

# Board of Directors' Report 2022

Dear GAHK Members,

A new executive committee of GAHK was elected on 5 August, 2021 and I am honoured to have been elected to serve the association as Chairman.

As the coronavirus pandemic continued in 2022 and the fifth wave seriously affected our normal lives in Hong Kong, we were again forced to cancel many of our activities this year including the annual dinner. Thanks to the board of directors for their sterling efforts and contributions, which meant we were still able to organise different gemmological activities and participate in many events in this difficult year.

GAHK's Programme and Public Speaker teams organised a number of interesting seminars with great success this year. Special thanks to Prof. Henry A. Hänni for his continued support to GAHK by providing his latest research in a powerpoint which we were able to present as a webinar on 28 September, 2021

In order to provide up to date professional information to our members and Certified Gemmologists, we hosted an onsite and online ISO training class with Mr C.K. Cheung as guest speaker on 23 November, 2021, in which we discussed the need to create a new ISO technical training programme for GAHK members, especially the registered Certified Gemmologists (CGs), who want to advance their technical knowledge of laboratory certification and accreditation. The new programme will be planned and implemented by the Certification and Label Scheme Team in the near future.

On 2nd-3rd February, 2022, GAHK participated in the 7th International Gem & Jewelry Conference (GIT 2022). I was honoured to be invited to attend as one of the technical committee members and as a keynote speaker of the conference, promoting the "Internationalization of the Fei Cui Standard". GAHK will continue to collaborate with GIT to implement the plans agreed in the MOU signed in 2021. The GIT (The Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand) launched their first Fei Cui Testing standard for Thailand's gem and jewellery industry this year, taking the GAHK Fei Cui Standard as its main reference. This is a key milestone for the "Internationalization of the Fei Cui Standard".

On 1st August, 2022, we hosted another event at the HKTDC Hong Kong International Jewellery Show. At this event, the "Digitalized Jewellery Shopping Experience and Product Certification Trustmark", GAHK signed an MOU with the Gemmological Institute of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) (GIC) to cooperate in promoting the Fei Cui Standard. Another successful event and an important milestone on the road to the Internationalization of the Standard.

Trading lab-grown diamond has become a new and accelerating trend in the jewellery industry in Hong Kong. In response to this, GAHK has formed a diamond task force in revising our Diamond Testing Standard to tackle all testing and certification issues for this type of diamond.

To increase flexibility and optimise our web-browsing experience, GAHK's Webmaster Team is now creating a new professional website aiming to provide the latest gemmological information through our annual journal, the current testing standards and to make sure we continue to offer the best possible services to our members and to those of the general public with an interest in gemmology.

Thanks to all members, friends and other associations and organizations for their continuing support of GAHK. I wish you all the best and do stay healthy in this post-pandemic era.

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Chairman 2021-2023