



General Practice Division

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Guangdong Appraisal Society (廣東省資產評估協會) Visit

Led by Chairman Mr Zeng Yu-chang, delegates of 18 asset appraisers from the Guangdong Appraisal Society (GAS) visited the Institute on 29 August. President Sr Dick Kwok, Honorary Treasurer Sr Alex Lam, GPD Chairman Sr KK Chiu, and GPD Council members Sr Andrew Chan, Sr Kelly Lam, and Sr Cliff Tse received this delegation. Everyone exchanged views on various topics including, but not limited to, the current legislation on various types of valuation in Hong Kong, the eligibility of/possibility for Mainland valuers who obtained HKIS qualifications through a reciprocity agreement to work in Hong Kong, China's Appraisal Act, and the current risks valuers face. They also discussed collaborative opportunities between Mainland valuers and the HKIS in the Greater Bay Area, as well as the countries along the Belt and Road scheme.



Seminar to Introduce the HKIS to HKU MSc Students

HKU invited representatives from the GPD, PDD, and QSD to its campus to deliver a career talk to its master's students on 8 September. The HKIS's Sr Cliff Tse and Sr Kitty Ng attended the talk on behalf of the GPD to introduce the role of a GP surveyor, career prospects, and the APC requirements to the students. Owing to the new accreditation requirements for the Master of Science in Real Estate, including its major in Real Estate Investment and Finance, we have seen more students become interested in the GPD and wanted to know how they could become qualified members. We expect to see these familiar faces again at our future events.



GPD Drinks Gathering: Dialogue with Elite GP Surveyors

To encourage surveying students to connect with industry insiders, the GPD organised a drinks gathering in Central on the evening of 18 September. It was a remarkably successful networking event that attracted almost 100 students from HKU, PolyU, PolyU SPEED, and THEi. The students took this opportunity to meet the industry's most distinguished practitioners



and business leaders, representing consultancy firms, developers, and government departments, who gladly shared their own experiences in the field and offered plenty of tips on career development. It was definitely an enjoyable night for everyone, as their laughter and clinking wineglasses showed.



CPD: Hong Kong Golf Club Presentation (Code: 2018184)

To help members offer informed opinions on the two public consultation papers on the Review of the Policy on Private Recreational Leases and the Task Force on Land Supply, the HKIS invited representatives from the Hong Kong Golf Club (hereafter the Club) to speak at its CPD event on 29 September. This was a follow-up to a group visit the Institute made to the Club on 28 April. Messrs Ian Gardner (General Manager) and Tim Pierson-Smith (Consultant) shared the findings of their technical study, which outlined the potential impacts to the ecology, environment, landscape characteristics, cultural heritage, and golf's future in Hong Kong should the partial or full redevelopment of the Club's three existing courses for housing commence.

The speakers also opined, from an economic perspective, that there is no other golf course in Hong Kong that can host an event of the scale and prestige of the Hong Kong Open (HKO). Other Hong Kong courses cannot accommodate spectators and would not present a suitable challenge for top professional golfers. Certainly under the full and possibly under the partial development options, the HKO would be forced to cease operations, thus imposing significant adverse reputational and economic impacts on Hong Kong.

Limiting the choice of sports and availability of some already very scarce facilities in Hong Kong would reduce the opportunities for it to promote its international profile and reduce its attractiveness for business.

The speakers also emphasised that any form of development is unlikely to meet the Task Force's desired completion date due to a lack of necessary infrastructure. The partial redevelopment option could take 18 years to

CPD: Development Control under Lease in Hong Kong by Tony MoYung (Code: 2018071)

The long-awaited CPD on "Development Control under Lease" was held on 25 July. The SLC was packed and Mr Tony MoYung, Deputy Director (Specialist) of the Lands Department, reviewed some case studies, practice notes, and court judgments on "House". He also shared some premium assessment principles with the audience.



complete, whilst the full redevelopment option would take 25 years.



CPD: Hong Kong Golf Club Presentation (Code: 2018184)

Smart City: The Tencent Story – Site Visit and Talk (CPD Code: 2018167)

The Smart City: Tencent Story CPD event was held at the new headquarters of Tencent Bin Hai Towers in Shenzhen's Nanshan District. The event started with an introduction to the external and internal state-of-the-art technology-based designs/facilities in the towers. The designated recreational floors with rock-climbing walls, an indoor jogging path, basketball courts, gym, ping pong tables, billiards, etc, are some of the amenities available to employees. A newly-developed technology that directs vehicles to the nearest vacant car park was showed in the model. The smart and intelligent building facilities system in the control room included not only building services and security controls, but also those that handled office automation.

The guide, Sr MK Lo, kindly delivered a talk on Tencent's development history and its corporate strategy of "Internet Plus," which

is a new ecology of universal connections. The successful launch of Tencent's new headquarters inspired it to expand its ideas to a broader audience. Before the event ended, members enjoyed the privilege of being treated to an ample lunch at the headquarters canteen.

