



General Practice Division
Sr Chiu Kam Kuen GPD Council Chairman

Briefing Session on the Revised Rules and Guide to the GPD APC (4 May)

A briefing session on the revised Rules and Guide to the GPD Assessment for Professional Competence (APC) was held on 4 May. Sr Tony Wan, Convener of the Education Committee, kickstarted the session with a warm welcome speech to the 75 probationers in attendance. He explained the huge efforts made by members of the Divisional Education Committee over the past year to revise the new Rules and Guide and all APC-related forms. A new set of Practical Guidelines was also issued to provide detailed information on the arrangements, which will be updated periodically.

Sr Alex Fong then took the stage to highlight the salient features of the new Rules and Guide including exemptions from the Part I Assessment for local accredited degree holders, which attracted the most attention. He also presented the various APC routes and transitional arrangements for existing APC probationers. Before ending the session, Sr Dr Lennon Choy joined the two speakers for Q&As. An informal survey of the eligible probationers in attendance indicated that many intended to apply for a Part I Assessment exemption. Letters have been sent to inform all APC probationers of the new Rules and Guide and the application deadline for the transitional arrangement, which is 31 July 2019.

Updates from the Education Committee

The APC Structured Learning Programme (SLP) 2019 started on 4 May. Seventy-five people registered for the full programme and another 14 for its various subject areas or single sessions. The SLP will finish by the end of August. A revision session will be held before the Part I Assessment, which is tentatively scheduled for October 2019. The application for the Part I Assessment will open in due course. With the new Rules and Guide in place, eligible existing probationers may apply for an irreversible exemption from the Part I Assessment before the end of July. The Committee will accept a Professional Task instead before the Part II Assessment, which will be conducted on 1 June. Three panels have been set up to conduct the assessment for seven candidates and interviews for multiple division applications. Good luck to all candidates!

Review of the Reciprocity Agreement with the Australian Property Institute (API)

A reciprocity agreement between the HKIS and API has been in effect since 2002. API has proposed for a review of the existing reciprocity agreement. There was a recent discussion between representatives of the two Institutes to strengthen their alliance/partnership through knowledge exchanges and professional development exercises. We shall keep members updated on the progress.

CPD: Visit to SKYCITY and Hong Kong's Aerotropolis (Code: 2019082)

According to Wikipedia, an aerotropolis is a metropolitan sub-region whose layout, infrastructure, and economy are centred on an airport that serves as a multimodal “airport city” commercial core. It is similar in form to a traditional metropolis, which contains a central city commercial core and commuter-linked suburbs. This concept is being implemented at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA).

A CPD visit to SKYCITY Show Suite was held on the afternoon of 10 May (Friday). Mr Kenneth Wong (General Manager, Land and Property Development, Airport Authority Hong Kong) of SKYCITY kindly briefed members on the HKIA's Aerotropolis concept and its vital commercial project.

SKYCITY will become a new landmark in Hong Kong and dynamic new destination combining world-class retail, dining, and entertainment (RDE) facilities for visitors and locals of all ages, as well as hotel and office developments. Riding on the significant business potential of the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and its strategic location, SKYCITY can serve over 70 million visitors annually. Its RDE facilities will occupy a gross floor area of up to 350,000 square metres and will be the largest destination retail complex in Hong Kong featuring an era of experiential shopping and dining and unprecedented entertainment facilities.

Aided by videos and models in the SKYCITY show suite, the HKIS delegates explored the potential of the Aerotropolis development concept through interactive discussions with Kenneth on the SKYCITY project details and how this development can synergise with nearby mega cross-boundary and related infrastructure to serve Hong Kong's future.

The GPD thanks Mr Kenneth Wong and his team for giving its members the opportunity to learn about how the HKIA's property developments have evolved with its flagship SKYCITY development and see the drastic changes taking place at the HKIA, which remains not only an international aviation hub, but also the gateway of the GBA.





GPD Annual Dinner 2019

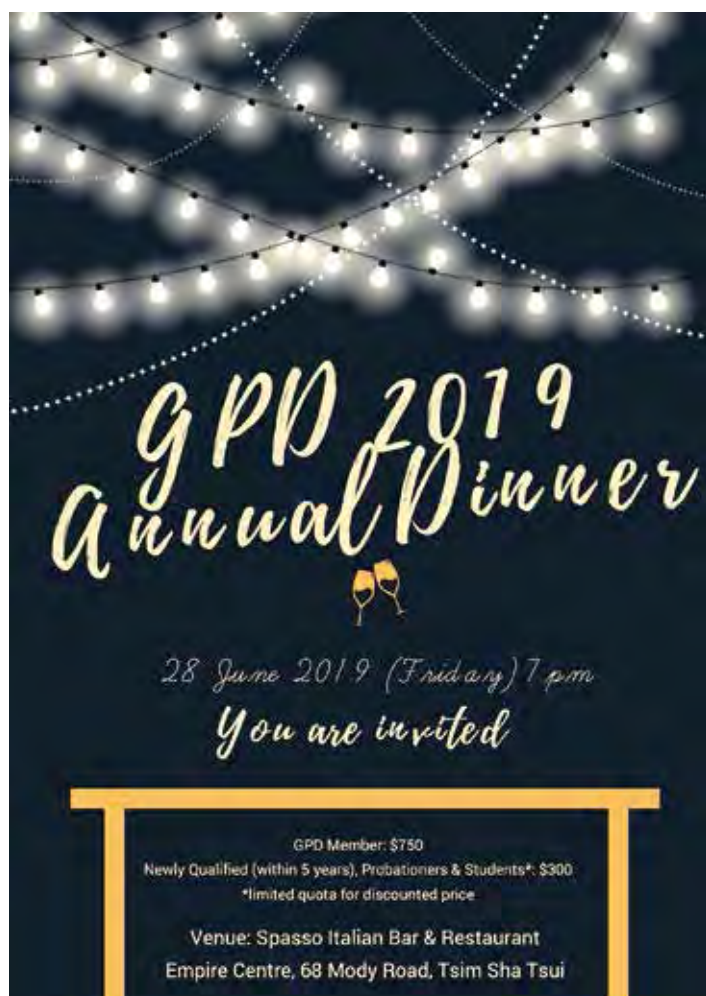
The GPD Annual Dinner 2019 is scheduled for 28 June 2019 (Friday) at the Spasso Italian Bar & Restaurant in Tsim Sha Tsui. All GPD members, probationers, and students are cordially invited to join this joyful and cheerful event.

The Dinner is an excellent networking event that allows members, probationers, and students to gather in a relaxed environment for an evening with delicious food and drink. It should be a memorable and fun event and the GPD sincerely invites all of its members to attend it.

To encourage more of its younger members to join the dinner, the GPD will offer a discount to probationers, students, and those who have qualified since 2015. The discounted quota is limited to 40 and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register, please complete the reservation form and return it with payment to the HKIS on or before 10 June 2019. For details, please refer to the e-broadcast.

We look forward to greeting you on 28 June 2019.



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