



General Practice Division
Sr Chiu Kam Kuen GPD Council Chairman

HKIS Media Luncheon

The GPD Chairman, Sr KK Chiu; Vice-Chairman (External Affairs), Sr Alexander Lam; and Honorary Treasurer, Sr Tony Wan, attended the HKIS Media Luncheon on February 3. Sr KK Chiu addressed the theme of GPD this year:

The GPD would explore and study ways to increase land and housing supply in Hong Kong (e.g. examine the feasibility of developing certain peripheral areas of country parks while maintaining/increasing the overall size and ecological value of the parks). Secondly, we would study ways to promote and fund building maintenance, rehabilitation, and retrofitting, so as to extend the life spans of buildings and enhance the efficiency of existing land use.

A working group under the Land Policy Panel will be formed to investigate land supply.



IVSC Insight Forum

The HKIS was invited to attend the IVSC Insight Forum organised by the IVSC Membership and Standards Recognition Board (MSRB) on 22 February. The purpose of the session is for the IVSC Membership and Standards Recognition Board to gather feedback from market practitioners, users of IVS, and regulators to develop and implement an International Valuation Standards (IVS) market recognition strategy. The Forum, which was divided into real estate and business valuation teams, was attended by accounting firms, the HKICPA, AICPA, surveying firms, the RICS, and the HKIS.

Strategic Growth Committee

The Strategic Growth Committee had its second meeting on 8 February. The terms of reference were confirmed as follows:

1. To review GPD membership figures and understand the reasons for stagnant membership growth in recent years.
2. To gain a better understanding of the various academic institutions that provide GP surveying courses, including the number of students in the various existing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes; number and backgrounds of their teaching staff, etc.
3. To review possible activities for brand-building in order to improve the awareness and image of GP surveying, with a view to attracting and encouraging more students and probationers to become GP surveyors.

4. To review the accreditation requirements for existing and new surveying courses.
5. To review and suggest possible improvements to the key components of the existing APC system with a view to providing clear paths for students and probationers to become qualified GP surveyors:
 - Minimum Training Period and Experience Areas
 - Pre-Qualification Structured Learning
 - Part I: Written Assessment – Subject Areas
 - Part II: Oral Assessment
 - Referred Candidates
 - Panel of Assessors – Existing Number and Eligibility
6. To explore the possible ways to strengthen CPD requirements for newly-qualified GP surveyors with a view to helping them boost their surveying careers.
7. To set short, medium, and long term growth rates in membership and recommend action plans (and implementation timelines) with a view to achieving the targeted membership growth rates and providing regular reports for the GPD Council's consideration and endorsement.

GPD Education Committee

APC Part I Re-examination

In order to help probationers get through the APC Part I Assessment faster, the GPD has agreed to conduct an additional Part I Written Assessment (hereafter the "Part I Re-examination") for those referred candidates from

2016. The Part I Re-examination will be held on 4 March and 11 March 2017 (Saturdays). Only probationers who attempted the last Part I Written Assessment in October 2016 will be invited to re-sit for the coming Part I Re-examination. A briefing session to all eligible probationers was held on 9 February to explain the re-examination arrangements.

CPD Events

The upcoming CPD events from March to May are listed below for members' reference. More information will be announced the closer we come to the event date.

Date	Event Name
11 March 2017	中國估價概要及內地房地產估價師資格互認考核研討會
4 May 2017	Lease interpretation
27 May 2017	Mediation

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