



General Practice Division

Sr Alnwick Chan GPD Council Chairman

On behalf of the GPD, I wish you a prosperous Year of the Ox.

With the government's launch of the Covid-19 vaccination programme, I encourage you and your family to seriously consider getting vaccinated as soon as possible. Vaccination is a top priority in Hong Kong's anti-pandemic measures and getting vaccinated early will enable the city to overcome the pandemic and put its economy on the road to recovery sooner.

Expiry of HKIS Office Tenancy

The tenancy of the HKIS headquarters and SLC at the Wing On Centre will expire at the end of 2021. There are ongoing discussions on lease restructuring, relocation, renovation, downsizing, and other options.

This month, all divisional councils were invited to comment on four key scenarios compiled by the Task Force (TF). The scenarios were based on financial assessments with reasonable assumptions and benchmark rentals for comparison purposes.

I applaud the TF's option analysis, which was very professional and well-presented. It allows the General and Strategic Planning Councils to make an informed decision on the Institute's future location.

The GPD prefers that the HKIS remain at the Wing On Centre by negotiating a rent reduction and possibly downsizing its leased area. If it stays put, both the HKIS office and SLC require refurbishment after tenancy renewal.

While the options of relocating were deliberated, high capital costs render such options less attractive. The Wing On Centre already offers a convenient location and excellent access. Its renovated lifts and good maintenance and building services present a professional image and comfortable environment that HKIS staff and members deserve.

I take the liberty to extract the financial statement presented during the last AGM and include it here so that members become aware of the Institute's financial position as at 31 July 2020.

Finally, I express my highest appreciation to the TF led by Sr Winnie Koo, Sr Alvin Leung, and Sr Kent Yeung for steering this critical mission. Many thanks also go to the QSD and BSD for kindly providing their valuable inputs.

Accumulated Fund (HK\$)

	31/7/2020	31/7/2019
The Institute - Reserved Fund	3,393,521	2,019,909
The Institute	6,402,045	5,487,142
Building Surveying	1,780,176	2,043,172
General Practice	2,837,511	2,803,769
Land Surveying	161,454	205,323
Planning and Development	246,872	203,831
Property and Facility Management	682,127	573,079
Quantity Surveying	8,421,889	6,884,647
Young Surveyors Group	2,313,775	2,074,503
Total:	26,239,370	22,295,375

CPD Event: Property Rights, Built Military Heritage Conservation, & Sustainability

On 26 February, Professor Lawrence Lai of HKU's Department of Real Estate and Construction kindly delivered a presentation to share his views and research on Hong Kong's property rights, built military heritage conservation, and sustainability.

Lawrence explained the functions, differences, and importance, as well as the maintenance conditions, of existing military heritage sites that are often overlooked by the public. He also shared his knowledge of mapping and aerial photo interpretation, the basic concepts of property rights for classifying built military heritage, built heritage conservation governance & plant management, and heritage tourism in the city.

Lawrence ended his presentation with some recommendations on how to enhance the efficiency of Hong Kong's built military heritage conservation and promote the sustainable development of military heritage tourism in Hong Kong.

I express my sincere appreciation to Lawrence for sharing his knowledge with HKIS members.

ANNOUNCEMENT

GPD APC Part II Assessment & Professional Task in early May and June 2021

The GPD APC Part II Assessment & Professional Task will take place in early May and June 2021. Application form can be downloaded from our website (HKIS main page ⇒ Professional Development ⇒ APC ⇒ GPD). Completed form must be returned to HKIS Secretariat by **no later than 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 31 March 2021**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please call HKIS Education Department on 2526 3679 for more details.

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Invitation for Speakers – HKIS General Practice Division PRE-QUALIFICATION STRUCTURED LEARNING PROGRAMME (SLP)

In accordance with Section 6 of the APC Rules and Guide promulgated in June 2012, candidates are required to attend **a mandatory 40-hour pre-qualification structured learning programme** before they can attempt the Part I Assessment. For the purpose of meeting this APC requirement, the GPD Education Committee will organize a 14-session (40 hrs) SLP for the candidates. The SLP aims to equip the APC candidates with an understanding of the practical application aspects of the GP surveying industry. Candidates are expected to attend at least 32 hours out of this 40-hour programme.

The GPD Education Committee would like to invite senior members (minimum 7 years of post qualification practical experience in relevant fields) to deliver talks (3 hours per session) in the format of face-to-face meeting or by online platform ZOOM to the probationers on the following topics.

1. Laws and Surveying (9 hrs)

- 1 General Practice Surveying Law (Lecture 1)
- 2 General Practice Surveying Law (Lecture 2)
- 3 General Practice Surveying Law (Lecture 3)

2. Agency Practice, Development and Property Management (9 hrs)

- 1 Transaction by Private Treaty, Sale and Letting, Auction & Tender
- 2 Planning and Development
- 3 Asset and Property Management

3. Urban Land Economics and Analysis (9 hrs)

- 1 Urban Land Economics (Lecture 1)
- 2 Urban Land Economics (Lecture 2)
- 3 Urban Land Economics (Lecture 3)

4. Valuation: (13 hrs)

- 1 General Valuation Principles (Session 1)
- 2 General Valuation Principles (Session 2)
- 3 General Valuation Principles (Session 3)
- 4 Statutory Valuation – Rating
- 5 Business Valuation

An honorarium for travel and meals for speakers/lectures will be paid at a rate of \$1,200 per hour basis or \$3,600 for each 3-hour session (inclusive of the preparation of lecture materials, notes, and setting of model examination questions with answers for the consideration of the GPD Education Committee). Teaching sessions will normally be held on Saturday mornings and afternoons and will tentatively commence in May 2021.

Interested members may send an email to HKIS Education Manager (Ms Judy Shiu, edudept@hkis.org.hk, Tel-2526 3679) for application and details of the SLP. The deadline for application is **15 March 2021**. The GPD Education Committee at its sole discretion will select suitable speakers to the SLP.

GPD Education Committee