

General Practice Division

Chairman's Message



Yip Kam Hung
GPD Council Chairman

Before the usual reporting, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to join our AGM, scheduled for 6 December 2004. Please make the most of this opportunity to give us your comments and opinion.

As usual, we have been busy with many issues; here are some of this month's highlights:

Education and APC (Convenor: Mr Simon Wong)

- The 2004 GPD APC written examination was completed on 16 October. The results will be announced later.

Government Practice and Local Affairs (Convenor: Mr CK Lau)

- The panel works closely with the Lands Department in the Liaison Group Meeting and continues to discuss various topics with the government, including the checklist for the Certificate of Compliance, landscaping approval and assessment of land premium. The panel is currently busy with the topic on lease modification and a written report regarding the proposed improvements to lease modification procedures will be prepared. In addition, the panel will follow up on other important issues, including the Kai Tak Airport planning review, public consultation on the Causeway Bay Pedestrian Plan, a research paper on the proposed Hong Kong-Zuhai-Macau Bridge.
- The panel has decided to form a Working Forum for young surveyors to enhance communication between the private and public sectors for this important group.

IT Support (Convenor: Mr Andrew Fung)

- More photos of GPD events will be posted on the GPD website.
- As suggested by the panel on Government Policies and Local Affairs, Mr Fung will study the feasibility of establishing a chat-room/newsroom for members.

International Affairs (Convenor: Ms Monita Leung)

- The visit to Japan in November will be re-scheduled.
- The Australia Property Institute will cooperate with HKIS to organise a trip to China. Mr. Kam Hung Yu will be in charge of the visit.

Mainland Affairs (Convenor: Ms Serena Lau)

- The Shenzhen valuation forum was held successfully on 2 November. Mr Lawrence Pang and Mr Lee Wing Kwan represented HKIS at the forum.

- There will be a visit by representatives from Hainan on 16 November.
- The panel will follow up on Membership Reciprocal Recognition with CREVA. The panel has already started dialogue with CREVA and more information about CREVA and the Reciprocal Recognition will be obtained for members.

Public Relation (Convenor: Mr Daniel Mak)

- In order to hold more gatherings with the public and private sectors, a lunch with the MTRC will be arranged by the panel.
- The panel is currently inviting guests to the forthcoming HKIS Annual Dinner on 19 November.

Professional Development (Convenor: Ms Serena Lau)

- The surveys distributed to members will be gathered and analysed. The results and analysis will be reported as soon as possible.

Property Management (Convenor: Mr W L Mak)

- The Chairman has not yet received comments from members about the APC Training and Professional Experience drafted by Mr Michael Price.
- The panel will further discuss the proposed formation of a separate Property and Facility Management Division. Mr. Mak will prepare a paper summarising their standpoint/opinion.

Sales and Lettings (Convenor: Mr Ronald Cheung)

- Preparation work for the HKIS Property Marketing Award 2004 is underway. Mr Cheung will follow up on preparations for the ceremony, including the budget, promotion, assessment and invitation of guests.
- Mr Cheung is also working on the reciprocal recognition arrangement among real estate agencies in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Valuation Practice (Convenor: Mr Charles Chan)

- The Chairman has not yet received any comments from members about the Property Valuation Standard. The document will be published following approval by the General Council.

The GPD Council has become increasingly busy and we need more help. If you are available to assist, please call me on (+852) 2820 2932. We welcome any comments and/or suggestions on our work and practice.