



General Practice Division
Sr Joseph Ho GPD Council Chairman

Promotion of Non-financial Asset Management: Hong Kong Town Planning and Development Seminar in Changsha, Hunan Province, the PRC

GPD Chairman Sr Joseph Ho was invited to and represented the Institute at a seminar titled, "香港城市規劃及建設經驗分享研討會," in Changsha, Hunan Province. It was organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan in the morning of 29 July. About 100 official representatives from various construction and development departments and 14 cities / autonomous prefecture of the Hunan Provincial People's Government were in attendance. Subsequent to the opening speeches by the Hon Raymond Tam, the Secretary for Constitution and Mainland Affairs, the HKSAR Government, and 張劍飛副省長, Vice-Governor of the Government of Hunan Province, Sr Joseph Ho, one of three guest speakers, presented the core services of the HKIS's various divisions and our members' capacity to provide non-financial asset management services to the public (非金融類資產管理及測量師的專業服務範圍). The promotion of these services is part of the HKIS's campaign over the past two years in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Bearing in mind that Asset Management I and II are GPD APC areas of experience to GPD probationers. The attendees had a positive reaction to the seminar and presentation.



- 1 Sr Joseph Ho gives his presentation on the stage.
- 2 Sr Joseph Ho joins the Q&A session of the seminar. From left to right: Mr Jimmy Leung of the HKIP, Mr KC Tam of the HKIA, and Sr Joseph Ho.

Promotion of Intellectual Property (IP) Valuation

As reported in the last issue of Surveyors Times, the HKIS reached an agreement with the Trade Development Council (TDC) to occupy a promotion booth for HKIS GP surveying companies that provide IP valuations in Hong Kong and want to advertise their services during the upcoming BIP Asia Forum from 3-4 December 2015. Seven GP surveying companies (SME to international) surveying companies listed on the HKIS company list expressed their interests and agreed to take up a session at the promotion booth during the Forum period and share the costs incurred. Sr Joseph Ho and the HKIS Secretariat are working closely with the representatives of these seven surveying companies on the logistics behind the use of the promotion booth, the basic house rules of which are that the booth must be managed by HKIS GP members and should only be used to promote HKIS and IP valuation services.

GPD Council Members on Map Making Competition

As part of the year-round Brand Enhancement Programme in 2015, a map making competition was opened for application by secondary students in July. Fourteen groups of applications were received and a briefing session-cum-guided tour was held on 8 August. The aim of the competition was to let teenagers interactively learn more about the surveying profession and the contribution of surveyors to Hong Kong's real estate development.

Sr Veronica Lee, Sr Jason Chan, and Sr Elsa Ng, as GPD representatives in the working group, attended the briefing session-cum-guided tour as helpers to assist the attendees alongside the representatives from the other divisions. During the walk from the HKIS headquarters to Central and the Mid-Levels via the Central-Mid-Levels-Escalator, we introduced the details of the competition, our requirements, and what GP surveyors have contributed to the property development cycle.

After the tour, the three members and some representatives from the other divisions relaxed with drinks at a local wine shop to exchange ideas and share their experiences.



3 From Left Sr Jason Chan, Sr Veronica Lee and Sr Elsa Ng
4 Cheers!
5 Map Making Competition Workshop - Group Photo

Report of the CPD Panel: How to Conduct Valuations/Appraisals in the US

Sr Joseph Ho has been discussing with the senior management of the Appraisal Institute (AI) about arranging a CPD event to introduce the appraisal practice of real property in the US for some time. The AI suggested holding the CPD when its delegation visits Hong Kong on 21 August 2015. The President of the AI, Mr M Lance Coyle, led the delegation to visit the HKIS on 21 August and to give a speech on how to conduct valuations/appraisals in the US. At the CPD event, Mr Coyle initially introduced the structure of AI and gave a briefing on the valuation industry and its litigation valuation practice of real estate in the US. About 70 members and non-members attended the event. The AI delegation also comprised Mr Jim Amarin, Vice President and the 2017 President; Mr Frederick H Grubbe, Chief Executive Officer; and Mr Steven Basart, AI Director of China.



6 From left Mr Steven Basart, Sr Joseph Ho, Mr M Lance Coyle, Mr Frederick H Grubbe, Mr Jim Amarin, Sr Donald Cheung and Sr Elsa Ng.
7 Mr M Lance Coyle gave his speech on the stage.
8-9 Sr Joseph Ho and Mr M Lance Coyle exchanged souvenirs.