



General Practice Division  
Sr Chiu Kam Kuen GPD Council Chairman

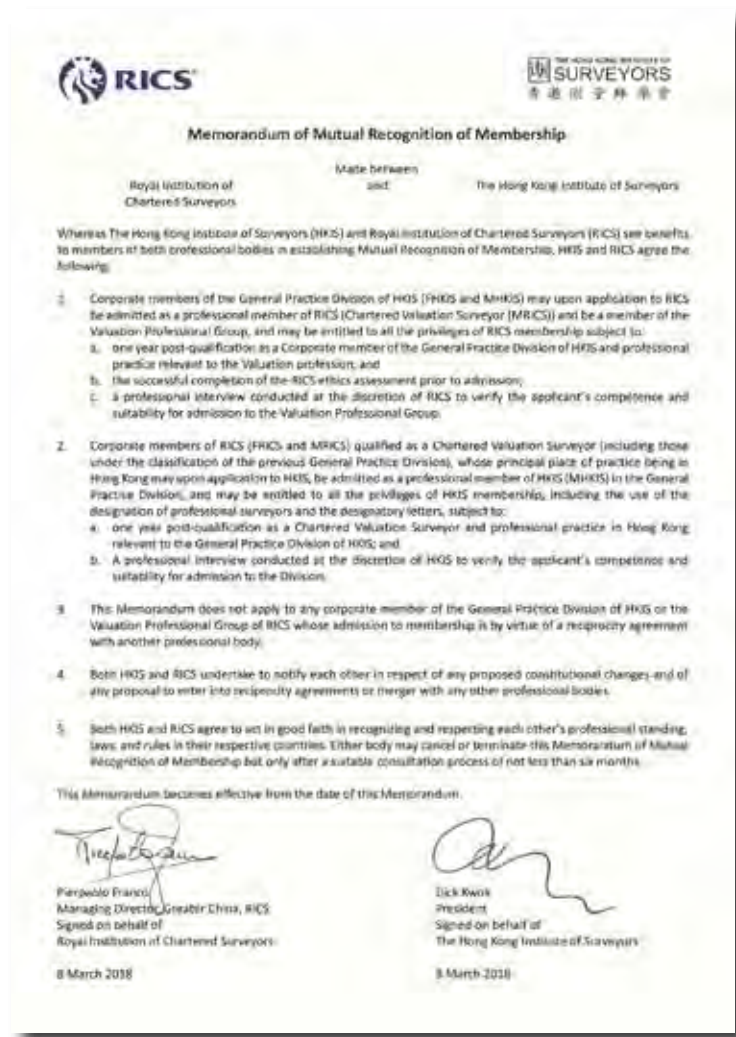
## HKIS and RICS Establish Mutual Recognition Agreement

On 23 March, a media group briefing was held to announce a mutual recognition of membership for valuation professionals of the HKIS and RICS after over a year of preparation and negotiations.

The agreement offers a streamlined application process for professional surveyor membership qualifications, which will allow surveying professionals to practise in markets where they have local knowledge and ultimately benefit their portfolios and raise their membership standings worldwide. GPD members of the HKIS and professional members of the RICS chartered through a valuation pathway (chartered valuation surveyors) will be recognised by both organisations.

With the development of mega-scale infrastructure and construction projects as a result of the Belt and Road initiative and Greater Bay Area development, this mutual membership recognition is a strategic move by the HKIS and RICS to bring more benefits and career opportunities to their members.

More information on the application procedures will be announced in due course.



(From left to right):  
1 Mr Clement Lau, Chair of RICS Hong Kong Board  
2 Dr Sean Tompkins, CEO of RICS  
3 Sr Dick Kwok, President of the HKIS  
4 Sr KK Chiu, Chairman of General Practice Division of the HKIS

## HKIS Media Luncheon

The HKIS hosted a media luncheon on 22 February, which was well-covered by the media. GPD Chairman Sr KK Chiu announced that the GPD's area of focus this year is:

***To review the feasibility of the land development measures and to study ways on improvement of the current premium assessment mechanism in order to reduce time for the premium valuation process.***

As for the land development measures suggested by the Task Force on Land Supply, the GPD will review their feasibility and provide its views to the Government.

In order to reduce the disagreements between the Government and developers over premium amounts and reduce the time taken to conduct the premium valuation process, the GPD set up a working group convened by Sr Charles Chan. It will identify the weaknesses of the current premium assessment mechanism and suggest improvements to the Government, so as to streamline the process and enable development projects to commence earlier.



Sr K K Chiu at the HKIS Media Luncheon

## GPD Outstanding Presentation Awards cum Gathering to Welcome New Members and Probationers (6 March 2018)

The GPD Outstanding Presentation Award cum Gathering to Welcome New Members and Probationers was held at the Surveyors Learning Centre on 6 March. Around 30 members attended this event. Sr KK Chiu, the GPD Chairman, presented the GPD APC (Part II) Outstanding Award to Sr Chan Chun Yin, Sr Chan Wai Ho, Sr Stephanie Chong Hoi Ting, and Sr Ng Yan Yee, all of whom delivered outstanding performances during the Part II Interview Assessment in December 2017. Sr Tony Wan, the Convener of the GPD Education

Committee, informed members that the GPD Education Committee was reviewing the APC Rules & Guide with a view to enhancing the APC system, improving the performances of APC candidates during APC assessments, and attracting more potential applicants.



Congratulations to the four winners of the GPD Outstanding Presentation Awards (from 4th on the left to the right): Sr Ng Yan Yee, Sr Chan Wai Ho, Sr Stephanie Chong Hoi Ting, and Sr Chan Chun Yin



The GPD Council welcomes the new Members and Probationers

## Career-Sharing Sessions with THEi Students

The GPD Council was invited by THEi to join its career-sharing sessions, held on 22 February, 1 March, and 8 March, as part of a surveying studio project. Those who joined these sessions were mainly Year 2 students who had to choose their majors in the near future. GPD Council Members, including Sr Alnwick Chan, Sr Andrew Chan, Sr Jason CW Chan, Sr Benson Lee, Sr Winnie Koo, and Sr Kirsten Lam, attended



those sessions and shared with students the day-to-day work of professional surveyors and career prospects for general practice surveyors. It was a valuable opportunity for members to meet with students to understand their concerns over and difficulties in studying surveying.



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## CPD: Citizens Task Force on Land Resources (CTF) – Why and What Do We Hope to Achieve? (Code: 2018044)

Our grateful thanks go to Mr Roger Nissim for sharing his thoughts and works that came from the Citizens Task Force on Land Resources (CTF), which was formed by a group of professionals and academics in

September 2017 to act as a counterweight to the Government Task Force on Land Supply.

CTF has proposed increasing the plot ratio in NDAs and reclaiming land in Nam Tong off Tseung Kwan O. Roger is a big supporter of preserving and protecting Hong Kong's country parks and encouraged attendees to visit them, which is always better than a trip to the doctor. Details of his PowerPoint presentation can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/general/events/cpd-2018044n2.pdf>



### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### GPD APC Part II Assessment June 2018

The GPD APC Part II Assessment will take place in June 2018. Application form can be downloaded from our website (HKIS main page ⇒ Professional Development ⇒ APC ⇒ GPD). Completed form must be returned to HKIS Secretariat no later than 6:00 pm, 30 April 2018 (Monday). Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please call HKIS Education Department at 2526 3679 for more details.