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# Northern Metropolis

Hong Kong is currently undergoing a period of rapid development and one of its key initiatives is the Northern Metropolis. This includes the San Tin Technopole, which covers the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation & Technology Park at the Lok Ma Chau (LMC) Loop and San Tin Town Centre. The Government aspires to develop the Northern Metropolis into a "new international I&T city".

In October 2021, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Planning Department (PlanD) jointly commissioned a study to formulate a recommended outline development plan (RODP), which proposed land uses for San Tin Technopole. Together with 87 ha of the LMC Loop, San Tin Technopole covers a development area of 627 ha. The RODP is currently open for public comments until 5 August 2023.

Click here for the RODP: https://tinyurl.com/24vuowe3



The HKIS is closely monitoring the Northern Metropolis project and a joint professional institute task force has been formed to provide constructive feedback to the newly-established Northern Metropolis Coordination Office.

### Streamlining Development Procedures

The Development (Town Planning, Lands, and Works) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2022 was introduced to LegCo to expedite land development in Hong Kong.

The Bill proposes amendments to six existing ordinances to streamline and enhance development processes, shorten statutory time limits, avoid repetitive procedures, improve inconsistent or ambiguous arrangements, and streamline other miscellaneous processes. The Bill has been read and passed for the third time. It is expected to take effect on 1 September 2023.

Click here for the Bill: https://tinyurl.com/29ntzxfc



## GPD Annual Conference 2023

I am pleased to announce that the GPD Annual Conference will occur on 19 August 2023 and the division has already received over ten sponsorships. Over 130 people have registered to attend the Conference.

The event will be held at Hotel Icon in Tsim Sha Tsui and the GPD is honoured to have Secretary for Development Ms Bernadette Linn, JP, as its Guest of Honour. I express my sincere gratitude to the Organising Committee for its hard work in making this event possible and assembling such a distinguished cast of speakers.

The GPD looks forward to seeing you on 19 August 2023.



To register, please click on the following link: https://www.popticket.hk/en/event/hkis-gpd-2023



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### Property Management Industry Licensing Regime

The Property Management Industry Licensing Regime, established under the Property Management Services Ordinance, will require all property management companies and practitioners to hold valid licenses from 1 August 2023. The regime aims to improve the professional status and quality of property management services for the public. Over 730 companies and 11,600 practitioners have been licensed so far. For details, please refer to the link below: https://tinyurl.com/2dylfceu





### Members Corner Needs Contributions from You!

Editorial Board invites articles for the Members Corner, a regular column in *Surveyors Times* for members to share their views on current topics and future trends, implications of new technologies and recent court decisions, the sharing of lessons learnt in members' professional practices, the highlights of new practice notes, the introduction of practical apps and ideas gained during members' recent gatherings with fellow professionals, good-natured and industry-related humour, etc.

An article need not be restricted to the professional practice of a surveyor, but neither is it intended to express a member's views on everything. It should connect or have implications for fellow members, be they serious thoughts on the constitution or future of the profession or simply as a gadget or trick that can benefit the day-to-day practices of surveyors. Articles should not be political or directly related to one's personal benefit for fear of litigation from individuals or organisations. The sensitivity and security of information presented also need to be borne in mind.

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