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### General Practice Division

Sr Andrew Chan GPD Council Chairman

The GPD Council held its second meeting on 13 December. One of the key agenda items was the nomination of representatives and committees, which garnered unanimous support from the attendees. The newly-appointed representatives and committees will play a pivotal role in advancing the Council's initiatives to ensure ongoing success and positive industry impact.

### **GPD Representatives on HKIS Boards**

Executive Committee	Sr Andrew CHAN Ka Fai
General Council	Sr Andrew CHAN Ka Fai Sr Dorothy CHOW Yeuk Yu Sr Kelly LAM Miu Sheung
Board of Education	Sr Benson LEE Bun Sr LAU Chun Kong
Board of Membership	Sr Kirsten LAM Man Ting Sr Cyrus FONG Yiu Ming
Board of Professional Development	Sr Jeffrey WONG Ching Hang Sr Alvin LEUNG Chun Fung
GPD Spokespersons	Sr Andrew CHAN Ka Fai Sr Dorothy CHOW Yeuk Yu Sr Alnwick CHAN Chi Hing Sr Alexander LAM Tsan Wing

#### **GPD Committees**

CPD Panel	Sr Alvin LEUNG Chun Fung (Convener)
GPD Education Committee	Sr Alex FONG Sr Cyrus FONG Yiu Ming (Co-conveners)
GPD Promotion Committee	Sr Jason KWONG Wai Yin Sr Anne LAM Wan Kai (Co-conveners)
GPD Annual Dinner 2024 Committee	Sr Kirsten LAM Man Ting Sr Jason CHAN Chak Sum (Co-conveners)
GPD Drinks	Sr Kirsten LAM Man Ting (Convener) Sr Alnwick CHAN Chi Hing Sr Tansy CHEUNG

HKIS/RICS Working Group	Sr Jason CHAN Chak Wa (Convener)
Valuation Liaison Meeting	Sr Alnwick CHAN Chi Hing (Convener)
Valuation Standards Panel Committee	Sr Dorothy CHOW Yeuk Yu (Convener) Sr Paul LI Man Hong Sr Tansy CHEUNG Sr Calvin LUK
Working Group on Reciprocity with the China Appraisal Society	Sr Andrew CHAN Ka Fai Sr CHIU Kam Kuen (Co-conveners)
IVSC International Conference	Sr Andrew CHAN Ka Fai Sr Alnwick CHAN Chi Hing (Co-conveners) Sr Dorothy CHOW Yeuk Yu Sr Cyrus FONG Yiu Ming
Two-day China Forum in March 2024	Sr Jeffrey WONG Ching Hang Sr Cyrus FONG Yiu Ming Sr Joel TEH (Co-conveners)

The appointment of GDP representatives to various HKIS committees will be updated in the next issue of Surveyors Times.

### **YSG Representatives**

The GPD Council extends a warm welcome to Sr Cara NG Man Wai and Sr Edward TAM Ho Yin as the new YSG representatives on the Council. Their appointments signify their dedication and commitment to supporting the various GPD committees and activities.

## APC Part II Assessment 2023

In 2023, a total of 55 candidates participated in the APC Part II Assessment. The GPD is happy to announce that 36 of them passed their interviews, which reflects a pass rate of approximately 65 percent. The GPD extends

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its heartfelt congratulations to all successful candidates and warmly welcomes them to the HKIS community. It also expresses its gratitude to the dedicated APC assessors, whose expertise and commitment played a crucial role in ensuring a fair and rigorous assessment process.

# The Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) (Amendment) Bill 2023

The GPD has always prioritised expediting Hong Kong's redevelopment process, while safeguarding the interests of minority property owners. The Development Bureau published the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) (Amendment) Bill 2023 on 19 December with a view to streamlining the compulsory sale regime under Cap 545. The GPD sincerely appreciates the Working Group on Review of Compulsory Sale Threshold's invaluable contributions to the Bill, which, if passed, will effectively strike a careful balance between the redevelopment pace of developers and the rights of small property owners.

In response to the latest development, the GPD has invited Ms Jenny Choi, Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning & Lands), and Ms Fiona Chau, Principal Assistant Secretary for Development (Planning & Lands), to conduct a CPD in early February 2024. They will provide a comprehensive overview of the Bill and its implications. The CPD will be highly informative and beneficial to those professionals involved in the property and development sector, so don't miss this valuable opportunity to stay informed of the latest changes in the industry and engage in meaningful discussions with other insiders.

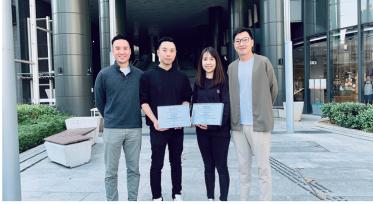
# **CPD** Highlights

The three CPDs held in December were overwhelmingly successful because they provided valuable insights and knowledge to participants.

The session, "Place-making and How Culture Becomes the Core Ingredient for an Urban Mixed Use Development," on 4 December showcased the expertise behind brandbuilding, corporate development, and building development in various mega projects.

On 9 December, the "Visit to Hoi Tat Estate – Understanding the Development Features and Challenges" CPD allowed participants to explore Hoi Tat Estate with Housing Authority representatives, who shared their experiences and stories related to the development.





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The "Visit to Transitional Housing in Wong Tai Sin" CPD on 16 December offered participants an opportunity to explore the innovative construction method and design ideas behind the latest transitional housing project by Sik Sik Yuen.

Looking ahead, the GPD is excited about the upcoming CPD, "Comprehending the Transfer of Plot Ratio Mechanism," scheduled for 15 January. This session will examine the planning and land administration tool proposed by the Urban Renewal Authority to tackle urban renewal issues. It presents a valuable opportunity for members to gain a comprehensive understanding of this strategic planning approach and its potential benefits for the community. Take a proactive step towards professional excellence and register today to unlock your career potential.

## Members Corner Needs Contributions from You!

Editorial Board invites articles for the Members Corner, a regular column in Surveyors Times for members to share their views on current topics and future trends, implications of new technologies and recent court decisions, the sharing of lessons learnt in members' professional practices, the highlights of new practice notes, the introduction of practical apps and ideas gained during members' recent gatherings with fellow professionals, good-natured and industry-related humour, etc.

An article need not be restricted to the professional practice of a surveyor, but neither is it intended to express a member's views on everything. It should connect or have implications for fellow members, be they serious thoughts on the constitution or future of the profession or simply as a gadget or trick that can benefit the day-to-day practices of surveyors. Articles should not be political or directly related to one's personal benefit for fear of litigation from individuals or organisations. The sensitivity and security of information presented also need to be borne in mind.

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