



General Practice Division

Sr Alnwick Chan GPD Council Chairman

My message as GPD Chairman will be very brief this month. Despite the fact that most members have been adversely affected by the 5th Covid-19 wave, it appears that they have adapted to the new normal and the work-from-home arrangements seem to be functioning better these days.

Thanks go to the new technologies and hard work of surveyors. All LandsD offices will continue to provide basic public services, while the Lands Tribunal will continue to operate. Government staff are now equipped with laptops to carry out their daily tasks.

The GPD's council business also proceeds as usual. Working group meetings are mostly held via Zoom and CPD events continue to take place online.

Review of Cap 545

In her 2021 Policy Address, the Chief Executive proposed lowering the compulsory sale thresholds under the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance (Cap 545) to expedite the redevelopment of Hong Kong's aged buildings.

In response, the GPD is polling its surveyors to gauge their views on the proposal and on Cap 545 in general, so as to enhance the protection of minority owners' interests in compulsory sale cases.

I thank Sr Sat Wei Ling and Sr Wayne Lee for joining the GPD's interviews. Working group members are now updating the Chinese version of the Guidance Notes on Compulsory Sale (『強制售賣』概覽) with the objective of educating the general public.

All fellow members are welcome to share their

views on the CE's proposal and Ordinance. Please send your comments to the following email address by 15 April 2022: alnwickchan.hkis@gmail.com.

During these exercises, the GPD endeavours to enhance its protection of minority owner interests, encourage early settlement, and expedite Hong Kong's redevelopment process.

As a professional body, the GPD shall not shy away from promoting urban renewal, while also enhancing business opportunities for its members. Urban renewal not only reduces the risks associated with dilapidated buildings, it also serves Hong Kong's best interests.

Upcoming CPD Events

The CPD panel led by Sr Alvin Leung has planned three online CPDs for the next two months. Please visit the HKIS website for the latest details on each topic.

| Date | Time | Event Name | Speaker |
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| 17 March | 6:30-8:00 pm | Implications of the Court of Final Appeal's Judgement on Kwok Cheuk Kin v Director of Lands on Small House Policy | Ms Isabel Tam, Barrister, Denis Chang's Chambers |
| 29 March | 6:30-8:00 pm | Pillboxes on Hong Kong Island during the World War II Era | Prof Lawrence Lai, HKU |
| 26 April | 6:30-8:00 pm | Sharing of M+ Development from an Architect's Perspective | TBD |