

President's Corner 會長的話

I would like to thank you everyone who came along to the HKIUD Annual General Meeting on September 14th, and helping to make it an enjoyable evening.

We have had I think quite a good year both in terms of our activities and recruitment of members.

There has never been a time when urban design has been more important to Hong Kong. We are faced with all manner of challenges in trying to better our environment in Hong Kong and ensure an improvement in quality. Some of these challenges lie in the nature of the city itself, its organizational and decision making processes, and of course its infamous policy silos.

There are many issues at stake, including our harbourfront, our approach to urban renewal, conservation, our two largest urban development exercises (West Kowloon and Kowloon East), and of course the accommodation of half a million new housing units to be accommodated within the territory. And these are just some of them.

Our institute has been active throughout the year. I am briefly setting out some of the things that we have been involved in.

- We had a very instructive visit to Macau in February when participants are shown round by our friends in Macau.
- In March a number of us representing HKIP, Green Building Council and HKIUD attended the Second Symposium and Book Launch of our Urban Exchange in Barcelona. For those of you who don't know the history of this, it was established in July 2012 with the Mayor of Barcelona / Barcelona Regional, and signed by Bernard Lim, K S Wong and myself. We had a Symposium in Hong Kong in February 2013 on a Dual Approach to Waterfront Regeneration and we have since had two active teams one from Barcelona looking at a waterfront site in Kowloon East, and another producing concepts for a site in Barcelona.
- We ended up with an excellent publication and our HK design team worked extremely hard for more than a year to get this off the presses. We all contributed to the Final Symposium in

Barcelona and to the book launch. We were accompanied to Barcelona by Paul Chan Secretary for Development HKSAR, and K K Ling, Director of Planning HKSAR

- We have during the course of the year set up what we call HKIUD Urban Design Dialogues – Sharing Sessions where we arrange presentations and discussions. The first was hosted by HKU and the second by P&T, and we have two more coming up. These have proven very popular and were well attended – at HKU it was standing room only, and we hope there will be many more.
- Two months ago we also had a sponsored Round Table Discussion and Dinner, organized by Charles Li and by Tris Kee, where various 2014 HKIUD Award Winners gave their thoughts, and this is being edited by Tris into a written dialogue that will be published by Tsinghua University. Again we hope that this will represent the first of many in future.
- We have hosted meetings with new intakes of Urban Design students from both HKU and CUHK in 2014, in order to explain the context and opportunities for urban design in Hong Kong and we will shortly be doing the same again in November of this year.
- We have as a matter of course attended Public Policy Forums, notably on Feasibility Community Engagement studies, Creating a Green Kowloon East and of course on aspects such as Political Reform. We have also held various meetings with Government officials, and our Legco representative Tony Tse.
- We have supported a number of other bodies and events, and myself and others have been invited onto several Award and Competition juries.
- We have also contributed to exhibitions, Business of Design Week, and I think I have spoken at around ten conferences or Symposia in Hong Kong over the last year, including the Nobel Laureates Conference on Climate Change, a Conference on Smart Cities in Jakarta, and the RICS Conference.
- We also try, whenever we can to meet with visitors sometimes at the request of Government. Just last month for example Bernard Lim our Past President and P Y Tam meet with Brian Jackson, General Manager / Planning and Development Services, City of Vancouver.
- An important part of being a professional body is to make Position Statements on important matters and in response to public consultations. Over the past year we have put out several statements and views. I think it is very important that everyone tries to make their voice heard in this respect. We of course have an effective Public Affairs Committee, but it is best if our Position Statements reflect as wider views of members as possible, and we make every attempt to both obtain and reflect these.

- Our Council has agreed to HKIUD acting as a Supporting Organization to a large number of events. We generally of course support all Professional and Community events, but as a matter of principle do not give our support to events organized by private Conference Organizers.
- Our overall memberships has gone up over the past year, and I am delighted that we have so many student members who of course we hope will become full members; and that we now have nine Corporate Affiliates.
- In mid-September HKIUD in conjunction with HKILA organized a presentation by James Corner, the designer of the Highline in New York that we are at the Planning Gallery. The discussion panel included two HKIUD members – Stefan Krummeck and Oren Tatcher

One major event that I would like to promote now is a full-scale Conference that we are organizing on 22nd April 2016. This is in fact our 2nd Conference – the first was in 2012, largely financed by Development Bureau. This Conference is on Betterment of the City. It is partly and very generously supported by the HK Jockey Club – so the venue is the racecourse. Don't worry it is not on race night. We do need additional sponsorship for this and are in the process of seeking this. It is a day-long conference, and I hope as many as possible will come along – we have space for 250. Sir Terry Farrell has kindly said he will give the keynote address.

I think we can already look forward to a busy 2016.

Peter Cookson Smith
President

Recent Events and Meetings / 近期活動及會議

HKIUD 5th Annual General Meeting was held on 14 September 2015



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Talk on "Landscape Typology in Urban Design" by Ms Deborah KUH, Head, Greening Landscape and Tree Management Section, Development Bureau



Dinner



Presentation of Membership Certificates

Seminar on Designing Public Space: Theatricality and Delight on Monday, 21 September 2015



The Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design together with The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects organized a Seminar on Designing Public Space: Theatricality and Delight on Monday, 21 September 2015.

Keynote speaker, Mr. James Corner, founding principal of James Corner Field Operations shared his experiences on the following points.

- cities and public spaces;
- public participation;
- cities and waterfronts;
- Seattle central waterfront;
- New York's high line;
- Chicago's Navy Pier;
- London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park



Presentation followed by Discussion Panel.

Moderator: Paul Hart (Knight Frank)

Discussion Panelists

- Stefan Krummeck, MHKIUD, Director, TFP Farrells Limited
- Oren Tatcher, MHKIUD, Principal, OTC Planning & Design
- Matthew Pryor, FHKILA; Head of the Division of Landscape Architecture, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Architecture, HKU
- Gavin Coates, FHKILA, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Architecture, HKU

HKIS Annual Conference 2015 - Development for a Smarter World City: Hong Kong



The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) organised the Annual Conference with the theme “Development for a Smarter World City: Hong Kong” on **12th September 2015 (Saturday)** for which HKIUD was a supporting organisation.

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BEAM Society Ltd 5th Anniversary Conference



BEAM Society Limited organised the BSL 5th Anniversary Conference - Driving for Urban Sustainability on 25 September 2015 (Saturday) for which HKIUD was a supporting organisation. Mr. Joel Chan, Council Member was a speaker in the Conference representing P&T Group.

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HKIUD Meetings Calendar (September)

九月會議

Date	Time	Meetings	Venue
2/9 (Tue)	6:30 pm	COC meeting	Immediate Past President's Office
16/9 (Wed)	6:30 pm	PAC Meeting	Vice President's Office

Upcoming Events and Meetings / 活動及會議預告

Planning and Engineering Study for Tuen Mun Areas 40 and 46 and Adjoining Areas - Invitation to Focus Group Meeting of Stage 1 Community Engagement



Planning Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department would like to invite HKIUD Members to participate in a focus group meeting scheduled on **8 October 2015 (Thursday), at 7:00p.m., at Leighton Hill Community Hall, 133 Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong.**

The Stage 1 Community Engagement (CE1) for the Planning and Engineering Study for Tuen Mun Areas 40 and 46 and the Adjoining Areas (the Study) has commenced on 7 September 2015. The purpose of CE1 is to collect community's views on the proposed land use for the potential development areas. The details of the proposal are included in the enclosed CE1 consultation digest, which is also available on the Study website (<http://www.tm4046.hk>).

BEAM Society Limited 2015 Training Events



BEAM Professionals Programme



BEAM Pro

Beam Professionals would like to invite HKIUD Members to the BEAM Society Limited 2015 Training Events for which HKIUD is a supporting organisation:

1. **4th BEAM Affiliate Training** on 8 October 2015 at HKPC Building, Kowloon Tong
2. **30th BEAM Pro Training & Examination**, 16 Nov 2015 at HKCEC, Wan Chai

To know more about the BEAM Pro Training, please visit HKGBC / BEAM Society Limited websites:

<http://www.hkgbc.org.hk/eng/beam-Professional.aspx> /

http://www.beamsociety.org.hk/en_professionals_1.php

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WorldGBC Congress 2015 Hong Kong in October



Hong Kong Green Building Council would like to invite HKIUD members to WorldGBC Congress 2015 Hong Kong which will be held at Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East on 29 – 30 Oct 2015 for which HKIUD is a supporting Organisation.

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Call for Application: 5-day Intense Programme on Changing Urban Climate and the Impact on Urban Thermal Environment and Urban Living



Croucher Advanced Study Institute (ASI) would like to invite HKIUD members to join **Croucher Advanced Study Institute 2015-2016: Changing Urban Climate and the Impact on Urban Thermal Environment and Urban Living** on 7th –11th December, 2015 in the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The Croucher Advanced Study Institute (ASI) is fully sponsored by The Croucher Foundation and FREE for registration. It is a high-level programme in which the latest findings on urban climate and urban comfort will be reviewed by leading academics. It also aims to bring together professors, academic researchers, environmental scientists, climatologists, meteorologists, wind engineers from different scientific backgrounds as well as architects, urban planners and stakeholders of the construction industry to exchange their experience and views.

I would be grateful if you could publicize this event at your organisation to help us reach the broadest participation possible.

For application and event updates, please visit the event website: <http://www.arch.cuhk.edu.hk/asi2015>. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Ms. Sze-wai Wong at szewai@cuhk.edu.hk.

HKIUD Meetings Calendar (October)
十月會議

Date	Time	Meetings	Venue
12/10 (Mon)	6:30 pm	MEC Meeting	Immediate Past President's Office

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