



General Practice Division
Sr Chiu Kam Kuen GPD Council Chairman

Amendment of the GPD Regulations

In order to encourage more members to actively participate in the HKIS's affairs and facilitate the GPD Council's growth, the Council proposed increasing the number of co-opted members who could be appointed from six to ten, as laid down in the GPD Regulations Clause 4.3. The General Council approved this and the amended GPD Regulations took effect on 26 September 2019.

Seminar to Introduce the HKIS to HKU MSc Students

HKU invited representatives from the GPD, PDD, and QSD to deliver a talk to its master's students in the Department of Real Estate and Construction on 7 September. Sr Kitty Ng represented the GPD to introduce the job nature of a GP surveyor, career prospects, and the route to becoming a qualified GP surveyor. The students wanted to know more about the profession and actively asked questions during the Q&A session. The GPD expects to see more students joining its future outreach events.

Briefing Session and Assessments of the Part I APC and Professional Task

On 9 September, the Education Committee held a briefing session on the forthcoming GPD APC Part I and Professional Task Assessments.

Convener Sr Tony Wan warmly welcomed the attendees and walked through the assessment formats and key elements of the four Part I APC papers and Professional Task. Then Education Committee members Sr Leo Cheung, Sr Lennon Choy, and Sr Alex Fong joined the Q&A session and answered enquires raised by the avid probationers. The forthcoming GPD APC Part I Assessments and Professional Task will occur on 5 and 12 October at PolyU's SPEED Hung Hom Bay Campus. Good luck to all probationers!



CPD: How to Realise the Redevelopment Potential of Strata-title Properties in Hong Kong from a Developer's Perspective – the Opportunity and Risk (Code: 2019151)

This was another sold-out event with 180 registered participants. The honourable speaker, Mr Trackie Lam, delivered a lively talk with charisma and professional insight.

Lam is the brains behind many landmark projects in Causeway Bay, which took many years to fully own and redevelop into commercial icons. He shared his experiences in negotiating with demanding owners and highlighting the many pitfalls he faced when selecting sites for acquisition and assembly.

Site assembly for redevelopment purposes is a risky business, but the rewards can be lucrative in a rising market. Lam reminded the audience that a conservative approach is prudent, as

holding costs are high and bank support is very limited, not to mention the hefty stamp duty that is payable upon acquiring residential units under a company name. Stamp duty refunds will only be given when redevelopment actually happens. Approach this matter with caution and do your maths right.



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