



General Practice Division

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This year, with two months left, has been a challenging one for the people of Hong Kong with no exception for surveyors.

Given the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it will take time for the city's service and tourism industries to fully recover. Private surveying firms already face a fiercely competitive business environment.

In times of crisis, members must uphold their professional standards as surveyors. They must not compromise their independence and integrity in conducting their daily activities.

Despite the economic slowdown, it is encouraging to hear that new surveying graduates do not lack career opportunities, for which they can thank the Government and business sector. The Government's land and housing policies, which should increase housing supply, have enhanced the employment opportunities for surveyors.

I am also pleased to note that the Lands Department has responded to the sluggish property market by making rational decisions within the Valuation Conference and Valuation Committee.

On a separate note, I wish to accentuate that surveyors should respect court and tribunal judgements and remind themselves to refrain from commenting on areas that are beyond their expertise.

I wish to thank YSG for inviting my team to speak at its CPD event on 20 October. The topic covered the application for a Certificate of Compliance. I was delighted to be assisted by my capable colleagues, Miss Vickie Lee and Miss Jessie Leung, who shared their experiences online and were probably the youngest HKIS CPD speakers in the Institute's history.



HKIS GPD Annual General Meeting

The GPD's Annual General Meeting will be held on 19 November 2020 (Thursday) at 6:30pm in the Surveyors Learning Centre, Room 1207, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Sheung Wan.

HKIS Diploma Presentation Ceremony

I was honoured to attend the HKIS Diploma Presentation Ceremony on 15 October along with HKIS President Sr Winnie Shiu. The event proceeded successfully.

Once again, I wish to congratulate and welcome all newly-qualified surveyors to the HKIS.



HKIS Diploma Presentation Ceremony

Compulsory Sale Application Overview

The 2nd edition of the Compulsory Sale Application Overview (『強制售賣』概覽) was published in June 2011. It is a 22-page Chinese text guide that was written in layman's terms to help property owners understand the Compulsory Sale (for Redevelopment) Ordinance Cap 545, which governs the auction sale process and property owners' rights.

As several changes to the legal framework have been made since the last edition of the Overview, the GPD has begun to update it. The existing version can be retrieved from the following link:

<https://www.hkis.org.hk/ufiles/HKIS-handout20111.pdf>.

You may e-mail your views to alnwickchan.hkis@gmail.com by 31 December 2020.

CPD Event: The Impacts and Challenges of Transitional Social Housing

Mr Anthony Wong, Business Director of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), kindly delivered a CPD talk on 30 September.

He shared his experiences in and challenges of rolling out the first modular social housing project, "Nam Cheong Street Modular Social Housing Project (南昌220)". He also disclosed some future transitional social housing projects in Hong Kong.

Anthony highlighted the vast opportunities in and the Council's visions of expanding transitional social housing developments.

The talk, conducted via Zoom, received an overwhelming response and the audience kept Anthony busy during the Q&A session.

I express my thanks to Anthony for sharing his insights with GPD members.



CPD Event: Land Sharing Pilot Scheme

The Development Bureau launched the Land Sharing Pilot Scheme in May 2020 to free up privately-owned agricultural lots in the New Territories for both public and private housing development.

On 19 October, Thomas Leung, Head of the Land Sharing Office, conducted a CPD talk to introduce the key features of the Scheme. He also gave GPD members tips on how to advise their clients when they navigate the Scheme's application process and the Government's conditions of acceptance.

In addition, Thomas shared the win-win scenarios that could stem from the allocation of 70% of a development's additional domestic GFA to the Government with enhanced development potential.

Thomas ended his presentation by reminding members of the application deadline – 5 May 2023 – and subject to a cap of 150 hectares on the total area of private land to be approved.

On behalf of the GPD, I thank Thomas for his informative presentation.



Upcoming CPD Event

I am pleased to announce that Mr Alan Yip, Partner at Mayer Brown, has kindly consented to co-host a CPD event with me on 26 November 2020. If you are interested, please register for this event at the HKIS website.

HKIS Souvenir

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