

President's Corner 會長的話



We have heard much over the last few years about “New Urbanism”. The roots of this began in the early 1990s as a response by a small group of architects and urban designers to the problems of metropolitan sprawl that has dominated American suburbia in the post WWII period. Over the past 25 years it has emerged as an influential movement that has spread to other countries – for example the Urban Village movement.

Arguably a fundamental question arises through the term *urbanism*. Urbanism refers to the characteristics of a town or city and reflects the social interaction of their inhabitants. However as an alternative to sprawl, perhaps a more appropriate term would therefore be a ‘New Suburbanism’, where much that is designed and constructed is accomplished under the auspices of one developer who naturally operates on the basis of the market economy. In a not dissimilar situation to Hong Kong, the developer has in the past been best advised to go along with the prevailing and somewhat outdated regulatory and zoning procedures which unsurprisingly support expedient and functionalist solutions within an engineered public realm.

Peter Calthorpe, one of the prominent progenitors of New Urbanism along with Andres Duany and Elizabeth Plater – Zyberk, has stated that it is difficult to enact new urban design principles for mixed-use neighbourhoods and affordable housing without a supportive situation at a regional level where crucial decisions are made on infrastructure and highway investments. This has long been hampered in the U.S. by the lack of governmental powers to bring together social, economic and physical planning issues, and there is a continuing conflict between regional and municipal bodies over land-use control.

In a positive sense New Urbanism has penetrated the sceptical and conservative world of real estate, mainly through its neo traditional small-town planning approach together with its ability to both build and engage communities through an emphasis on a revived public realm supported by form-based design codes in order to develop more compact and connected human-scaled communities. The formula is of course self-evident, in that proving the market success of a pedestrian-scale community approach to neighbourhood and township design is a sure way to overcome the reservations or resistance of planning authorities, developers and banks. Single real estate projects, with one predominant developer and a combination of minutely orchestrated residential and commercial spaces have therefore become progressively easier to approve and finance. In America “New Urbanism” has come of age; and there are numerous publications, conferences and workshops held to discuss and document progress of the Movement and its products as successful new communities and places.

Design codes function as parameters and controls that orchestrate the overall massing and finely textured placemaking structure and walkability of neighbourhoods, and determine the arrangement and organisation of various uses. These are not architectural blueprints but form-based standards

which can be flexibly applied to ensure compliance with the overall vision. As such they can be interpreted with some flexibility in the introduction of architectural aesthetics, styles and building types, whether constructed by volume or custom builders.

In Hong Kong our urban planning is constantly engrossed in the issues of land management. The pursuit of a sense of community inevitably requires a great deal of correspondence between different developers who play varying roles in both urban renewal and new development area implementation. Because of high land costs and specific development lease conditions each element that goes into the production of the built environment must anticipate its intense inhabitation, and the social use of place which reflects its spatial dynamics.

A problem for achieving this in Hong Kong is that our prevailing planning mechanisms are set in stone. However if we want to meet the well-intentioned objectives such as variety, diversity, continuity and scale of pedestrian environments, and connectivity set out in government's own development briefs, we must adopt a means to achieve them in practice, particularly if we have to deal with and coordinate many development participants in the process.

We need to look more closely at the potential of urban design parameters to achieve better coordinated urbanism, and in this sense we might be able to learn something from New Urbanism despite the difference in scale. The approach presupposes the ability to impose some degree of design control, but parameters also reflect the principles that are generally set out in feasibility studies, and are dependent on achieving a responsive layout that is capable of integrating both underlying design coherency and a variety of architectural solutions on individual sites. The need to ensure that the layout of new development 'cells' or neighbourhoods achieves both an effective inter-relationship and correspondence between various parts of the development, and an affinity between new and existing areas. In this way urban design becomes part of the social as well as the 'green' agenda.

Peter Cookson Smith

President

Recent Events and Meetings / 近期活動及會議

HKIUD - HKU: Urban Design Dialogue Sharing Session on 23 February 2016



HKIUD Urban Design Dialogue Sharing Session co-organised with the University of Hong Kong was successfully held on 23 February 2016.

Presenter: Mr. Andy Lewis, Vice President, AECOM Hong Kong

1. Hong Kong Wetland Park – Buffer Zone to Development and Habitat Protection
2. Wenyong Lake, Datong – Unlocking the True Value and Potential of Wetlands
3. Weishan Lake National Wetland Park - Low-impact Approach and Sustainable Design

Focus Group Meeting on Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns - Stage 3 Public Engagement



Drainage Services Department invited HKIUD Members to the focus group meeting on Feasibility Study on Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns on 2 February 2016.

For the latest information of the feasibility study, please visit website: www.STSTWinCaverns.hk

Urban Design Study for the Wan Chai North and North Point Harbourfront Areas - Design Ideas Competition



Dr. Peter Cookson Smith was invited to be a Juror of the Urban Design Study for the Wan Chai North and North Point Harbourfront Areas Design Ideas Competition.

Stage 1 Community Engagement for Boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor



The Civil Engineering and Development Department invited HKIUD Members to the Focus Group Meeting on 17 February 2016 for Stage 1 Community Engagement of Boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor – Investigation

For more information, please visit the project website at www.boardwalk.gov.hk.

Briefing Session for Facilitating Provision of Pedestrian Links by the Private Sector



Energizing Kowloon East office invited HKIUD Members to the Briefing Session for Facilitating Provision of Pedestrian Links by the Private Sector on 18 February 2016.

Power Point for "Facilitating Provision of Pedestrian Links by the Private Sector" was uploaded.

Interested members can download from following link:

http://www.ekeo.gov.hk/en/whats_new/0218_Briefing_PPT_ENG_Final.pdf

Professional Thematic Seminar: Sharing by Award Winners of Hong Kong Institute of Planners Awards 2015

Planning Department and The Hong Kong Institute of Planners invited HKIUD Members to the Professional Thematic Seminar: Sharing by Award Winners of Hong Kong Institute of Planners Awards 2015 on 20 February 2016.

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HKAC Architectural Docent Training Class



Mr. Charles Li, Vice President (External Affairs) gave a presentation at HKAC Architectural Docent Training Class on 25 Feb 2016.

HKIUD Meetings Calendar (February)

二月會議

Date	Time	Meetings	Venue
3/2 (Wed)	6:30 pm	COC Meeting	Immediate Past President's Office
18/2(Thur)	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	Immediate Past President's Office

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 (*registration time: 8:30am*)
 Venue: The Hong Kong Jockey Club
 Voting Members Box, 5/F Members Stand I, Happy Valley Racecourse
 Registration fee: Valley Racecourse
 CPD Hours: HK\$200
 8 hours

HKIUD Urban Design Conference 2016
Betterment of the City

Date : 22nd April 2016
 Time : 9:00am – 5:20pm (Registration time: 8:30am)
 Venue : The Hong Kong Jockey Club
 Voting Members Box, 5/F Members Stand I, Happy Valley Racecourse
 Registration Fee : \$200 (Buffet Lunch included)
 CPD Hours : 8 hours

Conference Highlight
 Betterment of the city environment is currently a subject of great concern to both the professional and wider community. Many of the issues and problems are widely recognised, but there has been little in terms of focused debate on what needs to be done. There are several excellent and worthwhile projects underway in Hong Kong that embrace betterment of the public realm, but city betterment as a whole requires a more comprehensive and integrated agenda. It is intended that this Conference will explore both problems and opportunities in a proactive way, to recognise Hong Kong's organisational shortcomings and suggest new initiatives.

Guest of Honor
 Mrs Lam Cheng Yuet Ngor, Carrie, GBS, JP
 Chief Secretary for Administration, HKSAR

Welcome Remarks
 Dr Peter Cookson Smith
 President, Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design

Speakers
 Sir Terry Farrell CBE
 President, Farrell
 Dr Rocco Yim
 Associate Director, Inno-Design Architects
 Mr Christopher Kin Chung Law, JP
 Founding Director, The Oval Partnership
 Dr Stanley Yip
 Professor, School of Urban Planning and Design, PolyU University
 Prof Zhu Wenyi
 Special Professor, Tsinghua University
 Dr Kim Dovey
 Professor of Architecture & Urban Design, Melbourne School of Design, University of Melbourne
 Mr Martin Joseph Barry
 Partner in Charge, MJCDC
 Mr Ian Brownlee
 Managing Director, Masterplan Limited
 Mr Tai Lee Siang
 Honorary Advisor, Singapore Green Building Council

Moderators
 Prof Bernard Lim Wan-fung, JP
 Immediate Past President, Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
 Mr Stefan Krummeck
 Director, IUP Forum
 Mr Vincent Ng, JP
 President, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
 Prof John Ng Cheuk-yee
 Chairman, BEAM Society Limited

Panel Members
 Mr Laurence Liaw
 Director, Creative Media Centre
 Dr Francisco Vizeu Pinheiro
 Assistant Professor, Faculty of Creative Industries, University of St. Joseph, Macau - China
 Mr Choi Wun Hing Donald
 Managing Director, New Fung Development Limited
 Ms Casey Wang
 Associate Partner, HOKU Architecture Limited

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Registration and Enquiries

Please complete the attached registration form with a crossed cheque to:

Conference Secretariat - Creative Consulting Group Inc. Limited

Room 1106-8, C C Wu Building,

302-8 Hennessy Road,

Wanchai, Hong Kong

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[Download Registration Form](#)

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

The Hong Kong Green Building Council Limited (HKGBC) and BEAM Society Limited (BSL) would like to invite HKIUD Members to the Public Talks on BEAM Plus Existing Buildings (EB) v2.0 on 1 March 2016 (Eng) and 8 March 2016 (Chi). Details are as follows:

English Version

1 March 2016 (Tuesday)

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm (registration time: 6:00pm)

Venue: Conference Hall, 4/F, Hong Kong Productivity Council

Language: English

Fee: Free admission

Cantonese Version

8 March 2016 (Tuesday)

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm (registration time: 6:00pm)

Venue: Chamber 1A & B, G/F, InnoCentre

Language: Cantonese (supplemented with English)

Fee: Free admission

Discussion Forum : Perspectives on The 2016-17 Budget

The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, has delivered the Budget for 2016/17 on 24 Feb. HKIUD Members are cordially invited to join and participate in the Discussion Forum organized by Hon. Tony Tse's Legislative Council office as details below:

Date: 4 March 2016 (Friday)

Time: 6:30 p.m - 8: 30 p.m

Venue: Rm502, Legislative Council Complex, 1 Legislative Council Road, Central, HK

The Discussion Forum will be the channel to receive your views and suggestions that could be related to the Financial Secretary. Comments in writing can also be sent to us at info@tonytsewaichuen.com.

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". They are arranging two briefing session for professional bodies and commercial sectors. Details are as follows:

Date: 11 March 2016 (Friday)

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Language: Cantonese

Venue: Room 701, 7th Floor, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Date: 18 March 2016 (Friday)

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Language: English

Venue: Room 701, 7th Floor, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

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 would like to invite 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. Details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: 17 March 2014 (Thursday)

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Activity Room 1, Group Floor, Hong Kong Central Library, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

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 2015 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 OF SUSTAINABILITY
ONE AHEAD & PARTNERS HONG KONG

MS. MAYA DE SOUZA
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DR. WILLIAM YU
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MR. GAVIN EDWARDS
DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION
WWF-HONG KONG

DR. SENAKA BASNAYAKE
HEAD OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE
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

21ST 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.chu.edu.hk

Organizer: **chArch** 城市學院

Supporting Organizations:

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & CREATING A RESILIENT HONG KONG

21 MARCH 2016
YMCA - 4/F NORTH TOWER, Tsim 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
ONE AHEAD & 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

PANEL CHAIR: **PROF. ALISON KWOK**, DEPT. OF ARCHITECTURE, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

PANELISTS: **PROF. DAVID ZHANG**, **IR. WILFRED LAU**, **PROF. KAZUO IWAMURA**, **MS. MAYA DE SOUZA**

SOUVENIR PRESENTATION

1:00-2:30

LUNCHEON & NETWORKING

2:30-3:00

BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE - PERFECT STORM SCENARIO

DR. WILLIAM YU
FOUNDER AND CHIEF 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 RISK MANAGEMENT (CCRM)
ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTRE, BANGKOK

4:00-5:15

PANEL DISCUSSION

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
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SOUVENIR PRESENTATION

NETWORKING TEA / COFFEE &
COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

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Chu Hai College of Higher Education is hosting a one day conference on CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & CREATING A RESILIENT HONG KONG on the 21 March 2016 at the YMCA, Tsim Sha Tsui.

This conference brings together experts from academia, Governmental and Non-Governmental organization to share their experiences and views on this very important topic on development, social, environmental and economic perspectives.

Registration is strictly on first-come first-served basis. Registration is Free.

[More](#)

Lantau Development - Focus Group Meeting for Professional Institutions

Lantau Development Advisory Committee would like to invite HKIUD members to the Focus Group Meeting for Professional Institutions on Lantau Development on 30 March 2016. Details are as follows:

Date: 30 March 2016 (Wednesday)

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Activity Room 1&2, Wan Chai Activities Centre, LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

For more details, please refer to the following invitation. Thank you.

For your information, two public forums will also be held on 20 February (Saturday) at 2:30pm at HKFEW Wong Cho Bau Secondary School, Tung Chung and on 28 February (Sunday) at 2:30pm at City Gallery, Central (quota is full). Another public forum is being arranged and details will be announced at LanDAC website at 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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