

THE GEMMOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LIMITED



GAHK's
Certification & Label Scheme
for Fei Cui (Jadeite Jade)



GAHK's
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for Diamond

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INTRODUCTION

As a leading gem trading centre with a vibrant local jewellery market, Hong Kong needs qualified professional gemmologists in the industry. With the large number of synthetic and treated gemstones on the market becoming increasingly prevalent, there is a growing demand for diamond and coloured stone certificates, and there are calls from both the trade and the public for more gemmological information and training.

The Gemmological Association of Hong Kong (GAHK) was founded in 1979 and incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee in 1998 to meet some of these needs. For more than 3 decades, the Association has aimed to promote higher levels of professionalism, and to Disseminate information about new developments of interest to the trade. In addition, the GAHK has worked to foster public interest in gemmology. GAHK produces an annual journal and organises lectures, talks, exhibitions and trips to areas of gemmological interests. Social gatherings are also arranged to promote fellowship among members.

In 2004, following two years of consultation with leading international gemmologists, geologists, material scientists, academics, jewellery trade associations, and the Hong Kong Accreditation Services, the Association established **GAHK's Certification and Label Scheme for Fei Cui (Jadeite Jade) and Diamond to enhance consumers' confidence in the credibility of the diamond and jadeite jade certificates issued by local gem testing laboratories.**

In 2006, the **GAHK Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme** was launched to maintain, improve and broaden the members' professional competence, with a programme of workshops and seminars to update industry knowledge and skills. (Please visit www.gahk.org for details).

A Fellow Member who fulfills the GAHK CPD hour accumulation requirements will be entitled to apply for "Certified Gemmologist (Diamond/Fei Cui)" status and also be eligible to apply for Hong Kong Accreditation Service assessment for performing specific gemstone testing, which allows, the member to become an "Approved Signatory" who is eligible to issue certificates in the HOKLAS laboratories.

Details are in the GAHK Guidance Notes for Mandatory Continuing Professional Development.

THE STRUCTURE OF GAHK

The Board of Directors consists of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 16 Directors with responsibility for various Association duties.

RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Members are required to abide the code of conduct of the GAHK and may attend Association functions. They are also entitled to receive the journals published by the GAHK.

Voting rights are restricted to Fellow and Life Members only.

MEMBERSHIPS

Fellow: Any person who either has passed an internationally recognised gemmological examination or is holding an internationally recognised gemmological qualification which is approved by the Board of GAHK

Life Member: Fellow only (see above)

Diamond Diploma Member: Any person who has obtained a diploma issued by an association or institute acknowledged and approved by the Board of GAHK

Student Member: Available to students studying gemmology or related subjects in Hong Kong only (for up to 3 years) with reference letter from their instructor

Ordinary Member: Open to all

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Entrance fee (students exempted)	HK\$ 250
Fellow, Diamond Diploma, Ordinary (annual)	HK\$ 450
Student (annual)	HK\$ 225
Life Member	HK\$9,000

COAT OF ARMS, DOORDECALS & ARMORIAL BEARING

FELLOWS & LIFE MEMBERS may use the initials "FGAHK" to indicate Fellowship in The Gemmological Association of Hong Kong. They may apply for and display a Fellowship certificate. Door decals and artwork for advertising the armorial bearings of the Association are also available to Fellows.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Please complete the following and return, together with your **Hong Kong Dollar** cheque / bank draft made payable to **The Gemmological Association of Hong Kong Ltd.**

Fellow & Diamond Diploma Member
HK\$450 + HK\$250 (Entrance Fee)
(Please enclose photocopy of Diploma)

Ordinary Member
HK\$450 + HK\$250 (Entrance Fee)

Student Member HK\$225
(Please enclose letter from instructor)

Life Member HK\$9,000
(Please enclose photocopy of Diploma)

Subscription only to GAHK Journal
HK\$180/annum

Name (in full) _____
(Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Prof.)

Chinese Name _____

Gemmological Qualifications _____

Mailing Address _____

Tel (home) _____ (office) _____

Tel (mob) _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____