



Land Surveying Division  
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## Support for Engineering, Architectural, Surveying, Town Planning, and Landscape Sectors 3.0

The Development Bureau (DevB) announced on 10 June that the Government would launch its Support for the Engineering, Architectural, Surveying, Town Planning, and Landscape Sectors 3.0 (hereafter Support Measure 3.0) to continue subsidising private organisations that employ assistant professionals and construction industry graduates.

Support Measure 3.0 provides a total of 2,000 subsidised places including 1,375 places for professionals and 625 for graduates.

The pandemic has severely affected the job market for surveyors. Several LSD members who run their own private practices informed the LSD that Support Measure 3.0 has significantly alleviated their payroll obligations when employing surveying graduates and assistant professionals. Moreover, it has also created more job opportunities for probationers.

However, a few members reflected that they encountered difficulties when applying for the Training Subsidy for Assistant Professionals during Support Measures 1.0 and 2.0 due to the different requirements for taking the Part II Assessment of the APC Final Assessment for the HKIS's different divisions. So I asked DevB to add the LSD Part II Written Assessment to the notes of the *Application Guide of Support Measures 3.0* to clarify the LSD's specific requirements. Please see the actual note extracted from the Guide.

Assistant Professional (Surveying Sector) employee	(d) In 2021 took HKIA Professional Assessment <sup>(Note 3)</sup> (a) [First Priority <sup>(Note 2)</sup> ] In 2022 complete the training required and recognised by HKIS and <u>satisfied the requirements to sit for Part II Assessment<sup>(Note 4)</sup> of the Final Assessment of APC of the HKIS; or</u> (b) Apply to take 2022 Part II Assessment <sup>(Note 4)</sup> of the Final Assessment of APC of the HKIS and HKIS's approval is given; or (c) In 2021 completed the training required and recognised by HKIS and satisfied the requirements to sit for Part II Assessment <sup>(Note 4)</sup> of the Final Assessment of APC of the HKIS; or (d) In 2021 took Part II Assessment <sup>(Note 4)</sup> of the Final Assessment of APC of the HKIS
Assistant Professional	(a) [First Priority <sup>(Note 2)</sup> ] In 2022 complete the training (d) In 2021 took HKILA Professional Practice Examination

Note 1: All years refer to calendar year.

Note 2: Priority will be given as stated in Section 6.15 in allocation of subsidy places.

Note 3: Refer to any of the examination papers 1, 2, 6, 7 or 8.

Note 4: Part II Assessment refers to the APC Practical task of the Building Surveying Division; the Part II Written Assessment of the Land Surveying Division; and the Written Submission of the Planning and Development Division.

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Simply speaking, according to the *LSD APC Rules and Guide*, candidates who graduated from accredited degree courses are eligible to apply for the Part II Written Assessment provided that they have: 1) accumulated at least two years of professional training experience and 2) obtained approval of the practical task(s) for Part II of the Written Assessment.

To all prospective candidates, please ensure that you meet the above requirements before you submit your applications. Finally, don't miss the application deadline, which is 30 November 2022.

## Ratification of the *Guidance Notes on Standards*

The HKIS Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to resolve the ratification of the *HKIS Guidance Notes for Land Boundary Surveys, 2022 Edition* (hereafter the *Guidance Notes*) concluded successfully on 22 August. I hereby express my sincerest thanks to all HKIS members, especially

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## 組別簡訊

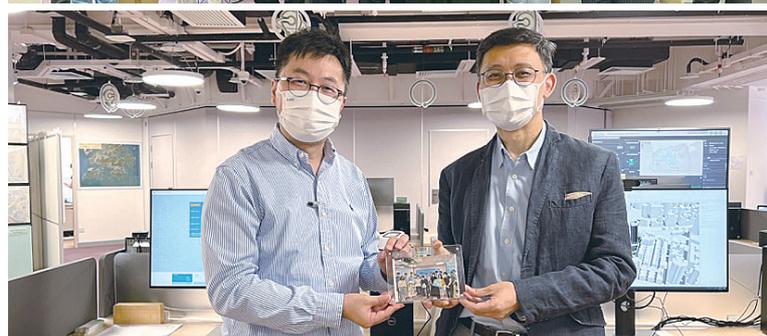
those from the LSD, for supporting the EGM and resolution by attending the EGM or sending back their proxy votes. Also, I acknowledge the efforts of Sr Phoebe CHAN and Sr James WONG, who were appointed scrutineers for the vote count during the EGM.

The *Guidance Notes* provide technical guidelines to all professional members who are involved in the land boundary surveying service. The LSD initiated a review of the *Guidance Notes* following the *Gazettal of the Code of Practice* (Fifth Edition, hereafter the *COP*) was approved under the Land Survey Ordinance. Revisions to the *Guidance Notes* are intended to strengthen the standards for conducting land boundary surveys and to keep pace with the *COP*.

The full version of the *Guidance Notes* is now accessible at the HKIS website.

## CPD Highlights: Visit to Geospatial Lab

On 20-August, LSD members, led by LSD Chairman Sr Paul TSUI and Vice Chairman Sr LAU Chi-kwong, visited Geospatial Lab (GeoLab) and were welcomed by Sr CHAN Yue-chun (Head of DevB's Spatial Data Office), Dr Ann MAK (GeoLab Manager), and other GeoLab staff. The hosts introduced the latest common spatial data infrastructure (CSDI) developments and GeoLab facilities and services. They also showcased and demonstrated the value of geospatial data in smart city development.



### Brief Introduction to GeoLab

DevB established GeoLab, which is operated by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and supported by the Smart City Consortium (SCC). It is intended to encourage the public to make use of spatial data to develop smart applications, thereby dovetailing the CSDI initiative in support of smart city development.