DIVISIONAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

General Practice Division Chairman's Message



Education and APC (Convenor: Mr Simon Wang)

The next Oral Assessment of the APC will be conducted in May 2005.

Business Valuation (Convenor: Mr KK Chiu)

It is the panel's opinion that qualified GP surveyors are capable to practise Business Valuation as long as they comply with the Business Valuation Standards. The issue is still under discussion.

CPD and Internal Communication (Convenor: Mr Ronald Cheung)

More CPD events covering different topics will be organised. To deal with the panel's extra workload, several helpers will join the panel to assist Ronald.

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

- The draft research paper has been received from the Poly University for comments by panel members
- The updated professional fee scale is being printed
- The panel continues to liaise with the Lands Department through regular meetings
- Discussion about Chapter 545 (Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance) will proceed
- Comments will be made on the new payment arrangements involved in URA projects

International Affairs (Convenor: Ms Monita Leung)

The visit to Japan in late March was successful, with the group visiting the Japan Association of Real Estate Appraisal.

Mainland Affairs (Convenor: Ms Serena Lau)

The Joint Conference with CIREA and FIG is being prepared.

Property Management (Convenor: Mr W L Mak)

An EGM was held on 18th April. Due to insufficient attending members to meet the required Quorum (100 attending members), the EGM has been rescheduled to 18 May. GPD

members please attend the EGM and cast your vote to resolve any issues concerning the proposed formation of the new Property and Facilities Management Division.

Public Relations (Convenor: Mr Daniel Mak)

A lunch meeting with Hysan Development has been scheduled for 5 May 2005. It is noted that lunch meetings with four large accounting firms have been organized. A number of meetings with private firms, government departments and quasi-government organizations would also be arranged.

Sales and Lettings (Convenor: Mr Ronald Cheung)

Preparation work for the Property Marketing Award is in progress.

Valuation Practice (Convenor: Mr Charles Chan)

After reviewing the existing procedures on vetting applications for inclusion in the List of Valuers, the panel has decided to increase the frequency of registration and set up a time limit for replies. There is a suggestion in the council that the list of valuers may be published on the HKIS website and updated from time to time. The feasibility of this suggestion will be studied further.

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.

HKIS Property Marketing Award 2005 looking for helpers

Interested members, please call Ronald Cheung on 9133 6686 or email: ronaldc@midland.com.hk
Or call the Secretariat on 2526 3679 for details.

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