



General Practice Division
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Electoral Reform

In response to the introduction of the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021, the HKIS relayed its concerns to the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs via letter on 28 April.

In the letter, the HKIS recommended that the number of eligible entities be increased by including more firms of different disciplines so that the Architectural, Surveying, Planning, and Landscape Subsectors would enjoy broader representation.

On 4 May, the Secretary for Development replied with a letter addressed to the HKIS President Sr Edwin Tang, which can be downloaded at the weblink below:

<https://bit.ly/2RRo0dT>



Lease Expiry

The challenge of coping with a large number of land leases that will expire in 2047 has elicited public unease over the last decade.

I recently met with Sr Hon Tony Tse, BBS, and asked him to raise the issue with the Legislative Council, which he kindly did on 28 April.

The Secretary for Development replied by elaborating on the Government's ongoing efforts to address the matter. Members can find the Government's detailed official response at the weblink below:

<https://bit.ly/3vEgXnb>



APC Part II & MMRM Interviews

In June and July, the GPD will conduct professional interviews for Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) Part II candidates and eligible corporate members of the RICS under the Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership (MMRM).

I express my sincere thanks to the Board of Education, Board of Membership, and all voluntary assessors. As the interview set-up requires plenty of logistics, I particularly thank Ms Judy Shiu and her colleagues at the HKIS administrative office for their efforts.

CPD Event: Challenges for the Convention and Exhibition Industry in Hong Kong during the Pandemic and AsiaWorld-Expo's Future Development Plans

According to the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2020, the Government launched the Convention and Exhibition Industry Subsidy Scheme with a commitment of over HK\$1billion to provide impetus to the convention and exhibition industry in the coming years.

Ms Enid Low, Chief Strategy Officer, AsiaWorld-Expo Management Limited (AWE), kindly shared with members the progress of and updates to a CPD event held on 12 May.

During the talk, Enid introduced the industry background of Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) and highlighted AWE's strategic location, which synergises with the Three-Runway System, Skycity, and Tung Chung New Town Extension. She also shared the opportunities in, challenges for, and transformation of the industry during the pandemic.

Last, Enid outlined the future prospects for Hong Kong's convention and exhibition industry, as well as the roles and competitive edges of local players in the Greater Bay Area, which received a very encouraging response from the participants.

I express my thanks to Enid for sharing her valuable insights with members.



CPD Event: Data Visualisation delivers Insights and Values from a General Practice Surveying Perspective

Data visualisation allows surveyors to identify patterns and trends that may otherwise be unobserved in traditional presentation formats.

On 28 April, Sr Wayne Lo, Manager of the Property and Land Division, Urban Renewal Authority (URA), shared his experiences in applying and utilising the data visualisation tool for valuation, which allows for ballpark adjustments of the unit rate to residential transactions.

Wayne also demonstrated how members can easily visualise patterns, outliers, and exceptions from the vast amount of property data in clear and cohesive ways.

I thank Wayne and his URA team for sharing their valuable insights with members.



Upcoming CPD Events

The CPD Panel has planned two new events outlined below. The net proceeds of the event on 11 August shall be donated to the HKIS Charitable Foundation.

The HKIS Charitable Foundation was established to provide assistance and financial support to the underprivileged, aged, socially disadvantaged, and vulnerable in the community.

Please check out the HKIS website for further event details and announcements.

Date & Time	Event Name	Speaker
7 July 2021 7:00-8:30 PM	REITs in the New Economy and REIT Valuation for Surveyors	Mr Victor Yeung , Chief Investment Officer, Admiral Investment Limited
11 August 2021 7:00-8:30 PM	The Nonlinear Relationship between Rental Price and Office Space in HK	Sr Prof KW Chau and Dr KT Wong , The University of Hong Kong

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