

President's Corner 會長的話

Working on the Hong Kong – Barcelona proposals : November 2014



The end of October and into November has been a busy time. The SB14 World Sustainability Conference in Barcelona was attended by around 110 architects, planners and urban designers from Hong Kong representing the various Institutes and of course the HK Green Building Council. It also coincided with our Hong Kong – Barcelona Workshop on the ongoing Urban Exchange. Our colleagues from Barcelona are coming to Hong Kong at the beginning of December to participate with us in Design Week where we will have a Workshop at the Kowloon East Development Office. We are now proceeding with some of our Young Professionals to finish the publication and exhibition material for a Symposium in February. We therefore have a busy time ahead.

The past two weeks have given the opportunity for Council Members to meet the urban students and tutors Hendrik Tieban and Sujata Govada on the Urban Design course at Chinese University, and at the University of Hong Kong under Dr Huang Jianxiang. We hope all the new student intake will sign up to become Student Members of HKIUD. I will be hopefully attending the Final MSc Review at CU on 3rd October.

The programme of autumn conferences continues in Hong Kong and we have urban design representation at the forthcoming BEC EnviroSeries Conference on Connectivity and Sustainable Urban Transportation at the SW Marriott on 21st November, the Urban Adaptation and Resilience in

Asian Cities Conference at the Grand Hyatt on November 27-28th; and the HKGBC Seminar for BEAM Professionals on 28th November. All are welcome to register.

If we need any further justification for proceeding with the proposed Des Voeux Road pedestrianisation scheme, based on the fact that traffic will be reduced through the new MTR link to Kennedy Town and the soon-to-be-completed Central Bypass, it is the news that the number of registered private cars in Hong Kong now totals 524,000 – a rise of 32.5 percent in 7 years. Slow vehicle movement through crowded streets, leads to the emission of more air borne pollutants such as nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. A slow bus emits 2.5 times nitrogen oxide per kilometer than one travelling at 40km per hour. Given the continually reduced speed of buses in the urban area we need to support the HK\$11 billion that Government has committed itself to, in order to phase out commercial diesel vehicles. But this also seems an appropriate time to consider the introduction of congestion pricing. We need to equate the quality of Hong Kong's liveability to its pedestrian experience, the level of urban comfort and energy reduction, which is what more than 900 cities in Europe are now examining under Smart City initiatives.

Finally a word on the Harbourfront. The Harbour is arguably Hong Kong's greatest physical asset and point of identity. But of the almost 80km of central harbourfront, much is inaccessible and there is not one signature project. Unlike all other World Cities that have a waterfront, this disconnect is made more palpable by a lack of placemaking which should incorporate a lively and diverse harbourfront with the means to get there.

For those who are able, please send your comments on the proposed establishment of a Harbourfront Authority to hape@hfc.org.hk on or before December 24th. The Phase II Public Engagement Digest can be viewed at www.hfc.org.hk/hape

Peter Cookson Smith

President

Recent Events and Meetings / 近期活動及會議

HKILA Landscape Awards for 2014



Mr. Joel Chan was invited to be a Juror of the HKILA Landscape Awards for 2014 on 1 November 2014.

第三屆兩岸四地公路交通發展論壇

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於二零一四年十一月三日至五日於港島海逸君綽酒店舉行。香港城市學會為其中一個支持機構，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。



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Meeting with Director of Architectural Services on 4 November 2014

Hon. Tony Tse, Legislative Councilor organised and invited HKIUD to join the meeting with Director of Architectural Services on 4 November 2014.

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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 were invited to the briefing sessions on 7 November 2014 and 26 November 2014.

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 website : www.hfc.org.hk/hape](http://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 一何大一博士：“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，本會為是次活動之協辦團體。

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EURAU 2014 Composite Cities Symposium

Mr. Charles Li, Vice President (External Affairs) attended the EURAU 2014 Composite Cities Symposium held in Istanbul, Turkey, 12-14 November 2014.

Stemming from the urge to critically discuss the 'today and tomorrow' of cities worldwide, the symposium was themed: "Composite Cities", referring to the complexity of cities; ever increasing through new urban emergences adding up to the existing urban environment and continuously redefining our urban experience. The conference has created a medium to discuss the complex relationship between urban form and urban experience through the 4 characters below:

Hybrid City – urban conditions emerging through the interaction of distinct entities politically, culturally or socially.

Morphed City – urban transformation as a manifestation of global economic and political conjuncture resulting in a worldwide urban homogeneity.

Fragmented City - urban conditions and experience emerging as a reflection of social disintegration resulting from significant cultural, economic, political, occupational etc.

Mutated City - changes under a multitude of forces on city space from economic, political, social factors to wars and natural phenomena as earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes.



Photo with Key Note Speaker Prof. Caroline Bos, Co-founder, Principle Urban Planner, UN-Studio (Left).

Photo with Scientific Committee Member Prof. Francisco Lamiquiz, Madrid Polytechnic University (Right).

Meeting with CUHK Master of Science in Urban Design and HKU Master of Urban Design Students



On 12 November 2014 and 18 November 2014, Membership and Education Committee members together with Mr. Kelvin Leung, Council Member and Ms. Canny Ma met with Master of Science in Urban Design Students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Master of Urban Design Students from University of Hong Kong, and briefed them on the establishment and work of the Institute and the career path of Urban Designers in Hong Kong.

GBA 2014 cum HKGBC 5th Anniversary Dinner (20 Nov 2014)



Dr. Peter Cookson Smith, President was invited to be a Member of Jury Panel of Green Building Award 2014 for which HKIUD is a supporting organization.



The Green Building Award 2014 cum HKGBC 5th Anniversary Dinner was held on 20 November 2014.

BEC EnviroSeries Conference 2014

The Business Environment Council (“BEC”) invited HKIUD members to the EnviroSeries Conference with the theme on: Connectivity for Urban Sustainable Development: Strategies and Solutions that was held on 21 November 2014 at JW Marriott Hong Kong.

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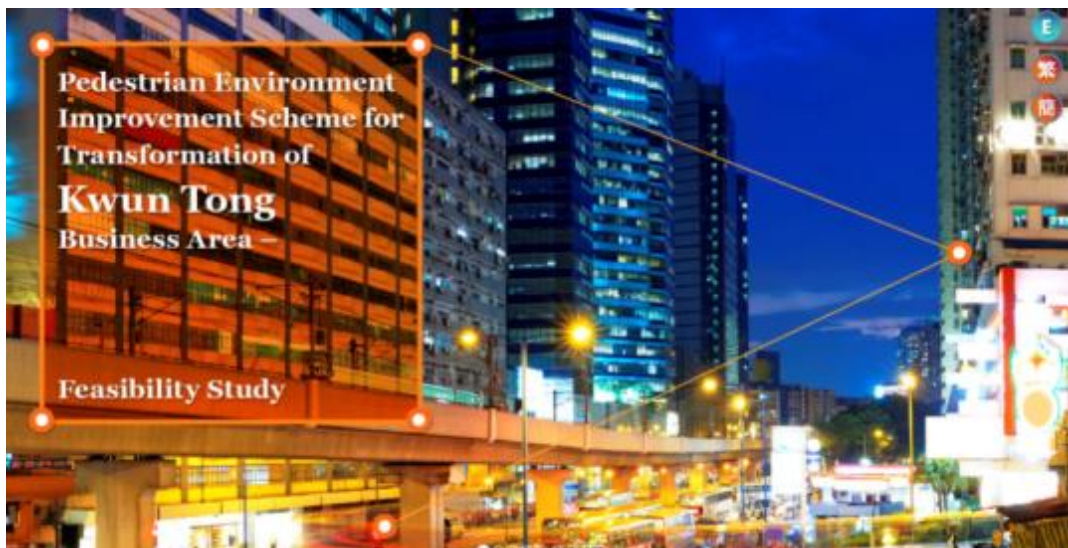
HKIUD Meetings Calendar (Nov)

十一月會議

Date	Time	Meetings	Venue
11/11 (Tue)	6:30 pm	PAC Meeting	Vice President (Local Affairs)'s Office
12/11 & 18/11 (Wed & Tue)	6:30 pm	MEC Members Meeting with CUHK and HKU MUD Students	Immediate Past President's Office
25/11 (Tue)	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	Immediate Past President's Office

Upcoming Events and Meetings / 活動及會議預告

Pedestrian Environment Improvement Scheme for Transformation of Kwun Tong Business Area (KTBA) Feasibility Study” (the Study) - Stage 1 Public Engagement (PE1) Community Workshop on 6 December 2014



Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) of Development Bureau (DEVB) would like to invite HKIUD Members to the “Pedestrian Environment Improvement Scheme for Transformation of Kwun Tong Business Area (KTBA) Feasibility Study” (the Study) - Stage 1 Public Engagement (PE1) Community Workshop on 6 December 2014. The Study aims at formulating improvement schemes for the

pedestrian environment and road conditions, and enhancing accessibility from Kwun Tong and Ngau Tau Kok MTR Stations to KTBA towards the waterfront. Details are as follows:

Stage 1 Public Engagement – Community Workshop

Date: 6 December 2014 (Saturday)

Time: 2:30pm – 5:00pm (Registration will start from 2pm)

Venue: Exhibition Hall, EKEO Office, 122 Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong

*Community Workshop will be conducted in Cantonese and simultaneous interpretation would not be provided.

You are also invited to visit the roving exhibitions during the public engagement period. More details on PE1 can be found at the enclosed Stage 1 Public Engagement Digest and posters or the website at www.walkablekwuntong.hk. You may also download the Stage 1 Public Engagement Digest at http://www.walkablekwuntong.hk/file/public_engagement_digest.pdf.

Should you be interested, please contact our Administrative Officer, Ms. Cherry Lau at 2530 8135 or mail to cherry.lau@hkiud.org by 28 November 2014. Thank you.

Joint Seminar 'Creating a Green CBD in Kowloon East' by EKEO x HKGBC on 11 December 2014

Energizing Kowloon East Office would like to invite HKIUD members to join a seminar jointly organized by the Energizing Kowloon East Office and the Hong Kong Green Building Council on 11 December 2014 to share the Government's initiatives on creating a Green CBD in Kowloon East as well as the benefits of Green Buildings. Details are as follows:

Date: 11 December 2014 (thursday)

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: 122, Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon

Should you be interested, please contact our Administrative Officer, Ms. Cherry Lau at 2530 8135 or mail to cherry.lau@hkiud.org by 5 December 2014. Thank you.

Public Forum on proposed establishment of a Harbourfront Authority on 13 Dec 2014

The Harbourfront Commission and the Development Bureau have jointly launched Phase II Public Engagement Exercise on 25 September 2014. HKIUD members are being invited to the last public forum on 13 December 2014 with details as follows -

Date: 13 December 2014 (Saturday)

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Venue: Multi-purpose Hall, 3/F, City Gallery, 3 Edinburgh Place, Central (Near to City Hall Lower Block)

For details of the proposal, you may refer to the Phase II Public Engagement Digest at the following link http://www.hfc.org.hk/hape/doc/en/public_engagement_materials/PhaseII_PE_Digest.pdf

Should you be interested, please contact our Administrative Officer, Ms. Cherry Lau at 2530 8135 or mail to cherry.lau@hkiud.org. Thank you.

Meeting with the Secretary for Development, Mr Paul Chan on 16 December 2014

Hon. Tony Tse, Legislative Councilor organised a meeting with Secretary for Development, Mr Paul Chan Director of Architectural Services on 16 December 2014. HKIUD members are being invited to attend. Details are as follow:

Date: 16 December 2014 (Tuesday)

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

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

Should you be interested, please contact our Administrative Officer, Ms. Cherry Lau at [2530 8135](tel:25308135) or mail to cherry.lau@hkiud.org by 2 December 2013. Thank you.

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