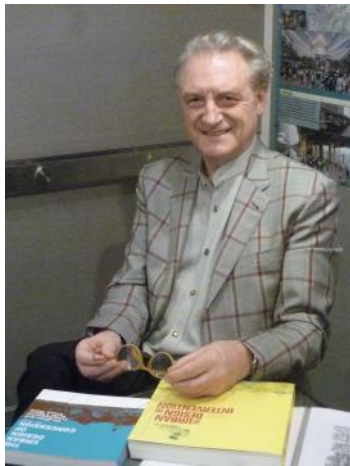


President Corner 會長的話



I am greatly honoured to be elected President of the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design for the new term.

The Annual General Meeting in September, attended by our new Honorary Member Mrs Carrie Lam, Chief Secretary of the HKSAR gave us some idea of how far we have come as a fledgling institute in quite a short time. It marked the 4th anniversary of the institute, and including students we now number around 250 members.

I must on behalf of us all pay great tribute to Bernard who has led the HKIUD from our inauguration in a really pro-active way, and helped at every turn to push our institute into the realm of Government Directorates and Policy Bureaux, and into the public eye. I would also like to thank all the Council Members and office holders who have worked so hard on our behalf over the past four years, and welcome the incoming Council who will be in place until 2016.

We have just held our first meeting of the New Council. Our objective is to promote urban design excellence across the professional spectrum – in practice, education and research. At the core of this is the ability to look at urbanism through the lens of city. Cities are in fact the topic of the moment. Already this autumn in Hong Kong we have had several conferences and symposia on Smart Cities, Resilient Cities, Sustainable Cities and Eco-Cities. This is essentially for two overriding reasons: first that cities in Asia are growing rapidly - in 1850 only 5 percent of people lived in cities; by 1950 this had grown to 18 percent; but over the past 60 or so years this figure has now reached 50 percent and is still growing. So urban design is very much in the public eye, and there is increasing concern about both the natural and built environment.

We all know and recognise that the Asian City is in transition, from a situation where the slow stream of influences has generated a precarious balance between flourishing but very different urban cultures, many of them generated by Western city-building interventions from the 16th century, to a surge of commonalities and even competitiveness through forces of globalisation. So we cannot just be

concerned with growth, but with an urban design that counters inevitable trends towards a homogenous urbanism of high density and often disjointed image that often leaves us with spatially undifferentiated urban quarters.

Our historically great cities usually come down to their endowment of physical capital, their hard infrastructure of buildings and spaces coupled with the more elusive qualities of place and history. But the modern city must look to the future and add another dimension – that of responsiveness to the challenges of growing urbanisation, eco-awareness, urban efficiency, equitability and resilience. In this sense Urban Design performance no longer depends purely on physical capital but on social and knowledge capital. The Sustainable City, the Well Designed City and the Smart City are not mutually exclusive.

The HKIUD is now represented on various Government bodies including the Harbourfront Commission. We are at present in the middle of the final public consultation to transform the Commission into a Harbourfront Authority – something that has been supported by the Chief Executive in his 2013 Policy Address. Our Member and ex Vice-President Vincent Ng has been spearheading this major step forward, which is unprecedented in its scope and ambitions. If members feel able, please send your views to hape@hfc.org.hk before December 24th 2014.

Our Hong Kong-Barcelona Urban Exchange made up of representatives from HKIUD, HKIP and HKGBC is in its final phase. Several of our members are visiting Barcelona as part of a large Hong Kong delegation to the SB14 Green Building Conference in Barcelona in the Week beginning 27th October attended by Mr Paul Chan, Secretary for Development, and at the same time we have a Workshop on the Urban Exchange and the sites that we have been examining with our Barcelona Counterparts, to discuss proposals for the final publication and Symposium in March 2015. We anticipate that this might then continue under an enlarged international membership.

Finally we welcome nominations for our Committees – in particular the [Membership and Education Committee](#), the [Public Affairs Committee](#), the [Young Urban-Design Professionals](#) and the [Urban Design Research Group](#). If you are interested in any of these, please let Cherry Lau know at cherry.lau@hkiud.org and the Committee Chairman will contact you. For the terms of reference for the committees please visit our website www.hkiud.org. We would also appreciate input from anyone for the E-Newsletter which will be issued at the end of each month.

I will end by re-stating Bernard's Final Comment in his address two years ago – our ultimate aim is to contribute towards building a better Hong Kong.

Peter Cookson Smith

President

Recent Events and Meetings / 近期活動及會議

Chinachem Sustainable Development Conference 2014



The Chinachem Group invited HKIUD members to the Sustainable Development Conference 2014, for which HKIUD is a supporting organization. This Conference aims to foster discussion on a wide range of topics pertaining to the implementation of environmentally friendly practices in development in order to achieve a sustainable future.

HK3030 - Market Drivers towards Sustainable Built Environment Policy Forum



The Hong Kong Green Building Council Limited (HKGBC) invited HKIUD members to the HK3030 - Market Drivers towards Sustainable Built Environment Policy Forum on 17 October 2014, for which HKIUD is a supporting organization.

Council Meeting on 20 October 2014



Council Meeting of New Term Council (2014-2016) on 20 October 2014.

An Alternative Urban Design Strategy for Neighbourhood Connectivity in Yuen Long Town



View at Urban Room



New pedestrian environment outside Long Ping Station



"Garden-like" covered footbridge connecting to the concourse of Long Ping Station



View from Castle Peak Road - Yuen Long to Long Ping Station



View from Cheong Shing Path to Long Ping Station



The new gateway - urban room with elevated footbridge linking Long Ping Station

Highways Department's Proposal

Reference: <http://www.pwd.gov.hk/inf/inf.htm>



Joint Institutes' Approach

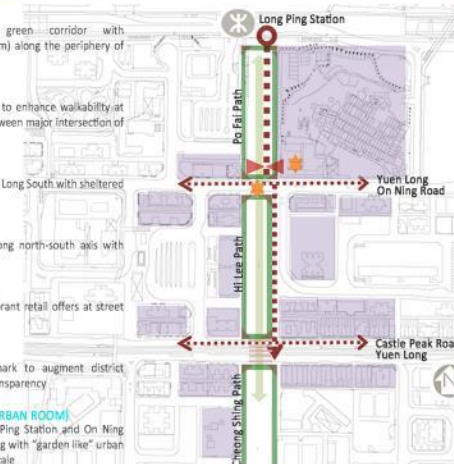


Preservation of visual link and wind corridor along north-south axis

Joint Institutes' Approach

The chaotic interface between Yuen Long Town Nullah and the surrounding busy major road network coupled with the almost round the clock operated MTR light rail transit system disconnects the densely populated neighborhood into shredding urban fabric and redundant areas. It has been the megalithic hurdle of creating potentially good pedestrian environment and connectivity at street level to and fro between Long Ping Station and the southern part of Yuen Long for years. These areas of the city are unattractive to the city's inhabitants, pedestrians and prospective developers. The proposed beautification of Yuen Long Town Nullah under planning by Drainage Services Department can provide just the unique attribute that can serve as catalysts for the community, politicians, government and professionals to transform the existing divisive infrastructures and reshape the urban environment for improving pedestrian connectivity in Yuen Long Town. This also provides the greatest opportunity for the architects, landscape architects, planners and urban designers to delve deeper into the redefinition of the Yuen Long Town Nullah starting from its greater polyfunctioning and polyvalence to a strategic articulation of usage, form and space. A new urban design concept is then brought up to create a quality green pedestrian space with potentially vibrant retail offers/street leisure activities to be provided along the periphery of the nullah for public enjoyment. This can be achieved by redefining the city frontages and edges with the existing pavements extending over part of the nullah for improvement on accessibility and connectivity. From which the current configuration of pedestrian environment can be integrated and remodeled through elimination of stagnant urban spaces together with removal of street clutter and new layers of active pedestrian spaces and social interaction areas are formed.

- GREEN CORRIDOR**
Create new landscape edges as green corridor with cantilevered/extended walkway (2.5m to 3m) along the periphery of the nullah to reduce heat island effect
- DIRECT ACCESSIBILITY AT GRADE**
Create crossing points at Castle Peak Road to enhance walkability at street level by redefining existing spaces between major intersection of main road and nullah
- CONNECTIVITY**
Enhance main pedestrian links towards Yuen Long South with sheltered walkway of increased width
- SUSTAINABLE URBAN DESIGN**
Preserve visual links and wind corridor along north-south axis with transparent urban design elements
- VIBRANT STREET OFFERS & ACTIVITIES**
Redefine active frontages with potential vibrant retail offers at street level
- PLACE MAKING**
Feature covered walkway as new landmark to augment district character but without losing surrounding transparency
- NEW GATEWAY WITH HUMAN SCALE (URBAN ROOM)**
Improve pedestrian linkage between Long Ping Station and On Ning Road by forming a new gateway to Yuen Long with "garden like" urban room cum elevated walkway with human scale
- REVITALIZATION OF URBAN SPACE**
Define new edges to existing urban space by avoiding corner impediment



Upcoming Events and Meetings / 活動及會議預告

Chinachem Sustainable Development Conference 2014

由香港公路學會主辦，中國公路學會、中華民國道路協會及澳門工程師學會協辦的第三屆兩岸四地公路交通發展論壇將於二零一四年十一月三日及五日於港島海逸君綽酒店舉行。大會邀得香港特別行政區政府發展局局長陳茂波先生及發展局常任秘書長(工務)韋志成先生分別擔任會議及晚宴主禮嘉賓。香港城市學會為其中一個支持機構，現誠邀本會會員報名參與是次論壇，報名詳情請瀏覽大會網站：

<http://www.hkiht-crossstraitconference2014.com>。

如有任何疑問，請與大會秘書處張皓怡小姐(電話：3159 2953) 或郭曉彤小姐(電話：3159 2933) 聯絡。

主辦機構：香港公路學會、中國公路學會、中華民國道路協會、澳門工程師學會

協辦機構：香港城市學會

第三屆兩岸四地公路交通發展論壇

交通及基建的規劃、實施和新發展

2014年11月3-5日 香港

交通除了能拉近人與人之間的距離之外，亦為現今社會發展的重要元素。一個優良且完善的交通網絡及設施，從製造到運輸與製造，更成為促進經濟發展與社會進步的引擎。在交通、基建、工程、香港及澳門兩地中，交通與基建發展是城市發展與建設的基礎，而交通與基建的發展亦為城市發展與建設的引擎。透過香港與中國內地的聯繫，可促進兩地交通與基建發展成為重要發展項目，而此亦是對交通與基建發展的一項共同目標與共識。

承辦於台灣舉行的第二屆兩岸四地公路交通發展論壇，第三屆兩岸四地公路交通發展論壇由香港公路學會主辦，大會邀請為業界人士、內地相關人員及政府、學術界及專業人士提供一個互動交流的機會，為兩地的公路交通發展與實施進行探討交流，促進兩地交通與基建發展，加強兩地聯繫，為未來交通、基建與工程發展提供更多交流與合作機會，藉著論壇的分享，讓兩地專業人士有更多互動與交流，論壇詳情如下：

日期：2014年11月3-5日
地點：香港海逸君綽酒店
主辦機構：香港公路學會
協辦機構：中國公路學會、中華民國道路協會、澳門工程師學會、香港城市學會

主禮嘉賓：發展局局長陳茂波先生、發展局常任秘書長(工務)韋志成先生、交通局長張炳光先生、運輸局長李卓人先生

主講嘉賓：香港運輸有限公司工程師 周大偉工程師

專業主講嘉賓：發展局常任秘書長(工務) 韋志成先生、太平紳士

大會網站：<http://www.hkiht-crossstraitconference2014.com>

Meeting with Director of Architectural Services (4/11)

Hon. Tony Tse, Legislative Councilor organised a meeting with Director of Architectural Services on 4 November 2014. Details are as follow:

Date: 4 November 2014 (Tuesday)

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Rm 502, Legislative Council Complex, 1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong

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Invitation to briefing sessions on proposed establishment of a Harbourfront Authority



The Harbourfront Commission and the Development Bureau have jointly launched Phase II Public Engagement Exercise on 25 September 2014. HKIUD members are invited to the following briefing session. Details of the briefing session are as follows -

Date: 7 November 2014 (Friday)

Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Venue: Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar (exact room to be advised)

By way of background, the Harbourfront Commission and the Development Bureau had conducted Phase I Public Engagement Exercise from October 2013 to January 2014 to seek public views on, among others, whether an HFA should be established. Views collected in Phase I showed that the public in general supported to establish a dedicated Harbourfront Authority. Taking into account of the views collected from the public, the Harbourfront Commission and the Development Bureau have drawn up a detailed framework for the proposed Harbourfront Authority for further discussion in the Phase II Public Engagement Exercise. For details of the proposal, you may refer to the Phase II Public Engagement Digest through the following link -

http://www.hfc.org.hk/hape/doc/en/public_engagement_materials/PhaseII_PE_Digest.pdf

More details on Phase II PE can be found in our website : www.hfc.org.hk/hape

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HKPASEA: 專資會 誠邀擔任協辦機構「與成功者交流」晚宴 –何大一博士：“Reflections of a Biomedical Scientist”

香港專業及資深行政人員協會十分榮幸邀請到國際防治愛滋病研究權威何大一博士於 11 月 10 日(星期一) 假九龍香格里拉大酒店舉行講座晚宴，以「Reflections of a Biomedical Scientist」為題分享，現誠邀 本會會員報名出席

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DSD International Conference 2014

DSD International Conference 2014 Sustainable Stormwater and Wastewater Management

12-14 November 2014
Hong Kong

Hosted by:



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Drainage Services Department



Year 2014 is the 25th Anniversary of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) of the HKSAR Government. To mark the finale of the 25th anniversary celebration activities, DSD will host the DSD International Conference 2014 (DSDIC 2014) on 12-14 November 2014. The conference venue will be Regal Hongkong Hotel in Causeway Bay.

The registration is now open and more information is available on www.dsdc2014.hk.

BEC EnviroSeries Conference 2014

The Business Environment Council ("BEC") would like to invite HKIUD members to the EnviroSeries Conference with the theme on: **Connectivity for Urban Sustainable Development: Strategies and Solutions** that will be held on **21 November 2014** at **JW Marriott Hong Kong**.

For the upcoming Conference in November, BEC will focus on connectivity for urban sustainable development and the current situation and challenges in Hong Kong. BEC intend to bring together industry experts, policy makers, business leaders, academics and researchers to review and discuss how to provide and support the most efficient infrastructure and services for a large population with limited space, under a range of environmental and sustainability considerations, and to identify strategies and solutions that are beneficial to the general public and businesses.

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