



General Practice Division

Sr Alnwick Chan GPD Council Chairman

Despite challenges in the face of this health crisis, the GPD's CPD Panel has managed to organise nine successful CPD events in 2020.

As of mid-August, the panel has recorded a total of 1,737 registrations for an average of 193 registrations per event. This is a job well done by the organisers, speakers, and fellow members.

CPD Event: The REIT Market in Hong Kong and the Code on REITs – from the Past to the Future

On 27 July, Mr George Hongchoy, CEO of Link Asset Management Limited, joined a CPD event to share his invaluable experiences managing Asia's largest REIT.

He began his presentation with an overview of the Link REIT's journey over the past 15 years, which included a proactive asset management strategy that transformed its portfolio of Hong Kong-based real estate into one spanning the Greater China region and overseas.

Mr Hongchoy shared his views on the proposed amendments to the SFC Code on REITs, which concerns minority holdings, property development, borrowing limits, and the disclosure of connected party transactions.

He encouraged HKIS members to submit written comments to the SFC from professional surveying perspectives.

The talk ended with an overwhelming response during the Q&A session, which lasted for over half an hour. Sincere thanks go to Mr Hongchoy for his enlightening presentation.



Invitation to Conduct a CPD

If you are familiar with any surveying-related topic and confident in your public speaking abilities, the GPD warmly welcomes you to share your knowledge by conducting a CPD.

The best way to get your feet wet in public speaking is to jump right in.

Please express your interest by reaching out to Sr Andrew Chan, Sr Leo Cheung, or myself.

HKIS Valuation Standards 2020

The consultation period of the draft HKIS Valuation Standards 2020 ended and the Valuation Standards Panel has deliberated on the views collected during the consultation. It will issue the final version of the Standards upon endorsement and approval of the draft during the next HKIS Annual General Meeting, which will take place at year's end.

APC Assessment

The Education Committee has scheduled the APC Part I Assessment for 3 and 10 October. The assessment shall cover four papers, namely: 1) valuation; 2) agency, development, and asset management; 3) law; and 4) economics. Each sitting shall last for an hour with additional 15-minute reading periods.

Cognate degree holders who have applied for exemption from the Part I Assessment may sit for the Professional Task on 3 October to facilitate the subsequent Part II Assessment in December.

A briefing session on the Part I Assessment and Professional Task will be held on 3 September. It shall cover the assessment formats and the GPD's contingency plans under unforeseeable situations.

Good luck to all APC candidates!

Upcoming CPD Events

Be sure to look out for CPD events in September and October. Visit the HKIS website for further details and announcements.

Date & Time	Event Name	Speaker(s)
30 September 2020 7:00-8:30 PM	Transitional Housing Development/ Project Implemented by the HKCSS	Mr Anthony Wong, Business Director, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
13 October 2020 7:00-8:30 PM	The Process of and Experience in Obtaining the PTG Governing the West Kowloon Cultural District	Mr Adam Lee, Executive Director, Head of Land Advisory Services, Knight Frank Mr Daniel Cheng, Director, Land Advisory Services, Knight Frank