

President's Corner 會長的話

CYCLETRACKS IN THE URBAN AREA

The issue of harbourfront cycle tracks is an important one, and should not be considered lightly. It is also at times controversial.

I am sure that as urban designers we all support cycling in the right circumstances as a sustainable form of mobility. I was involved with my firm in the design of the first comprehensive new town cycletrack system in the New Territories that we later implemented, building around 40 kilometres of cycletracks in all. It is intended that the NT cycletrack system will ultimately extend to 100 km providing an overall system that would be the envy of most world cities. While some new towns, particularly Tai Po, have an integrated and vehicular segregated system so that cyclists can use this as a means of transport e.g. between home and school, the NT system as a whole is mainly recreationally based. And this is before we consider the untold opportunities for mountain biking. The coastal cycletrack from Tai Wai to Tai Mei Tuk water sports centre is massively popular, particularly at weekends. I know, as I occasionally cycle there myself. It is completely segregated from traffic, is flat and connects various parks, and amenities ... and has plenty of areas for respite. Better still cycles can be hired at both ends of the system or collected accordingly,.

Cycling in the urban area is a different matter. Many of us have fought for years to open up the urban harbourfront for pedestrian use and to engender connectivity. This will we hope, in the fullness of time, allow a range of activities, the most predominant being walking along a system of connective spaces, promenades, precincts and plazas, and enjoying facilities and opportunities that relate to these. In most cases the new and proposed promenades are quite narrow, or otherwise constrained. Dividing them, either through engineered separation or a painted line, will have significant repercussions on the relaxed pedestrian atmosphere, and take up extremely valuable space. 99 percent of harbourfront users will be pedestrians of all ages, including old people and children, so effectively cutting these alignments in half, be they promenades or boardwalks, is questionable from various perspectives. The fact is that strolling, for the vast majority of users, will be the main form of

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>).

Focus Group Meeting for Professional Institutes on the Avenue of Stars and Salisbury Garden Revitalisation Project

Mr. Ivan Ho and Mr. PY Tam have attended the Focus Group Meeting for Professional Institutes on the Avenue of Stars and Salisbury Garden Revitalisation Project in LCSD's Public Engagement exercise held on 20 October.

WorldGBC Congress 2015 Hong Kong in October



Hong Kong Green Building Council invited HKIUD members to WorldGBC Congress 2015 Hong Kong on 29 – 30 Oct 2015 for which HKIUD was a supporting Organisation.

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Recent Events and Meetings / 近期活動及會議

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

Upcoming Events and Meetings / 活動及會議預告

Public Space Builders Contest



Hong Kong Public Space Initiative will organize Public Space Builders Contest from November 2015 to March 2016, associating with issues about urban planning and community development. Through a series of seminars, community tour and workshops, participating students in Form 3-6 should form a group of 3-6. They are required to design a community project and implement it in any public space in Hong Kong with the aim to facilitate social interactions in the community. Participants should record the project progress, and give a presentation on the project outcome.

The most outstanding three teams will be awarded the “Prize for Realizing Public Space” and book voucher. OLE certificate will also be provided to participants as participation proof. Application deadline is 11 November 2015 (Wednesday).

Program Factsheet/Application :

www.hkpsi.org

Review of Previous Years Events and Presentation :

<http://www.hkpsi.org/chi/projects/signature/eps/>

Major Events Schedule:

Day 1: Transforming Public Space – Seminar and Workshop

(14 November 2015 – 09:30 – 12:00)

Day 2: Public Spaces You Want – Guest Sharing, Proposal Discussion with Mentors

(28 November 2015 – 09:30 – 12:00)

Day 3: Community Time Machine – Local Guided Tour

(20 February 2016 or 27 February 2016 – Afternoon hours)

Day 4: Story House – Presentation and Prize Ceremony

(26 March 2016 – Afternoon hours)



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. **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.hkgbc.org.hk/eng/beam-Professional.aspx/)

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

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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.

FuturArc Prize 2016 and FuturArc Green Leadership Award 2016



FuturArc would like to invite HKIUD Members to participate in the FuturArc Prize 2016 and FuturArc Green Leadership Award 2016 for which HKIUD is a supporting organisation.

[FuturArc Prize](#) seeks forward-thinking, innovative design ideas for Asia. The Competition offers a platform to professionals and students who are passionate about the environment. Through the force of their imagination it aspires to capture visions of a sustainable future. The brief for the 2016 competition is Small Things, Big Impact.

The website is now open with details on prizes, jury and submission requirements:

www.futurarcprize.com. Closing date for online registration and submission: 21st December 2015.



[FuturArc Green Leadership Award](#) seeks innovative and ecologically responsible buildings in Asia. The competition recognises the team behind a completed project: developer, architects, consultants and contractors, who have collectively pushed the limits and definition of what a Green building is in Asia.

The website is now open with details on prizes, jury and submission requirements:

www.futurarcgreenleadershipaward.com. Closing date for online registration and submission: 21st December 2015.

RICS Asia Construction Conference 2016

Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors would like to invite HKIUD members to participate in the inaugural RICS Asia Construction Conference for which HKIUD is a Supporting Organisation. Details are as follows:

Date & Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm, 8 January 2016 (Friday)

Venue: The Ballroom, Level 7, Cordis Hong Kong (formerly Langham Place Hotel)

Langham Place, Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong

The RICS Asia Construction Conference looks at critical issues and challenges of the industry. Industry leaders and government representatives will discuss a roadmap for Asia's future development. Topics include construction cost instability, latest methods for lowering carbon emission, the future implications of BIM, and several case studies from the government and projects around the world. Professionals will gather, network and examine how the construction profession is evolving in the midst of volatile market conditions.

For enquiries, please contact the Conference Secretariat, Mr. Miles Wilson at 9rics@kymera.hk. Thank you.

HKIE BIM Conference 2016

The Hong Kong Institute of Engineer would like to invite HKIUD members to the HKIE BIM Conference 2016 with the theme "Engineers and BIM – the Way Ahead" for which HKIUD is a supporting organization. The HKIE BIM Conference 2016 would provide an excellent platform for professionals in the field of engineering to exchange views on the development of BIM in Hong Kong, the possible risks and, technical and legal challenges that the industry may face in the future. Details are as follows:

Date: 18 January 2016 (Monday)

Venue: Wong Gungwu Lecture Hall, Graduate House, No. 3 University Drive, The University of Hong Kong

For enquiries, please contact the Conference Secretariat, Ms. Jocelyn Kwok at 3159 2933. Thank you.

HKIUD Meetings Calendar (November)

十一月會議

Date	Time	Meetings	Venue
3/11 (Tue)	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	Immediate Past President's Office
4/11 (Wed)	6:30 pm	PAC Meeting	Vice President's Office

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