chair of FIG Commission 1 'Professional Standards and Practice', I have a thorough understanding of and identification with FIG's missions and visions, organisational structure and core administrative functions. With these in mind, I aspire to further my participation, run for Vice President and support the next President in ensuring prosperity and sustainability of the profession.

Through serving in various capacities, I have recognised the importance of maintaining a healthy relationship with an array of stakeholders including member associations, national mapping agencies, academic institutions, corporate and affiliate members alike. As Vice President, I will double down such efforts, building upon our solid relationship with the above-mentioned stakeholders, and other major international organisations, including but not limited to the United Nations, World Bank and the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors.

Proven Leadership Skills in NGOs and Public Sector

Regionally and internationally, I have a track record of effective leadership characterised by the ability to motivate, seek collaboration and achieve goals. With over 30 years in the Civil Service and currently the Government's Principal Adviser, I have steered mega, cross bureaux and departmental projects that required extensive cooperation by all. Such includes the development of Hong Kong's first Common Spatial Data Infrastructure and more recently the launch of an Interactive Map Dashboard for the public to access Covid-related spatial information. Formerly the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), HKIS Charitable Foundation, Hong Kong Geographic Information System Association, and Chairman of the Surveyors Registration Board, I have experience in organisational management that spans across finance, stakeholder engagement, administration, communications and human resources, and most importantly how to serve the members better.

A Pioneer in Women Leadership

Last but not least, one of my missions is to improve women's involvement in surveying, including taking on core leadership positions, tackling the gender imbalance in our sector. I am humbled to have shattered many glass ceilings, becoming the third woman and first from outside Europe to be a Director of FIG Foundation's Board of Directors and Chair of a Commission in FIG, the first woman Assistant Director in Survey and Mapping in the HKSAR Government, and the first woman President from the Land Surveying profession of HKIS. Having gone through the path to break many glass ceilings, I am convinced that improving gender equality and empowering women, one of the sustainable development goals of the United Nations, should be addressed in both developed and emerging economies. I am committed to encouraging women in their pursuits, especially in the surveying profession.

To conclude, it is with gratitude that I am nominated by NSPS to be a candidate for FIG Vice President. With my previous experience in FIG, ongoing relations with international organisations, leadership roles in several professional organisations, and lifelong journey to women leadership, I look forward to assuming this challenging and exciting role to facilitate the development and promotion of FIG and our profession.

I shall be in touch again in due course, explaining my vision for FIG and profession in greater detail. It has been a privilege to have served FIG for two decades, and I hope to garner your support and earn your vote as we embark on a new chapter together.

Yours sincerely,

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