



General Practice Division
Sr Alnwick Chan GPD Council Chairman



Happy Mid-Autumn Festival to all fellow members.

Courtesy Visit to the Director of Lands

The office bearers of the GPD Council had the pleasure of paying a courtesy visit to the newly-appointed Director of Lands, Mr Andrew Lai, on 16 September. The Deputy Director/Specialist, Mr Tony Moyung, was also in attendance.

The GPD delegation took the opportunity to discuss with Mr Lai several issues that stakeholders in the property industry face including lease renewals/extensions, human resources, the Lands Department's work-from-home arrangements, payment terms for consultancy engagements, tree-felling applications, and the consultation process with the District Councils in respect of land applications. Views on the Land Sharing Pilot Scheme and enhanced Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium were also exchanged.

The GPD conveyed its support for the Lands Department's new initiatives such as the establishment of the Land Supply Section (LSS) and Development Control Section (DCS) with its centralised Building Plan Unit. It also reiterated the HKIS's support for the Lantau Tomorrow Vision project.

The GPD looks forward to establishing a constructive working relationship with Mr Lai and his team of surveyors.

HKIS Valuation Standards 2020

The General Council of HKIS endorsed the proposed HKIS Valuation Standards 2020 on 24 September.

The GPD shall proceed with the ratification process of the proposed standards during the upcoming HKIS Annual General Meeting on 11 December.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the AGM.

APC Assessment

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused uncertainties and numerous challenges for APC candidates and our exam administrators.

The Education Committee strives to ensure that all examination venues provide adequate social distancing for the number of candidates registered.

By strictly adhering to the government's social distancing guidance, the APC Part I Assessment took place on 3 October successfully.



I express my thanks to the Education Committee and the following for helping out with the arrangements.

- Sr Dr Lennon Choy (Convener)
- Sr Leo Cheung (Co-convener)
- Sr Chris Chan
- Sr Alex Fong
- Sr Michael Hung
- Sr Kirsten Lam
- Sr Alvin Leung
- Sr Clement Leung
- Sr Joanne Lou
- Sr Juven Sham
- Ms Judy Shiu
- Sr Tony Wan
- Sr Ivy Wong

Manpower Situation of the Real Estate Services Industry

Sr CK Lau and I attended the 2020 Focus Group Meeting on the Manpower Situation of the Real Estate Services Industry organised by the Vocational Training Council (VTC). Representatives from property developers, real estate agencies and property and facility management companies were also in attendance.

The objective of the meeting was to provide our views to the VTC, and the results will help them understand the latest manpower situation and training needs of the industry. The collected views will be useful for developing relevant training strategies.

The HKIS would like the VTC to suggest the government to allocate more resources to universities and higher education institutions for surveying-related disciplines. Certain courses should place more emphasis on practical

The Education Committee has also scheduled the APC Part I Assessment for 10 October and 26 candidates have registered for it. Meanwhile, 38 candidates registered for the Professional Task and Part II Interview Assessment.

The next APC Part II Assessment shall take place in early December with a total of 57 candidates.

applications so that graduates can better serve the needs of the industry.

The attendees expressed, among others, their support for greater supply of manpower despite the current market uncertainties caused by social unrest in Hong Kong, the COVID-19 pandemic and trade tensions between China and the US.

The views are supported by the fact that the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is continuing its effort to increase land supply and address the shortage of public and private residential flats.

The government's land and housing policies enhance the employment opportunities of new graduates and bring benefits to all professional service providers of the industry, including property management, property agency, surveying and construction.

We remain confident that the property market shall recover, and the next generation will be offered with tremendous employment opportunities locally and in the Greater Bay Area.

CPD Event

From Brownfields to Modern Logistics: The Development of Hong Kong's Logistics Industry and its Land Demand

On 26 August, Mr Ryan Ip, Head of Land & Housing Research of the Our Hong Kong Foundation, kindly delivered a presentation to share his views and research on Hong Kong's logistics industry and land supply.

Ryan provided insights into the latest

developments in the logistics industry and the number of available logistics spaces in the city. He also described how the eruptive growth of e-commerce has transformed the industry and space requirements.

Ryan ended his presentation with five recommendations to various stakeholders for improving Hong Kong's competitiveness and ensuring the sustainable growth of the logistics industry.

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

Upcoming CPD events

Be sure to look out for the CPD events that are scheduled for September and October. Please visit the HKIS website for further details and announcements.

Date & Time	Event Name	Speaker
30 September 2020 7:00-8:30 PM	The Impacts and Challenges of Transitional Social Housing: Experience-Sharing of the Community Housing Movement and Modular Social Housing	Mr Anthony Wong, Business Director, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
19 October 2020 7-8 PM	Land Sharing Pilot Scheme	Mr Thomas Leung, Head of the Land Sharing Office, Development Bureau