

## President's Corner 會長的話

### New Urban Design Challenges

The planet's urban population has quadrupled from the mid-twentieth century, and this trend is accelerating as urbanism comes in many forms and scales. The urban design challenge, along with basic conservation technologies, is to match new development with a low-carbon future. This is, in all probability, our most cost-effective option in combating climate change. Wide ranging planning, economic, social and environmental challenges cannot be resolved individually, and we are in need of a vision for our urban future that generates an appropriate design philosophy and development paradigm.

Two different aspects of this have been raised in Hong Kong over the past month. One raises a strong question with regard to strategic use of land resources; the other involves a welcome initiative that comes at exactly the right time in the planning process.

First Roger Nissim, an ex-Government land agent and adjunct professor in the department of real estate and construction at HKU, gave a talk at the March Project Chambers Luncheon, addressing the issue of development land in Hong Kong – a very precious resource. He brings out several pertinent points.

In terms of population growth, Hong Kong's population increased by around 36,400 persons per annum between 2001 and 2011, while growth since then has averaged 63,000 persons per annum. This is well below the mass migration years of 1971-81 when population rose at almost twice this rate. The present Long Term Housing Strategy has a target of providing 460,000 new flats by 2025/26, although average household sizes are falling to around 2.8 persons per dwelling unit. If these are multiplied together it provides for a population growth of 128,000 persons per annum – twice the current growth figure. The current Housing Strategy is therefore predicated on a total population of 8.6 million by 2025 while Census and Statistics predicts a more modest 7.8 million. At the same time, taking into account an overall vacancy rate of 4 percent, private sector housing shows a close

correlation between supply and demand. What is really needed is a meaningful approach to affordability to extend home ownership to first time buyers. While there are likely to be further market corrections, it seems clear that the population yardstick for housing production should be 7.8 million with a commensurate lower requirement for land supply. It is vital that Hong Kong's evolving development structure is in sync with our actual needs, including changing demographics, with green solutions that involve both technology and design.

The second initiative is the Energising Kowloon East Office (EKEO) initiative to introduce a pilot scheme for facilitating provision of pedestrian links by the private sector, mentioned in the 2016 Policy Address. This accords with a public expectation for enhancing walkability – a key aspect of liveable cities. The proposal for enhancing walkability encourages people to walk more, and acts to reduce vehicular traffic while promoting a greener, healthier, safer and more sustainable low carbon community. As part of this initiative EKEO has been exploring the establishment of a comprehensive pedestrian network that would connect major transport nodes, public open spaces, commercial developments and other nodal attractions. The proposal to generate incentives for private developers to participate from the outset according to a planned pedestrian framework can achieve a “win-win” situation that could be extended to other districts. It is intended the EKEO would take up a coordination role to facilitate discussions among relevant Bureaux/Departments, and collaborate with Planning Department to incorporate the pedestrian connective system into the Outline Development Plan. This can only be applauded.

Peter Cookson Smith

President

March, 2016

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## Recent Events and Meetings / 近期活動及會議

### Public Talks on BEAM Plus Existing Buildings (EB) v2.0



Public Talks on

**BEAM Plus Existing Buildings (EB) v2.0**

The Hong Kong Green Building Council Limited (HKGBC) and BEAM Society Limited (BSL) invited HKIUD Members to the Public Talks on BEAM Plus Existing Buildings (EB) v2.0 on 1 March 2016 (Eng) and 8 March 2016 (Chi).

## Briefing sessions on Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) for Hong Kong



The Civil Engineering and Development Department and Engineering/ Conservation Consultant Team organised an Informal Discussion Session on Reassembly of Queen's Pier with HKIUD Council and PAC Members on 3 March 2016.

## Briefing sessions on Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) for Hong Kong



Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department would like to invite HKIUD Members to provide comments on the public consultation document entitled "Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) for Hong Kong". Two briefing sessions for professional bodies and commercial sectors had been organized on 11 March 2016 and 18 March 2016.

For more information at the BSAP website (<http://www.afcd.gov.hk/bsap>).

## Joint-Institute Focus Group Meeting on Planning and Engineering Study for Housing Sites in Yuen Long South



The Civil Engineering and Development Department and the Planning Department invited HKIUD Members to a Joint-Institute Focus Group Meeting on the Planning and Engineering Study for Housing

Sites in Yuen Long South - Investigation Stage 3 Community Engagement on 17 March 2016.

For more information, please visit the Study website at <http://www.yuenlongsouth.hk>

## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & CREATING A RESILIENT HONG KONG - 21 MARCH 2016, YMCA, TST

Number of natural disasters is increasing, with Asia being reported as the most disaster-prone region in the world. Asia being the most densely populated continent in the world, impacts and consequences are far greater. Asian Development Bank claims that the economic growth in Asia is hindered by the rising number of natural disasters.

Although Hong Kong is blessed with no natural disasters other than typhoons, climate change effects are unavoidable. According to Hong Kong Observatory, Hong Kong experienced a significantly warmer year in 2014 with the maximum temperature of 34.6 degrees and the coldest winters in 2016 with temperature dropping low as 5.2C degrees.

Are Hong Kong communities resilient enough to cope with climate change impacts?

This conference opens up a forum to initiate this dialogue with local and international experts.

**SPEAKERS**

**PROF. DAVID ZHANG**  
HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**IR. WILFRED LAU**  
DIRECTOR, SUSTAINABILITY  
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**DR. WILLIAM YU**  
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WORLD GREEN ORGANISATION

**MR. GAVIN EDWARDS**  
DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION  
WWF HONG KONG

**DR. SENAKA BASNAYAKE**  
HEAD OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE  
DISASTERS PREPAREDNESS CENTRE  
ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTRE  
BANGKOK

**CONFERENCE CHAIR**

**DR. RUFFINA THILAKARATNE**  
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE  
CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**OTHER EXPERTS**

**PROF. CN CHANG** CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**PROF. PAUL CHU** CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**PROF. ALISON KWOK** UNIVERSITY OF OREGON  
**PROF. KAZUO IWAMURA** TOKYO CITY UNIVERSITY

**21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016**

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND CREATING A RESILIENT HONG KONG**

**4/F NORTH TOWER ASSEMBLY HALL, YMCA HONG KONG**

Registration is FREE. Certificate of attendance will be given for full day participation at the conference.  
Enquiries and registration: [info\\_architecture@chuai.edu.hk](mailto:info_architecture@chuai.edu.hk)

Organizer: **chArch** 城市建築學院  
Supporting Organizations:

### CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & CREATING A RESILIENT HONG KONG

21 MARCH 2016  
YMCA, 4F, NORTH WING, TSM SHA TSUI, HONG KONG

**PROGRAMME**

**9:30**  
**REGISTRATION**

**WELCOME SPEECH**  
**PROF. CN CHANG**  
PRESIDENT  
CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**OPENING REMARKS**  
**DR. RUFFINA THILAKARATNE**  
CONFERENCE CHAIR  
CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**PRESENTATIONS**

**10:00-10:30**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN CRISES**  
**PROF. DAVID ZHANG**  
HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

**10:30-11:00**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**  
**IR. WILFRED LAU**  
DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY  
OYE A&P & PARTNERS HONG KONG

**11:00-11:30**  
**A CLIMATE RESILIENCE ROADMAP FOR BUSINESS**  
**MS. MAYA DE SOUZA**  
SENIOR MANAGER, POLICY RESEARCH  
BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL, HONG KONG

**11:30-11:45**  
**TEA / COFFEE BREAK**

**11:45-1:00**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**A CASE STUDY FROM SRI LANKA**  
**DR. SENAKA BASNAYAKE**  
PANELISTS: PROF. DAVID ZHANG, IR. WILFRED LAU, PROF. KAZUO IWAMURA, MS. MAYA DE SOUZA

**SOUVENIR PRESENTATION**

**1:00-2:30**  
**LUNCH & NETWORKING**

**2:30-3:00**  
**BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE - PERFECT STORM SCENARIO**  
**DR. WILLIAM YU**  
FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
WORLD GREEN ORGANISATION

**3:00-3:30**  
**HONG KONG'S BIODIVERSITY IN A CHANGING CLIMATE**  
**MR. GAVIN EDWARDS**  
DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION  
WWF HONG KONG

**3:30-4:00**  
**STRENGTHENING COASTAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE THROUGH EFFECTIVE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM -**  
**A CASE STUDY FROM SRI LANKA**  
**DR. SENAKA BASNAYAKE**  
HEAD OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE DISASTERS PREPAREDNESS CENTRE (CCDRP)  
ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTRE, BANGKOK

**4:00-5:15**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE AND ARCHITECTURE**  
PANEL CHAIR: DR. RUFFINA THILAKARATNE, DEPT. ARCHITECTURE, CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
PANELISTS: PROF. ALISON KWOK, DR. WILLIAM YU, DR. SENAKA BASNAYAKE, MR. GAVIN EDWARDS

**CLOSING REMARKS**  
**PROFESSOR PAUL CHU**  
HEAD, DEPT. OF ARCHITECTURE  
CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**SOUVENIR PRESENTATION**

**NETWORKING, TEA, COFFEE & COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

DISCUSSION LEADER DR. RUFFINA THILAKARATNE, DEPT. OF ARCHITECTURE, CHU HAI COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE COORDINATOR: IR. WILFRED LAU, OYE A&P & PARTNERS HONG KONG  
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Chu Hai College of Higher Education hosted a one day conference on CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & CREATING A RESILIENT HONG KONG on the 21 March 2016 at the YMCA, Tsim Sha Tsui.

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## Lantau Development - Focus Group Meeting for Professional Institutions

LAN 大嶼山 全民新空間 SPACE FOR ALL

Lantau Development Advisory Committee invited HKIUD members to the Focus Group Meeting for Professional Institutions on Lantau Development on 30 March 2016.

For more details, please refer to the LanDAC website at [www.LanDAC.hk](http://www.LanDAC.hk) soon.

## HKIUD Meetings Calendar (March)

### 三月會議

Date	Time	Meetings	Venue
15/3 (Tue)	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	Immediate Past President's Office
16/3 (Wed)	6:30 pm	PAC Meeting	Vice President's Office

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## Upcoming Events and Meetings / 活動及會議預告

### HKIUD Urban Design Conference 2016 : Betterment of the City

#### HKIUD Urban Design Conference 2016

##### Betterment of the City

Date:	22 April 2016 (Friday)
Time:	9:00am - 5:30pm ( <i>registration time: 8:30am</i> )
Venue:	The Hong Kong Jockey Club Voting Members Box, 5/F Members Stand I, Happy Valley Racecourse
Registration fee:	HK\$200 (Buffet Lunch Included)
CPD Hours:	8 hours



## Hong Kong Open Space - Discussion and Revelation 香港開放空間 - 研討與啟發

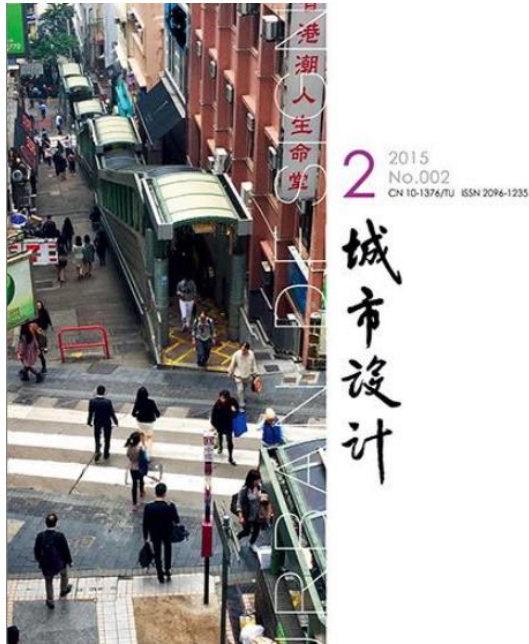
Article submitted by HKIUD:

Hong Kong Open Space - Discussion and Revelation 香港開放空間 - 研討與啟發

Urban Design Journal, Tsinghua University 12/2015 清華大學「城市設計」12/2015 期刊

PDF can be download here:

<http://urbandesign.tsinghuajournals.com/EN/Y2015/V2/I2/6>



Over the past 50 years, architect planners Farrells have developed a unique approach to urban design, creating an "urban dialogue" through immersion, observation and research to discover "what a place is telling you it wants to be".

This exhibition focuses on some key examples of this "urban dialogue". By using the designer's most important tools - diagrams, moving images, and three-dimensional models - we are taken through the complex process of urban design. The selection of materials from some of their most celebrated projects offers insight into how these tools are used by Farrells to shape our urban spaces.

在過去的 50 年間，建築及城市規劃事務所 Farrells 已發展出一種獨特的城市設計方式。藉由一連串的研究當中，發掘「一個城市如何告訴它要怎樣發展」。如此創造了「城市對話」。

展覽展示出「城市對話」一些主要例子，透過設計師們最重要的工具：圖表、影像和三維模型，呈現城市設計圖中複雜過程。參與的都是 Farrells 最著名的項目，令觀眾更深刻地理解 Farrells 如何利用這些工具塑造我們的城市空間。

**URBAN DIALOGUE**  
by FARRELLS

**15 - 30 / 4**  
**MAIN EXHIBITION**  
The Fringe Club - G/F, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central  
緣邊會 - 中環下亞厘畢道二號地下  
12:00 - 22:00 (Mon - Sat 星期一至六)  
Curator's Tour 策展人導覽 23.30 / 4 14:00 (Sat 星期六)

**SATELLITE EXHIBITION**  
The Peak Tower - Shop 101, Level 1  
山頂凌霄閣1樓101號舖  
10:00 - 23:00 (Mon - Fri 星期一至五)  
8:00 - 23:00 (Sat, Sun & Public Holidays 星期六、日公眾假期)

**FORUM** CITY MAKING IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
The Fringe Club - G/F, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central  
緣邊會 - 中環下亞厘畢道二號地下  
19 / 4 (Tue 星期二) 18:30 - 20:30

**WORKSHOPS** SHAPING HONG KONG  
The Fringe Club - 1/F, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central  
緣邊會 - 中環下亞厘畢道二號一樓  
16 / 4 (Sat 星期六) 14:00 - 16:00

**LECTURE** by Sir Terry Farrel: THE CITY AS A TANGLED BANK  
Cluik, Via Building, Room LT2  
香港中文大學康樂服務館層 LT2  
7/4 (Thu 星期四) 18:00

\* R.S.V.P. is required.  
For program enquiries or registration, please contact us at  
須報名參加。如欲索取活動詳情或報名參加，歡迎與我們聯絡  
urban.dialogue@farrells.com.hk or 2523 0183

Farrells would like to invite HKIUD members to the following Exhibition, Forum, workshops and

Lecture.

### Main Exhibition

Date: 15-30/4

The Fringe Club, G/F, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central

Time: 12:00 – 22:00 (Mon – Sat)

Curator's Tour 23, 30/4 14:00 (Sat)

### Satellite Exhibition

The Peak Tower, Shop 101, Level 1

Time: 10:00 - 23:00 (Mon – Fri)

8:00 – 23:00 (Sat, Sun & Public Holidays)



### Forum: City Making in the 21st Century \*

The Fringe Club, G/F, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central


Date: 19/4 (Tue) 18:30 – 20:30



### Workshops: Shaping Hong Kong \*

The Fringe Club, 1/F, 2 Lower Albert Road, Central

16/4 (Sat) 14:00 – 16:00



**URBAN DIALOGUE**  
by FARRELLS

**LECTURE : The City as a Tangled Bank**  
by Sir Terry Farrell

**7/4 18:00 (Thu)**  
CUHK YIA Building , Lecture Room LT2

Sir Terry Farrell, who has built an international career as an architect-planner, encourages other planners and architects to follow the biologists — look at, learn from, and, indeed, admire the nature of the forces that drive the change, and then with humility and respect work with them to nudge, anticipate and prepare for where it takes us. Searching for patterns within the apparent turbulence and complexity, he analyses the notions of urban design and urban evolution and examines whether or not they need necessarily be seen as opposing one another. The lecture will explore emergence as an idea in a biological and architectural context, as well as the distinction between urban design and planning in both education and practice, and the impact of other fields such as landscape design. He will also examine a range of themes embracing the importance of chain reactions in the progress of urban engineering; the character of habitations; layering, taste and context; adaptation and conversion; the advocacy of the architect-planner; and the effects of digital technology on city evolution elucidating his thoughts with examples from cities across the world, including Beijing, Hong Kong, London, New York, and Paris.

RSVP is required. For program enquiries or registration, please contact us at [urban.dialogue@farrells.com.hk](mailto:urban.dialogue@farrells.com.hk) / 2523 0183

**Lecture by Sir Terry Farrell; The City as a Tangled Bank \***

CUHK, YIA Building, Room LT 2

7/4 (Thu) 18:00

\* RSVP is required. For Program enquiries or registration, please contact Farrells at [urban.dialogue@farrells.com.hk](mailto:urban.dialogue@farrells.com.hk) or 2523 0183.

**Hong Kong International Airport “Design Your Airport Competition”**



你 想 機 場  
設計比賽  
DESIGN YOUR AIRPORT COMPETITION  
未來機場 超乎想像

截止日期:  
2016年5月20日

To engage the public in the future development of the airport, the Airport Authority launches the “Design Your Airport Competition”, inviting students, professionals and the general public to submit ideas for innovative yet practical facilities and services for the future passenger concourse.

The competition is now open for submissions till 20 May 2016.

You may also visit the [competition website](#) for more details.

**Hong Kong Annual Conference 2016**



**RICS** Hong Kong Annual Conference 2016  
Unlocking the silver hair market – our future is now  
Friday 20 May 2016 09:00-17:00

Grand Hyatt Hong Kong,  
1 Harbour Road, Wanchai,  
Hong Kong

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RICS Hong Kong is organizing the Annual Conference 2016 with the theme “Unlocking the silver hair market – our future is now ” which will be held on 20 May 2016 (Friday) for which HKIUD is a supporting organisation. Details are as follows:

Date: 20 May 2016 (Friday)

Venue: Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

Time: 0900-1700

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#### HKIUD Meetings Calendar (April)

#### 四月會議

Date	Time	Meetings	Venue
6/4 (Wed)	6:30 pm	COC Meeting	Immediate Past President's Office
12/4 (Tue)	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	Immediate Past President's Office
27/4 (Wed)	6:30 pm	PAC Meeting	Vice President's Office

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