

Letter from the Chairman 2021

As the Pandemic has continued into 2021, the whole world has been operating in an atmosphere of uncertainty. Many thanks to the board of directors for their continuing contributions in this extremely difficult time.

Continuing education is a core value of GAHK. In order to maintain this tradition, we instituted a series of Webinars instead of our usual seminars which were not allowed under COVID restrictions. We held six webinars in four months starting in October, which we called the Experts Talk Series.

After long discussions with the Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS), the implementation of The Standard Method for testing “Fei Cui” was announced on 1st of July. This means that all accredited laboratories will use this Standard instead of “The Standard Method for testing Fei Cui (jadeite jade)”.

GAHK created a new website (feicui.gahk.org) especially for this announcement. It contains a lot of information, and you can download the Standard from it.

To celebrate the launching of this Fei Cui Standard Website, we hosted an online gathering with Industry & Expert Advisors on 20th April, in which we discussed the direction and strategy of the way forward following the implementation of the standard in Hong Kong.

Dr Gaetano Cavalieri, president of CIBJO, was one of the many distinguished speakers at this event and his speech emphasised that CIBJO must pay serious attention to the Fei Cui jewellery trade. CIBJO will be forming a special team, to include GAHK delegates, which will work on this and the continuing international development of the Fei Cui Standard.

GIT in Thailand, have also expressed an interest in implementing this Standard in Thailand, and it is proposed that GIT and GAHK should sign an MOU, with both declaring their intention to share their expertise and experience.

On 27th July, we shall be hosting another event at the HKTDC Hong Kong International Jewellery Show, the “Internationalisation of the Fei Cui Standard”, at which both these steps will be implemented in yet another milestone for GAHK.

As we move to a more open future when the Association and the industry as a whole are able to meet and interact again in person, I wish you all the very best and I hope that all our members will stay healthy and come through this pandemic safely.

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