

## Chairman's message



YU Kam Hung

Chairman

Before we go to our routine report, I would like to inform you that the Legislative Council Elections is coming closer, so please be reminded to register as a voter in our Functional Constituency. As usual, the GPD Council has continued to be busy in a number of issues briefed as follows:

**Business Valuation (Convenor: Mr. KK Chiu)**

We had our second discussion forum on 17 April 2004. In our first discussion forum between representatives of HKIS, RICS & HKIFA and two members of HKSA on 17 March 2004, the following notes were recorded:

- HKIS will be the convenor of the local Business Valuation Forum and will be represented by the Chairman of the GPD, i.e. Yu Kam Hung or his designated representative.
- Joseph Ho, representative of HKIS, will be the Secretary of the local Business Valuation Forum.
- Yu Kam Hung reported that HKIS had just completed the drafting of business valuation standards for HKIS members to follow. It is expected that the official business valuation standards will be launched in July this year.
- HKIS proposed to organize a formal Business Valuation Forum to focus on discussion and decisions about business valuation standards and its related issues.
- It was agreed that the member institutes of the local Business Valuation Forum would be HKIS, RICS, HKIFA and HKSA (subject to its own council meeting decision). Subject to some pre-requisite requirements and to be agreed by the member institutes, the local Business Valuation Forum can invite other local professional institutes to join the Business Valuation Forum at a later date.
- It was agreed that HKIS would keep the regulatory bodies posted about the development of the Business Valuation Forum.

- It was proposed that, when the time is appropriate, representatives from the regulatory bodies would be invited to sit on the Business Valuation Forum meetings.
- Before the discussion, HKIS shall have a formal meeting with the SFC on 14 April 2004. Our President, Mr. Tony Tse will also participate.

**Education & APC (Convenor: Mr. Simon Wang)**

The GPD Council meeting has confirmed the following recommendation, submitted by the Education and APC Panel:

*"Candidates with a HKIS accredited surveying degree, regardless of under which Division the accreditation is granted, should be allowed to take the APC of the GP Division"*

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

- The designated research project has been confirmed: "The development opportunities and impacts on land market brought by the HK Zhuhai Macau bridge link."
- We have been in discussion with URA on the role of GP Surveyors in relation to URA acquisitions.
- We have received comments from members of the Institute recently that the comparables and major valuation parameters adopted by the Lands Department will no longer be shared with agents acting on behalf of applicants in premium negotiation. Our members find it very difficult to understand the rationale of the Government in the premium calculations and to provide professional advice to their clients on the reasonableness of relevant premium offer(s). As a result, this has made the premium negotiation very hard, if not impossible. Accordingly, we have arranged to have an early opportunity to exchange views with the Lands Department in relation to any new practice in premium negotiation, and to explore ways and means of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of settlement of the land premium.

**Property Management (Convenor: Mr. Wing-lung Mak)**

We invited Mr. Michael Price, the Chairman of the Property and Facility Management Forum,

to attend our GPD Council meeting on 1 April. He presented to us his ideas and made suggestions on the future of the Property and Facility Management Forum. His presentation contents were as follows:

*"The formation of the PFM Forum is to recognize an existing need. The Forum is looking to form a separate division in due course, but in full consultation with stakeholders within the Institute beforehand. It needs representatives of the Forum to sit on the major committees of the Institute and to enhance communication. The Forum chairman will review the programme and major issues to be attended to with a view to putting together the proposal for a new division, for members' consideration in due course."*

We agree that for the advancement of any professional Institute, moving forward is required to accommodate newly emerged specialization areas. However, we believe that as a GP Surveyor, we should be capable of providing our expertise not only on Valuation, Sales and Lettings, Research & Consultancy and Property & Facility Management separately, but also as an integrated professional practice. We have seen this necessity growing rapidly in the past years and are quite sure that this will always remain the case. Accordingly, we do have reservations on our Institute's development and the possible formation of a separate Division of Property & Facility Management. Of course, if the majority of our members support the formation of this new division, we shall follow and fully support this decision in our position as representing GPD Council members.

**Sales and Lettings (Convenor: Mr. Ronald Cheung)**

The Sales and Lettings Panel of GPD proposes that HKIS organize an award presentation ceremony, namely "The Best Property Marketing Award 2003", to be held on 28 June 2004 in a hotel function room or a similar venue. The aims are:

1. To increase public awareness of our professionalism in the property sale and marketing field.
2. To arouse interest among our members in