

The Outstanding BRE Alumni Award 2014 – Awardee
Brief Biography

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Higher Diploma in Quantity Surveying
(Year of Award : 1974)



Sr Lau Ping Cheung (more commonly known as PC) graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic with a Higher Diploma in Quantity Surveying in 1974. An illegal immigrant with his parents and other siblings from Mainland China, PC spent his childhood in one of those hillside squatter areas in Shaueiwan, Hong Kong Island. The poor living conditions without daily necessities for water, drainage, etc., helped bequeath him with the instinct and strong desire to join the construction and real estate development sectors, which, as Hong Kong people have all so discerningly witnessed in the past few decades, have transformed Hong Kong's built environment into what it is today.

Notwithstanding being an escapee from Mainland China, PC was yet, ironically, in the vanguard of those few daredevils who made their early forays into Mainland China in the early 80s when China was at its embryonic stage of opening its door to the outside world, and when most Hong Kong people, let alone the whole world, were skeptical about Deng Xiaoping's open door policy. As a young surveyor, PC's first assignment in the Mainland was on a foundation project in Beijing's Jianguomen district in the early 80s. Unknown to him at that time, the project was in fact for a major landmark building in that district which would subsequently be transformed into the first ever central business district (CBD) in Beijing, the district surrounding Jianguomen China World Trade Centre in Chaoyang District, that we all know so well today. Since then, PC's career, in addition to working in Hong Kong, has been inseparable from the Mainland market, covering major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Chongqing, Shenyang, Dalian, etc., thus experiencing and witnessing in person China's colossal achievement in economic and social changes in the past 3 decades that have shocked the world with unparalleled precedence.

While developing his career, PC has dedicated much of his personal time to serving initially the surveying profession, then the wider professional community and Hong Kong society at large. He has been a past president of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, past chairman of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (HK Branch), and past chairman of the Surveyors Registration Board. He was the founding chairman of the Joint Professional Centre, one of the Founders of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services, and has been the Chairman since June 2012. PC was a former President and a key member of The PolyU Building Association in the 90s,

providing a pivotal link between alumni in the construction and real estate sectors and their alma mater before the establishment of the Federation of The PolyU Alumni Association.

In addition, PC has been selflessly serving Hong Kong society at large for years, being a former member of the HKSAR Legislative Council, a former non-executive Director of the Urban Renewal Authority, former chairman of the Infrastructure Development Advisory Committee of the Trade Development Council (TDC), a former member of the Professional Services Advisory Committee of TDC, a former member of the Council of City University of Hong Kong, and a former member of the Long term Housing Strategy Steering Committee. Currently, PC is a member of the Economic Development Commission as well as the Convener of its Working Group on Professional Services, a co-opted member of the Professional Services Sub-group of the Consultative Committee on Economic and Trade Cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland, a member of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee, and a member of the Council of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. PC is also a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Shanghai and Dalian. He is currently a Project Director at SOCAM Asset Management (HK) Ltd of the Shui On group of companies.