



General Practice Division

Sr Alnwick Chan GPD Council Chairman

Future Opportunities to Practice in China

I am pleased to report that China's Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD, 中華人民共和國住房和城鄉建設部) responded positively to the letter from Hon Sr Tony Tse regarding the GPD's request for a reciprocal arrangement between itself and the China Appraisal Society (CAS, 中國資產評估協會). The GPD expresses its sincere thanks to Hon Sr Tony Tse for helping on this matter.

In addition, the Agreement Concerning Amendment to the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services implemented on 1 June, has introduced a number of new liberalisation measures to help GPD members register to practice in Qianhai, Shenzhen; Hengqin, Zhuhai; and Nansha, Guangzhou with prior verification by the HKIS. Details of this arrangement have yet to be finalised by the Development Bureau.

To advance both game-changing matters, a working group under the leadership of Sr KK Chiu was recently formed with the following members: Sr Andrew Chan, Sr Charles Chan, Sr Alex Lam, Sr Thomas Lam, and Sr Clement Leung.

Members' Consultation: Draft HKIS Valuation Standards 2020

The consultation period for the draft HKIS Valuation Standards 2020 ended on 17 June. The views collected during this period are being deliberated by the Valuation Standards Panel, which will submit the final version to the General Council for endorsement.

The official HKIS Valuation Standards 2020 should come into effect in July 2020. Please look out for its announcement.

Incoming Director of Lands

The GPD Council is pleased to hear that Mr Andrew Lai Chi-wah, JP, current Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, will become the new Director of Lands on 5 August 2020.

Given that many GPD members are already working for or with the Lands Department in various capacities on matters concerning land lease, land supply, land administration, and site utilisation, the GPD looks forward to meeting and working with Mr Lai in the near future.

Task Force on Ocean Park Redevelopment

The Legislative Council's Finance Committee recently approved a HK\$5.4 billion rescue package to save Ocean Park from immediate closure. In reviewing the park's land use and operation, the Government will soon begin consultations of the professional community.

I am pleased to announce that Sr Victor Chow and Sr Kent Yeung were elected as the HKIS's main representatives in the Task Force on Ocean Park's Redevelopment under the purview of Hon Sr Tony Tse.

Task Force on HKIS Office Accommodation

The Wing On Centre has been home to the HKIS since 1 January 2013. Its current lease will expire on 31 December 2021 – only 1.5 years from now. Now is the time to plan ahead and explore options for the future.

The Task Force on HKIS Office Accommodation will soon issue a questionnaire to all HKIS members, including probationers and students, to gauge their views on the current premises of the HKIS administration office and Surveyors Learning Centre.

Members' valuable inputs will help the task force and Strategic Planning Committee steer the way forward.

Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership (MMRM)

On behalf of the GPD Council, I extend my appreciation to all panel assessors for devoting their Saturday mornings in June to the MMRM interviews. The last interview session was held on 27 June and the GPD looks forward to seeing new friends at future HKIS events.

CPD Series: Pre-war New Territories Land Administration

Sr Edwin Chan, the former Assistant Director of the Lands Department's Land Administration Office, kindly delivered two CPD talks on 20 May and 2 June to members.

In the first talk, he highlighted the three key components in land administration work: principle-in-law, policy and practice – in particular the subtle change in 1982.

In the second talk, he elaborated on the respective governing ordinances and covenants such as the Land Conveying Ordinance; Block

Crown Lease; Easement Covenant; Offensive Trade Covenant; No Conversion Covenant; No Construction Covenant; and the GN 365, GN 570, and GN 364.

The talks attracted the highest number of registrations and the material presented will be made available to participants upon request.

On behalf of the GPD, I extend my appreciation to Sr Edwin Chan and the CPD Panel Members.



Proposed Two-envelope Tendering Arrangement for the Disposal of Site 3 at the New Central Harbourfront

The Development Bureau organised a briefing on the proposed two-envelope tendering arrangement for the disposal of Site 3 at the New Central Harbourfront for the HKIS, HKILA, and HKIP on 22 May. I attended this meeting.

This iconic Comprehensive Development Area (CDA) site is probably the last plot of Government land for sale in prime Central. The site is scheduled for disposal within the current fiscal year under the 2020-2021 Land Sale Programme. Given that the site is very strategic, it will be sold through a two-envelope tender instead of a conventional cash tender.

Under the two-envelope tendering process, the tenderer's proposal will be evaluated on the basis of design merits and premium offers, after which the Government would select the proposal that presents the best combination of both aspects.

For further details, interested members can refer to the Planning Brief for the Comprehensive Development Area Zone at Site 3 of the New Central Harbourfront, which was published by the Planning Department in January 2017, along with the formal tender document after the tender invitation is announced.

Obituary

Sr Albert George Doran FHKIS FRICS passed away on 4 June at the age of 84. He was a mentor for many fellow surveyors and an expert in rating and land lease matters. The HKIS conveys its heartfelt condolences to his widow, Mrs Donna Doran, and their family.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR GPD APC PART ONE AND PART TWO ASSESSMENTS

The schedule of GPD APC Part One Written Assessment / Professional Task for Part Two Assessment 2020 is as follows:

Date: 3 and 10 October 2020 (Saturdays)

Time: 9am – 2pm

Venue: To be confirmed

The Part Two Assessments will be held in December 2020. Detailed arrangement will be announced in due course.

Application form for the APC Assessment (**APC6/GP**) could be downloaded from our website (HKIS main page ⇒ Professional Development ⇒ APC ⇒ GPD). Probationers who wish to sit for the APC Assessments must complete the form and return to HKIS Secretariat by **no later than 6:00 pm, Monday, 31 August 2020**. Late submission will not be accepted.

Probationers who are in the 2nd year training and have at least 21 months of APC training as at 31 August 2020 may apply for the APC Part Two Interview at the same time. Admission to the Part Two Interview will be subject to passing all subjects in the Part One Written Assessments, or obtaining exemption from Part One Assessments in accordance with Section 8.5 of the Rules and Guide to APC (GPD).

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