



General Practice Division
Sr Alnwick Chan GPD Council Chairman

GPD Annual Conference 2022

The GPD Annual Conference 2022, held on 15 October, was a huge success with over 300 participants turning up in person and via Zoom. The GPD sincerely appreciates the participation of its guest of honour, Mrs Regina Yip Lau Suk-ye, GBM, GBS, JP, and all esteemed speakers.



I was especially honoured to be invited to share my views on the San Tin Technopole. In the long run, under the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park and areas around Lok Ma Chau/San Tin will be consolidated to form the San Tin Technopole, where land for I&T-related uses is estimated at around 240 ha.



This, together with the Shenzhen I&T zone, will form the Shenzhen-Hong Kong I&T Cooperation Zone of approximately 540 ha. It will combine the strengths of Hong Kong and Shenzhen by pooling regional talent to propel the development of an international I&T hub in the GBA.

The implementation and development of this project will take time. Given that the ultimate goal of this policy is to promote innovation and technology, surveyors, as land experts, must think creatively to attract talent and business. For this task, the conventional land tendering process would be ineffective because surveyors need to plan ahead to promote innovative industries. Market participants should tell the Government what they need to thrive, while innovation requires an atmosphere in which new ideas can flourish.



Last, I extend my gratitude to the conference organising committee under the leadership of Sr Alexander Lam. Its members worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this landmark event. Other members of the committee include Sr Andrew Chan, Sr Charles Chan, Sr Kelly Lam, Sr CK Lau, Sr Paul MH Li, and Sr Joel Teh.

HKIS Annual Dinner 2022

The HKIS Annual Dinner 2022 at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong is scheduled for 8 November 2022. It expects a huge turnout and all tables have been reserved.

The HKIS Charitable Foundation (香港測量師學會慈善基金) has organised a raffle ticket sale to raise funds to support its work. Abundant prizes will be up for grabs, so please show your support during and after the dinner.

The Foundation was established in 2014. It organises, supports, promotes, and engages in non-profit work and activities that assist Hong Kong's underprivileged, aged, socially disadvantaged, and vulnerable. Its goals are to promote education and poverty relief, as well as assist in emergency relief projects. The Foundation is an approved charitable institution and tax-exempt under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance.

GPD Christmas Gathering 2022

The GPD is planning a Christmas celebration in Causeway Bay for 19 December 2022. Seats are few, so members should note this event on their calendars and wait for the event flyer. I look forward to reconnecting with members after almost three years of isolation induced by Covid-19.

Upcoming CPD Event

I will conduct a CPD on compulsory sale applications on 20 December 2022. Please look out for registration details on the HKIS website. I look forward to members' support for this in-person attendance only event.

GPD AGM 2022

The GPD Annual General Meeting will take place at 6:30 pm on 16 November 2022 (Wednesday) at the HKIS Surveyors Learning Centre. See you there!

Acknowledgement

This year's AGM will mark the end of my third year in office. I wish to express my heartiest gratitude to all GPD Council Members, co-opted members, and YSG representatives for giving their time, knowledge, and resources over the last 36 months. The GPD's continued prosperity testifies to the Council's passion and commitment.

I also express my appreciation to outgoing HKIS President Sr KK Chiu for his numerous contributions to the Institute and the wider real estate industry over the last 12 months.