



General Practice Division

Sr Chiu Kam Kuen GPD Council Chairman

Application Procedures for RICS Chartered Valuation Surveyor to be Admitted as a Professional Member of HKIS in GPD under Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership (MMRM)

Further to the media group briefing held on 23 March to announce a mutual recognition of membership for valuation professionals, as reported in the March 2018 edition of the GPD Chairman's Message, the GPD Council agreed to accept applications from RICS candidates **anytime with immediate effect** following a similar arrangement under the previous MMRM coordinated by the HKIS Secretariat's Membership Department. **In other words, each RICS candidate will be subject to an admission interview** just like all other applicants for HKIS membership, as detailed in the application form. The GPD shall arrange interviews if a sufficient number of RICS candidates apply in due course.

An interview for an RICS candidate will follow the arrangement for the one-hour interview in the Part II Assessment under the APC. To streamline the interview process for RICS candidates, they will present recent case studies they submitted under the RICS final assessment instead of critical analyses of projects under the GPD's APC. More information on the interview arrangements, including the extent to which recent case studies were mentioned, will be announced in due course. For enquiries, please contact Ms Kiny Hung of the HKIS Membership Department at 2526 3679.

The GPD Council also agreed that it would only consider RICS candidates **through the normal**

APC route, which means it will not accept the professional experience route that was based on the comments received prior to the signing of the MMRM, as detailed in the November 2017 GPD Chairman's Message.

It was agreed that in the interim, a task force headed by the GPD Vice-Chairman (Internal), Sr Jason CW Chan, would oversee the application procedures of RICS candidates. It was also agreed that Sr Jason CW Chan and Sr Tony Wan, Convener of GPD Education Committee, shall act as Co-conveners to oversee the RICS candidate interviews, so as to ensure a consistent approach.

Revised APC Arrangements 2018

Proposed by the Education Committee and endorsed by the GPD Council, some revised APC arrangements will be made effective from 2018 onwards. According to the Rules and Guides to APC, candidates who has fulfilled the minimum requirements can attempt the Part I written examinations, which are usually scheduled in Fall every year. Starting from 2018, APC candidates are required to take part in two examination sessions only, as opposed to four sessions in the past. Under the new arrangements, two papers will be assessed in each session:

Session 1:

- Valuation
- Agency Practices, Development and Asset Management

Session 2:

- Law Relating to General Practice Surveying
- Urban and Land Economic Analysis

Duration of each session is 2 hours plus a 15-20

minute reading time. In each paper, candidates are required to attempt one question out of a pool of selective questions. Candidates who have passed all the four papers (multiple attempts allowed subject to the rules stated in the Rules and Guides) may be eligible to attempt the Part II exams. All probationers have been invited to a briefing session about the revised APC arrangements on 2 Jun 2018. Tentatively, the 2018 Part I examinations will be scheduled in October. Good luck to the candidates!

Career-Sharing Session with Students of King Ling College

The GPD was invited by King Ling College, a famous secondary school in the Tseung Kwan O area, to participate in its Career Fair on 27 April, which is an information session that aims to help Secondary 4 and 5 students familiarise themselves with the job market and prepare their career paths. This time, the GPD Council nominated two young surveyors, Sr Amy Cheng and Sr Michelle Ng of JLL, to represent it as the guest speakers at this event. During the two sessions (each lasting around 40 minutes) for two groups of students (around 30 students in each group), Amy and Michelle shared their educational backgrounds and career paths in the surveying industries and answered students' questions. The GPD Council expresses its appreciation to Amy and Michelle for participating in this event.



Visit to the Hong Kong Golf Club on Fan Kam Road in Fanling, New Territories

During a sunny afternoon on 28 April, a group of surveyors visited the Fanling Golf Course, which is now a centre of attention in the “big debate” over Hong Kong’s future land supply. The delegation was greeted by President Ronald Lu, Vice-Captain Martin Hadaway, General Manager Ian Gardner, and management staff. It was given a tour of the club’s heritage buildings, rare and valuable trees, and the ancestral burial places for the five indigenous village clans that still inhabit the vicinity of the Club. Some of the constraints, like the woodland and massive water supply pipes, were observed during the tour.

A “factsheet” published by the host, which outlines the club’s history, global recognition, public access, golf development, concern for the environment, etc, can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://www.hkis.org.hk/hkis/general/events/cpd-2018104.pdf>
password: Golf-2018

Fellow members are encouraged to understand the pros and cons of turning the golf course into a housing development.





Heritage buildings and rare and valuable trees can be found at the Club.

CPD: “Energising Kowloon East” from an Overseas Investor’s Perspective (Code: 2018063)

On 25 April, Michelle Chan of Mapletree Hong Kong Management Ltd kindly delivered a CPD event on ‘Energising Kowloon East’ from an overseas investor’s perspective. She shared with GPD members the investment angle of her company, which is expert in developing decentralised Grade A offices in Asia. The

future development potential of an area like Kowloon East and the inherent conditions of the site are major criteria in any investment decision.

Michelle also highlighted the specific design and architectural features of the development, such as the floor plate, energy-saving attributes, vertical circulation and linkage, etc. Her experience in handling the various issues encountered during the development process and marketing period were well-received by GPD members.



CPD: Central Harbourfront Site 3: Conceptual Ideas for a Globally Significant Waterfront (Code: 2018088)

This presentation focused on the highly topical future development of Site 3 along Hong Kong’s Central Harbourfront, a key site slated for redevelopment before being put up for sale after its completion. The site has the potential to change Hong Kong’s harbourfront dramatically and will be a key part of its postcard-ready view.

Benoy, together with Designing Hong Kong

and BuroHappold Engineering, were drawn to the Site 3 project and how its pending sale and redevelopment could shape the future use and enjoyment of Hong Kong's iconic waterfront. To spark a discussion across the industry and raise the profile of this site to the public, the speakers created a series of ideas that aim to catalyse a renaissance of the entire harbourfront.

Simon and the distinguished speakers discussed the driving factors behind the group's proposed conceptual designs, how they evolved from the existing government brief, and the aim to create a legacy for the people of Hong Kong.

The question for discussion with the surveyors was how the sale of the site should be handled to ensure the best outcome beyond a land premium consideration.



Professional Diploma in Land Surveying [EG424120P]

Programme Structure:

- Building Information Modelling and Computation for Geomatics (30 hrs)
- Survey Instrumentation (27 hrs)
- Advanced Mathematics for Engineering Survey (45 hrs)
- Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (33 hrs)
- Hong Kong Land Boundary Survey (30 hrs)
- Photogrammetry and Hydrographic Survey (45 hrs)
- Survey Adjustment (30 hrs)

Programme Fee:

HK\$33,600

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