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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE

Hong Kong is a pre-eminent international city boasting an efficient, high quality multi modal transportation system, and a spectacular city view with a magnificent mountain and harbour landscape setting. It is entrepreneurial, cosmopolitan and vibrant, often looked upon by other Asian cities as a successful urban development model.

Hong Kong's rapid post-war urban expansion sought to reconcile the aspirations of a booming population with the often critical shortfall of land and housing supply. For many reasons, pragmatism and expediency have been dominant forces in urban development, resulting in an efficient and functional city. High density compact development, supported by a flexible land use zoning together with a generally laissez-faire economic system have helped nurture the growth and transformation of the city. In this context, development has rarely followed any urban design vision or recognised the benefits of a green network of open spaces within the urban core and the importance of a high quality public realm infrastructure. As a result, the city falls short of distinct public spaces, civic architecture, historic or arts districts, a pollution free environment and clean air.

In recent years, professionals, civic societies and the public have voiced a desire for the development process in Hong Kong to address these shortcomings. As in other leading cities, an urban design emphasis within the planning process is needed. This requires a comprehensive urban design public policy and a clear regulatory framework.

This conference explores how urban design issues can be integrated into policies to guide the actions of both the public and private sectors and embrace community participation to ensure a more livable and sustainable city. Noted international and regional speakers will share their experience, and together with Hong Kong experts as respondents, will discuss local urban design issues on the following topics:

1. From Strategic Vision to Realization
2. Participation in the Urban Design Process
3. Public/Private Partnership

Day 1 of the conference will focus on eminent speakers sharing their experience from other cities in the world with local respondents discussing related urban issues. Day 2 will involve an Urban Design Policy Framework workshop including the international, regional and local experts working together with multiple stakeholders with an aim to highlight some key points for future directions and recommendations for public policies on urban design and suggestions for possible implementation. Learning from the HKIUD conference dialogue and discussion, Hong Kong should be encouraged to consider developing a more integrated strategic vision; district urban design plans and guidelines; urban design control requirements within the planning process and emphasize urban design excellence for the public realm and on important public and private developments.

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PROGRAMME

31st March 2012

Time	Programme
08:30 – 09:20	Registration
09:15 – 09:25	Welcome Remarks Dr. Sujata Govada Chairlady of the Organizing Committee, MHKIUD
09:25 – 09:30	Souvenir Presentation to Major Sponsors & Sponsors
09:30 – 10:00	Opening Address and Keynote Speech Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBS, JP Secretary for Development, HKSAR Government
10:00 – 10:30	Keynote Speech Mr. Richard A. Dimino (USA) President & CEO, A Better City
10:30 – 10:50	Panel Response / Q&A Session Respondent: Mr. Nicholas Brooke, Chairman, Harbourfront Commission Moderator: Mr. Vincent Ng, Vice President (Local Policies), MHKIUD
10:50 – 11:10	Coffee Break
Session 1: From Strategic Vision to Realization	
11:10 – 11:40	Panel Speaker Presentation Mr. Arun Jain (USA) Former Chief Urban Designer of Portland, OR, USA Urban Designer and Urban Strategist, Board Member International Federation of Housing and Planning, USA
11:40 – 12:20	Panel Speaker Presentation Dr. Liu Thai Ker (Singapore) Director, RSP Architects Planner & Engineers (Pte) Ltd
12:20 – 12:40	Panel Response / Q&A Session Respondent: Dr. Sujata Govada, Chairlady of the Organizing Committee Moderator: Dr. Peter Cookson Smith, Vice President (Professional Development), MHKIUD
Lunch Keynote Session	
12:40 – 14:00	Lunch Keynote Presentation Mr. Daniel Hernandez (USA) Managing Director, Jonathan Rose Companies
Session 2: Participation in the Urban Design Process	
14:00 – 14:30	Panel Speaker Presentation Mr. Peter Jensen (Australia) Chair Urban Design Chapter, Planning Institute of Australia
14:30 – 15:00	Panel Speaker Presentation Prof. Wu Jiang (China) Professor, Vice President, Tongji University
15:00 – 15:20	Panel Response / Q&A Session Respondent: Mrs. Sorais Lee, Head of Kai Tak Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department Moderator: Prof. Mee Kam Ng, Academic Advisor, MHKIUD
15:20 – 15:40	Coffee Break
Session 3: Public / Private Partnership	
15:40 – 16:20	Panel Speaker Presentation Mr. Kevin Murray (United Kingdom) Chairman, Academy of Urbanism
16:20 – 16:50	Panel Speaker Presentation Mr. Takayuki Kubo (Japan) Senior Researcher, Institute for Urban Strategies, The Mori Memorial Foundation
16:50 – 17:10	Panel Response / Q&A Session Respondent: Mr. Raymond Chow, Executive Director of Hongkong Land Moderator: Mr. Donald Choi, Public Affairs Committee Member, MHKIUD
17:15	End of Day 1

1st April 2012

Time	Programme
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote Presentation Mr. David Sim (Denmark) Senior Consultant and Director, Gehl Architects
10:00 – 11:45	Urban Design Strategy and Policy Framework Workshop Invited International and Regional Speakers Local Experts, Professionals and Academia Public, Private and Community Representatives Breakout Sessions: 1. From Strategic Vision to Realization Moderator: Prof. Marc Aurel Schnabel, MHKIUD and Prof. Hendrik Tieben, Academic Advisor, MHKIUD 2. Participation in the Urban Design Process Moderator: Ms. Tristance Kee, MHKIUD and Mr. Bernie Harrad, Council Member, MHKIUD 3. Public Private Partnership Moderator: Prof. Stefan Al, MHKIUD and Prof. Laurence Liauw, MHKIUD
11:45 – 12:30	Wrap Up Session
12:30	End of Conference
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch (Participants' own arrangement)
14:00 – 17:00	City Tours Tour 1: Walking Tour of Central and Sheung Wan Person in charge: Dr. Peter Cookson Smith, Vice President (Professional Development), MHKIUD Starting: At Statue Square Route: This is a Walking Tour from Central to Western District taking in some of the major architectural blocks, heritage buildings and the older street matrix south of Central, street markets, regeneration areas and the antiques market in Sheung Wan. Tour 2: Walking Tour from Mong Kok to Olympic Station Person in charge: Mr. Oren Tatcher, MHKIUD Starting: Langham Place Hotel, Hong Kong

MESSAGE FROM THE GUEST OF HONOUR



In a densely populated city like Hong Kong, urban design concerns the well-being of all citizens, and with lasting effects. It contributes to making Hong Kong a quality city and naturally should be given due emphasis in our public policy. In the Third Term of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, under a mandate from the Chief Executive to build a quality city, we have formulated policies that are conducive to promoting urban design.

Public policies aside, professional inputs and societal considerations are key drivers of good urban design. After all, a city is built and designed for its people. The establishment of the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design provides the focal point for the education, discussion and advancement of urban design and I wish to commend the founders for their vision and commitment.

I am delighted that the Institute is hosting the Urban Design Conference 2012 to bring together experts, practitioners and critical thinkers on such crucial subject. I am sure through participants' exchanges and interactions; we will find inspirations in taking forward Hong Kong's City development. May I take this opportunity to encourage your active participation and wish the Conference very success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Lam".

Mrs. Carrie Lam, GBS, JP

Secretary for Development

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design, I take great pleasure to welcome you all to our Urban Design Conference 2012.

The theme of the Conference is “Urban Design as Public Policy”. This is to showcase the importance of urban design in planning and realizing cities’ strategic vision to enhance both the quality of life of their citizens and their global position. We believe this Conference will be an excellent platform for exchange of experience and ideas in Urban Design.

I would like to express my thanks to our sponsors, supporting organisations, all Conference Organising Committee Members and Council Members who contributed their time and resources to make this Conference happen. I wish all the participants a fruitful and successful conference and we look forward to welcoming more of you at the upcoming events.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Professor Bernard V. Lim, JP

President

Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) AND COMMITTEE CHAIRLADY



As a Founding Member and Vice President of the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design (HKIUD), it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to our first HKIUD International Conference, "Urban Design as Public Policy". HKIUD was established in 2010 to provide a platform to urban designers in Hong Kong to discuss key urban issues and to promote urban design excellence to shape a more livable and sustainable city, ensuring a better quality of life for its residents. Living in one of the world's busiest cities, it is important that we take the time to look at where this hustle and bustle has gotten us. It has provided for a strong economy and a financial hub for Asia. New buildings and development are sprouting wherever you look from Kowloon Bay to Sai Ying Pun and all along the harbourfront major developments will be under construction. With the help of the Harbourfront Commission, Hong Kong is continuing to put in great effort to revitalize and redevelop its harbourfront from Central to West Kowloon to Kowloon East to Western District to make the harbourfront so that there is a continuous waterfront promenade.

Several urban infrastructure projects associated with Kai Tak, West Kowloon, X Rail and Hong Kong Zhuhai Macau Bridge etc. are being planned and under construction that will not only strengthen Hong Kong's position on the world map, but also foster closer links to the Pearl River Delta and Greater China. However, it is equally important that we take the time to look at the bigger picture, what Hong Kong is transforming into, are we building on its strengths and providing great places to live work and play for its residents and visitors alike? How can we improve the quality of life of Hong Kong people, providing more affordable housing, a network of open spaces and a higher quality public realm, that cities around the world strive for? But there are other challenges in Hong Kong as well, such as an urban grid that is disappearing due to newer, more isolated large-scale high-density developments popping up all around Hong Kong and undermining the street level vibrancy that Hong Kong is so famous for. Another challenge for Hong Kong is how to properly restore and preserve its image, identity and its cultural heritage to provide continuity, so that any new intervention will add more long term value to the city, strengthening the city's position in Asia and internationally and addressing the local aspirations of Hong Kong people.

With a city that is constantly transforming itself, and striving to compete with other cities in the region and hold its position internationally, it is important that there is an integrated strategic vision in place for Hong Kong where design becomes part of the planning process, appropriate for a high density, compact vertical city like Hong Kong. In this way, Hong Kong can become a successful urban development model for other developing cities in Asia. Having a strategic city vision coupled with more progressive urban design policy and regulatory framework, the city will be able to build on its strengths to become a more pedestrian friendly, transit oriented, sustainable, and livable city.

We hope that this conference can act as a thought provoking catalyst to the future development of Hong Kong from design, government, developer and community perspectives. On behalf of HKIUD, the COC and our supporting organizations, Thank You for joining us here and we hope you enjoy what's in store.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sujata Govada".

Dr. Sujata Govada
Vice President (International Relations) and
Conference Organizing Committee Chairlady

KEY NOTE AND PANEL SPEAKERS



Mr. Richard A. Dimino (USA)
President & CEO, A Better City

Richard A. Dimino has served as the President and CEO of A Better City (ABC) since 1995. Under his leadership ABC has achieved major goals, including helping to keep Boston open for business during the construction of one of the country's most complex highway projects. In addition, he significantly influenced the planning, design and development of a twenty-seven acre corridor along Boston's waterfront and successfully launched ABC's Sustainability and Climate Change Initiative.

Prior to his time with A Better City, Mr. Dimino served as the Vice President and Deputy Manager of Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation's Transportation Business Sector. This position followed nearly a decade of service as Boston's Commissioner of Transportation. From 1985-1993, Mr. Dimino oversaw a 400-plus member department that developed and implemented all transportation policies and projects for the City.

Mr. Dimino received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Boston University in 1994 and is a 1978 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Northeastern University. In 1991 he completed a Loeb Fellowship at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, focusing on urban policy and design, transportation planning, architecture and economics. Mr. Dimino is a lecturer and studio critic at Harvard University where he currently teaches "Transportation Planning and Development", and has been an adjunct professor at Boston University.

Mr. Dimino currently serves as a Vice Chairman for the Boston Harbor Association and Chairperson of the Harbor Use Committee, Chairman Emeritus of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and member of the region's Metro Future Steering Committee, is a member of the Freedom Trail Foundation, and serves on the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Advisory Committee and Co-chairs its Best Practices Subcommittee. In addition, he has served as an advisor to: St. Louis regarding the major reconstruction of Interstate 64 (U.S. Highway 40), the Downtown Alliance and the Lower Manhattan Construction Consortium regarding the rebuilding of ground zero, the City of Belfast regarding the development of the Belfast Strategic Master Plan and to the Director of Policy for the Premier of New South Wales, Australia, on approaches to public/private partnerships and tolling facilities.

Abstract

Transportation, Urban Design, and Civic Engagement

The presentation is about how transportation infrastructure influences the built environment, and how the built environment influences transportation infrastructure. There are four fundamental principles that illustrate these relationships:

First: Transportation infrastructure facilities can be significant and integral part of the built environment and the symbolic image of the city, not only as major pathways but also as visible icons.

Second: Components of the transportation infrastructure are part of the streetscape of the city.

Third: Transportation infrastructure can support new development that makes an urban design statement or performs an important functional role in the built environment. Both literally and functionally.

Fourth: Existing and expanding development of build space can provide travel demand to be met by new transportation infrastructure.

Examples from the Central Artery/Tunnel Project in Boston illustrate the four basic relationship principles, as well as examples showing the great variety of applications around the world. The examples also include creation of park space replacing ill-fitting transportation infrastructure and vest pocket parks within the urban fabric.

In Boston, we have found civic engagement to be an important aspect of relating transportation infrastructure and urban design. The Artery Business Committee and its successor A Better City have provided vehicles for civic engagement of the business and institutional community in Boston offering a unified voice for members of those communities in the Artery Project and subsequent transportation, economic development, and environmental projects. This engagement supports high quality urban design while protecting the interests of the companies and their employees in the design and construction of major projects that have the potential for disruption.

Other organizations for civic engagement in the United States include the Regional Plan Association of the New York metropolitan area, the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, and Chicago Metropolis 2020. ABC and its counterparts in the United States proved to be successful at enhancing economic growth and improving the built environment.

(Mr. Richard A. Dimino)

KEY NOTE AND PANEL SPEAKERS



Mr. Daniel Hernandez (USA)
Managing Director, Jonathan Rose Companies

Daniel Hernandez is the Director of the Jonathan Rose Companies Urban Solutions Planning Practice. Mr. Hernandez has over 20 years of experience as a real estate developer and planner. His career in the governmental, non-profit and for-profit sectors represents his commitment to community development, city building, environmental responsibility, and transformational planning through public private partnerships and civic engagement. Mr. Hernandez combines his deep expertise in development, urban planning, and sustainable development to create distinctive place-making projects.

Projects throughout Daniel's career have led to equitable, vibrant, diverse, well-designed communities. He builds on his practical knowledge of development and urbanism. Mr. Hernandez's work spans the regional, city, town and neighborhood scales, and includes smart growth, transit-oriented development, neighborhood revitalization, brownfield redevelopment, and open space plans.

Daniel has taught at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, is on the faculty at Pratt Institute.

Mr. Hernandez was a USGBC Core Committee member responsible for the LEED Neighborhood Development Rating System, and served as the Chair of the Development Committee for the Congress of the New Urbanism. Mr. Hernandez completed his studies in architecture at the UCLA School of Architecture and Urban Planning, and is a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Abstract

Capturing Entrepreneurship and Innovation of Cities for Sustainable Development

The redevelopment and revitalization of cities continues to provoke new solutions to evolving challenges and opportunities. Sustainable development provides a framework for actors seeking solutions to rebuild cities and create livable, marketable places. Nonetheless, this framework has also created confusion about what it means to develop sustainable cities, towns, and districts.

A triple bottom line approach that achieves the three pillars of sustainability – equity, environment, economy – has vexed private developers and capital markets, as well as the public sector and policy makers. New solutions require models of public private partnership to develop affordable housing in mixed income neighborhoods; transportation systems and development patterns that efficiently link people from home to work; and the urban amenities that make compact development livable, marketable, and human-centered.

City development requires an understanding of what you are working to create, for whom you are creating, and how you get there. From low-income communities in developing countries and old industrial cities, to new cities in emerging economies, there exists the foundation upon which to capture the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of urban life. Successful strategies for harnessing the economic capacity of cities and districts are premised on an integrated, systems approach that builds on the strengths of places, and aggressively addresses the challenges for equitable smart growth.

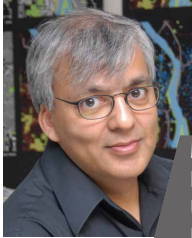
Public sector involvement is critical for investing in infrastructure, providing a regulatory framework, and facilitating an economic environment that promotes sustainable development. The public sector must also engage the private sector to understand risks and capital requirements to develop sustainable places in urban areas. Models of public-private partnerships must be provided to increase the level of capacity and achieve the objectives of both sectors, thereby creating transparent negotiating processes for land dispositions and development transactions.

Finally, we must understand the elements of successful projects that achieve the benchmarks of sustainable development.

This presentation by Daniel Hernandez, Managing Director of Rose Urban Solutions at Jonathan Rose Companies, will provide practical strategies for how these elements of sustainable development come together. Highlighting various planning and development projects, the presentation will illustrate ways of building the economic and physical capital of cities, as well as the human capital of neighborhoods.

(Mr. Daniel Hernandez)

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Mr. Arun Jain (USA)

Former Chief Urban Designer of Portland, OR, USA

Urban Designer and Urban Strategist,

Board Member International Federation of Housing and Planning, USA

Arun Jain is an urban designer with over 27 years of international experience in practice and academia.

After last serving as Portland's first Chief Urban Designer, he now works with foundations, institutions, development companies, public agencies, universities and others to improve cities and urban life.

His career spans across a wide range of scales, geographies and cultural landscapes. From small nation level decision-making tools to new towns and main streets, he uses frameworks, context and integration to foster uniqueness and counter uncertainty. His current urban design work is selected involvements in development and design projects.

Using design and strategic thinking, Arun's work is oriented towards working with uncertainty rather than trying to predict the future. This includes helping clients rethink development project approaches to deal with uncertain futures, identifying new urban design issues and approaches, and the strategic repositioning of design, development and planning companies to remain relevant and viable.

As a teacher and mentor, Arun has many published contributions to his credit. He has contributed to over 90 major keynotes, conferences, seminars and workshops in professional and academic settings. He frequently teaches at the University of Oregon's urban architecture program in Portland. Earlier he taught for over 10 years at the University of California, Berkeley.

Arun regularly facilitates development issues and creative thinking in several international forums and settings. In 2009, he received Portland's Daily Journal of Commerce's Newsmaker Award. He currently chairs an international think tank designed to identify emerging urban development concerns.

Trained as an architect, Arun holds two masters degrees from the University of Pennsylvania's Urban Design Program. Professionally and philosophically, he continues to search for better balances between the environmental, economic and ethical dimensions of sustainability.

Abstract

Urban Design as Public Policy: New frameworks for better community

Cities are created through a mix of circumstance and deliberation over time. Their relative success and that of the communities in them is largely based upon their current and inherited social, political and economic cultures. Indeed, if examined closely, the physical form of a city reflects this multi-dimensional evolution.

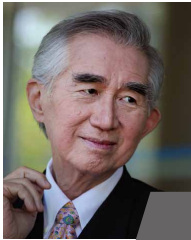
As uncertain times move us into a new paradigm, we are compelled to realize that our increasingly economic (i.e. growth oriented) basis for development has squeezed social considerations to the barest of essentials. The emergent challenges for the public and private institutional engines of cities are then to find better ways to ensure that our overall quality of urban life improves while remaining resilient to the absence, or stagnation of growth and resources.

Such pressures imply a need to collectively get more strategic about investing time, money and attention to the aspects that will most ensure the full dimensions of sustainability (economic, social and environmental).

This presentation offers insights into the issues and processes through which these concerns can be addressed. It will be based upon a strategic urban design framework developed for Portland, Oregon, current efforts relating to planning and designing for uncertainty and the presenter's current role as chair of an international think tank entitled, "Another Urban Future".

(Mr. Arun Jain)

KEY NOTE AND PANEL SPEAKERS



Dr. Liu Thai Ker (Singapore)
Director, RSP Architects Planner & Engineers (Pte) Ltd

Dr Liu Thai-Ker is an architect-planner. Since 1992, he has been Director of RSP Architects Planners & Engineers Pte Ltd., a consultant firm of over 1,000 people, with 11 overseas offices and projects in 17 countries.

Dr Liu is also the Founding Chairman of Centre for Liveable Cities since 2008.

Dr Liu has served as the Adjunct Professor of the School of Design and Environment and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. He is also the Adjunct Professor in the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University. He is a member of several governmental bodies in Singapore, and planning advisor to over 20 cities in China.

As architect-planner and Chief Executive Officer of the Housing & Development Board, 1969-1989, he oversaw the completion of over half a million dwelling units.

As Chief Executive Officer and Chief Planner of Urban Redevelopment Authority, 1989-1992, he spearheaded the major revision of the Singapore Concept Plan and key direction for heritage conservation.

In the cultural arena, he served as the Chairman of the National Arts Council from 1996 to June 2005 and Singapore Tyler Print Institute from 2000 to 2009. He has served as the chairperson of the External Review Panel, Arts Quality Framework appointed by the Ministry of Education and currently a founding member of the Board of Trustees, Arts & Culture Development Fund, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.

Dr Liu obtained his Bachelor of Architecture with First Class Honours and University Medal from the University of N.S.W. in 1962 and Master in City Planning with Parson's Memorial Medal from Yale University in 1965. He later attended INSEAD Advanced Management Program in Paris in 1980. In 1995, he was conferred Doctor of Science *honoris causa* by the University of New South Wales.

Among his awards are the Public Administration Medal (Gold) 1976, the Meritorious Service Medal 1985, Singapore Institute of Architects Gold Medal and the Medal of the City of Paris, France in 2001. In 1993, he was bestowed the 2nd Asean Achievement Award for Outstanding Contributions to Architecture.

Abstract

Urban Design Begins at Master Planning

Conventional wisdom tends to suggest that a city is shaped by its architecture. While it is to a limited extent correct, more appropriately, the image of a city is shaped by a large variety of measures.

As a start, it is profoundly determined, or designed, at the master planning stage. At that stage, many decisions have to be made which would affect the urban image; e.g. preservation of nature and heritage, harmonizing new development areas with natural terrain, distribution of building plot ratios and building heights, configuration of major and minor roads, etc.

This talk, through the powerpoints, attempts to explain how the master planning process contributes powerfully to laying the foundation of an urban image for a city. It will then touch on the various roles, beyond visual effects of urban design, in order to bring out the flavour of the urban characters as prescribed at the planning stage. It will conclude by discussing how to make the best use of architectural design for the larger purpose of creating a beautiful urban image for the city.

The contents of the powerpoint presentation are as follows:

Two Key Tasks in Master Planning

- Science
- Art

A Perfect Machine for Living

- Key Spare Parts
- Layer Plans of Singapore

A Great Work of Art

- Key Shapers of Personality & Image
- Jigsaw Puzzle of Singapore
- A Planner's Album

Roles of Urban Design

- More Than for Visual Effect
- Common Misconceptions
- New Challenges
- Total Effect of Urban Design

Roles of Architecture in Urban Design

- The Planning Process
- The Urban Cells as One Piece of Art Work

Selected Examples of Urban Imaging

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|----------|
| • Yangzhou City | - City | - | Urban |
| • King Abdullah Economic City | - City | - | Urban |
| • Innopolis, Kazan, Tatarstan | - Town | - | Suburban |
| • Guangyang Island, Chongqing | - Neighbourhood | - | Rustic |

Wrapping Up

- A City is Like a Human Being
- Closing Remarks

(Dr. Liu Thai Ker)

KEY NOTE AND PANEL SPEAKERS



Mr. Peter Jensen (Australia)
Chair Urban Design Chapter, Planning Institute of Australia

Peter Jensen is the Director of Jensen Planning + Design and has practiced in the area of planning and urban design for over 30 years. He is highly active in the planning industry and is recognised as a leader in the field of masterplanning, urban renewal, urban design and project management. He was until recently the National Chair of the Urban Design Chapter of the Planning Institute of Australia (position currently not filled).

Peter has been responsible for many large scale mixed use and transit-oriented development precinct masterplans over the last decade for both the government and private sector, with the most recent ones being the **AAMI Stadium Precinct Masterplan** for the SANFL, the **Woodville Village Masterplan** for the LMC and the City of Charles Sturt, and the **Noarlunga Rail Station Precinct Masterplan** for the City of Onkaparinga / LMC. Currently, Peter is part of the multi-disciplinary consultant team developing a long term Masterplan for the significant **MINDA** site at North Brighton and the Public Realm detailed design for the **Bowden Urban Village** exemplar.

Peter's involvement in such significant State projects is testament to the quality of his skills and innovation in masterplanning and urban design - a fact further demonstrated by over 30 National and State Commendations and Awards determined by his peers including the nationally recognised **Lochiel Park** and **Playford Alive** Projects.

Peter also has particular skills in masterplanning and urban design especially in relation to new community developments. He has prepared a large number of structure and masterplans and detailed designs for a variety of private and government clients. These have included complex town centre urban design studies and innovative subdivision and services designs, with many of the housing projects having received acclaim from within the development industry.

Peter has also provided an urban design / masterplanning **peer review role** for Government Agencies and Local Councils, and was recently appointed as a member of the inaugural South Australian Government's Design Review Panel.

As a result of this extensive experience and Peter's management of large, multidisciplinary consultant teams dealing with all aspects of urban development projects, Peter has considerable knowledge of all of the allied professional disciplines required to prepare integrated Masterplans, including transport planning, civil engineering / physical infrastructure, landscape architecture, stormwater management, sport and recreation planning, integrated public art, land use economics and project feasibility.

Abstract

Creating Places for (and with) People - Contemporary Australian Policy and Practice

Over the past 5 years there has been an increased interest in and commitment to the role of urban design in planning and urban development, ranging from the Australian Government, through State Governments and the Territories to local authorities. Importantly, this increased activity has been at both the broad policy and political levels through to detailed implementation of urban design programs and projects on the ground.

This presentation will outline the increasing role of the Australian and State Governments in the urban design "space", and will highlight the South Australian Government's formation of an Integrated Design Commission and Design Review Panels which promote the inter-disciplinary approach advocated throughout the urban design process.

Case studies on how best to engage with communities will be presented at both the macro level (Adelaide 5000+) and at the local level (Woodville Village Masterplan), illustrating how new participatory models are being developed for undertaking, and reviewing, integrated urban design projects.

(Mr. Peter Jensen)

KEY NOTE AND PANEL SPEAKERS



Prof. Wu Jiang (China)
Professor, Vice President, Tongji University

Prof. Dr. Jiang WU, planner and 1st class registered architect of China, now the Vice President of Tongji University, Shanghai. He is the vice chairman of Shanghai Architecture Society, and the Steering Council Member of the Architecture Society of China (ASC) from 2003. He is also the editorial committee member of several top academic journals of China such as *TIME + ARCHITCTURE* (Tongji University), *WORLD ARCHITCTURE* (Tsinghua University), *URBAN PLANNING FORUM* (Tongji University) and *PUBLIC ARTS* (Shanghai University). Wu was educated in China, got his degrees of Bachelor, Master and Doctor from the College of Architecture and Urban Planning in Tongji University. He has been teaching History and Theory of Architecture, Urban Design, and Historical Preservation in Tongji University from 1986 to 2003, and has been a visiting scholar in the University of Hong Kong from 1993 to 1994, and a senior visiting scholar in the Graduate School of Design of Harvard University from 1996 to 1997. In the past 20 years, Wu has published more than 10 books and more than 60 articles in his research fields. From 2003 to 2008, Wu was the deputy director general of Shanghai Municipal Urban Planning Administration Bureau.

Abstract

The Guideline for Administrative Control on the Historical Streets — A Case Study in Xuhui District

The urban historical areas are not only memories of yesterday, but also real spaces of today's urban life. To improve the spatial quality of the historical areas is not only helpful for the improvement of life quality, but also good for better presenting the attraction of urban history. The concept of urban design should not only be reflected during the planning and design period, but also be reflected during the daily administrative management, particularly the daily control of streets, and this daily control is sometimes even more important.

This presentation wants to show that a general comprehensive control guideline we have down for the Xuhui District of Shanghai, which tries to help the local government doing their daily management in the historical streets from the different aspects of public spaces, buildings and other visual elements.

(Prof. Wu Jiang)

KEY NOTE AND PANEL SPEAKERS



Mr. Kevin Murray (United Kingdom)
Chairman, Academy of Urbanism

Kevin is a UK based consultant with nearly 30 years experience in the fields of planning, regeneration, urban design and economic development. He has worked in local government and was a director of two major multi-disciplinary consultancies, before starting KMA.

He is currently Chairman of the Academy of Urbanism, having previously been President of the Royal Town Planning Institute. He is a graduate of Aberdeen and Oxford Brookes Universities, Honorary Professor of Planning at Glasgow University and a past Board Member of the Academy of Sustainable Communities.

He has led and participated in a wide range of town centre, neighbourhood regeneration and urban expansion projects that integrate policy, design and creative approaches to community engagement.

He has been involved in Central Milton Keynes, London's Royal Docks, Upton in Northampton, Newcastle Science Central, Croydon 2020 and Future Glasgow Vision.

Many of his projects have won awards for their engagement in masterplanning and design. Most recently he has been involved with Andres Duany in preparing masterplans for the sustainable expansion of Aberdeen (Scotland) at Grandhome.

Abstract

Upfront Public Engagement

This conference presentation will explore some of the **issues behind community and stakeholder engagement** in urban design and regeneration, drawing on recent direct experience of the presenter in cities such as Aberdeen, Bristol, Glasgow and Salford (Manchester).

Reference will be made to the **application of a range of techniques and methods** in different situations, depending on the project, type of community, and stage of the project. This will include workshops, focus groups, charrettes and scenario planning, particularly in the early and evolving stages of concept and design development.

The presentation will draw out **key lessons in how to facilitate, engage, and even empower communities** through careful planning, strategy, and also training of the key people, to help achieve better outcomes, with a greater sense of ownership.

(Mr. Kevin Murray)

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Mr. Takayuki Kubo (Japan)
Senior Researcher, Institute for Urban Strategies,
The Mori Memorial Foundation

Takayuki Kubo is an Architect, Planner, and Researcher. He holds a Master of Architecture degree from the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Cornell University. Kubo is affiliated with the Japan Institute of Architects. In the past Kubo has been involved in the design and administrative wings of several architectural ventures, such as the Guanzhou International Convention Center and the Japan Airlines Head Office Building. He has recently worked for Mori Building Company as design manager of Shanghai World Financial Center Project in Shanghai. He is currently doing research in urban competitiveness represented by the Global Power City Index at the Institute for Urban Strategies at the Mori Memorial Foundation.

Abstract

Urban Regeneration in Tokyo

Private sectors have played key roles in promoting urban regeneration in Tokyo. Their involvements have dramatically changed the urban landscape both in positive and negative ways. Since the democratization after the WW2, private sectors obtained much more power enabling to change the urban landscape. Land ownership has become stronger under liberalization so that free standing housings and buildings made the city chaotic compared to the ancient Edo period with uniformed townscape. Around the period of the Olympic Game in Tokyo in 1964, Tokyo has been recognized as the leading city in Asia, however, its design was highly depreciated relative to the cities in the Western countries. Meanwhile, concerns of the impact of the natural disasters especially earthquakes pressurized the regeneration of the inner core of Tokyo. Surgical operation of the city made it safer but not always aesthetically successful. Furthermore, segregation of working and living environment made the inner Tokyo less attractive in terms of livability.

Roppongi Hills in Tokyo, the largest private based urban regeneration project in Japan, is known as one of the most successful mixed use projects around the world. The entire development took more than 20 years revealing the difficulty of the development procedures in Japan. Even though, unflinching effort in creating livable and vibrant environment added values not only within the development district but also the surrounding areas. This method can be a new business model to facilitate the regeneration all over inner Tokyo. Followed by the great earthquake in March 11, 2011, risks of disasters have been widely recognized especially in the urban areas. As the capital of Japan and one of the global financial hubs in the world, enhancement of the redundancy of Tokyo is an urgent issue. After the long discussion, the Japanese Government has eventually decided to introduce the "Special Zones" in inner Tokyo to promote urban regeneration to mitigate the future risks. Urban design in Roppongi Hills can be a model to achieve the regeneration all over Tokyo, enhancing its urban competitiveness.

(Mr. Takayuki Kubo)

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Mr. David Sim (Denmark)
Director, Architect SAR/MSA, Gehl Architects

Scottish architect David Sim is a senior consultant and director at Gehl Architects. He is renowned as an inspiring educator and lecturer, and has taught at architecture and design schools all over the world. His main area of work at Gehl Architects is master-planning and urban design, collaborating with other professionals in the planning and building process, applying Jan Gehl's theories to large-scale projects.

Selected recent project experience

- 2010 Euratlantique, Urban redevelopment around St Jean Station, Bordeaux, France (with Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners)
- Our Cities Ourselves, exhibition and accompanying book, New York, USA (with ITDP)
- Connolly Station Redevelopment, Dublin, Ireland
- Urban strategies for improving pedestrian environment on Rio Branco Street, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Melbourne Docklands, Public Space Public Life Survey, sketch designs for VicUrban, Australia
- Public Space Public Life Survey, Edinburgh Scotland
- Urban analysis of traditional urbanism, Sketch designs for new town Kunshan, China
- 2009 Master Plan Report for An Camas Mor, Scotland
- Peer review for VicUrban, Melbourne Australia
- Conceptual development and Master Planning for Alkimos, new town Western Australia
- North Harlow, development of Master Planning Principles for urban extension (with Grimshaw Architects)
- Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, Urban Strategy for Healthy Living Centre in deprived housing estate
- Urban analysis and sketch concepts for Streets and Public Spaces, Mexico City

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Introduction

The Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design (HKIUD) was established on June 17, 2010. We are professional institute that aims at promoting urban design through accreditation, discussion and education.

Why Urban Design Matters

What is it that draws people to places in a city to enjoy spending their time? We believe it is essentially the form and character of groups of buildings and the spaces between, whether they be streets, plazas, parks or the waterfront. Urban design is about making quality places for people, a vital activity in Hong Kong where the public realm is precious and continually subject to competing user demands. Urban design draws together architecture, landscape architecture, engineering and city planning. It connects people with places and nature with the built landscape. It cherishes the environment and heritage and supports social equity and economic vitality in public areas. Urban designers serve to create and keep these quality places.

Our objectives are:

- To promote urban design excellence in education, research and practice
- To promote education and research in urban design
- To establish professional qualifications for urban designers
- To accredit the urban design curriculum of university courses
- To create a platform for information sharing on urban design issues in Hong Kong and the region
- To strengthen the communication between urban designers
- To promote continuing professional development of urban designers
- To promote urban design standards and services
- To promote the community's awareness of the value and need of urban design
- To provide advice to younger urban designers, graduates and students.

Governance

The HKIUD is a company limited by guarantee which was incorporated under the Companies Ordinance in 2010.

The Institute is governed by a memorandum and by articles of association. Together with a set of bye-laws now approved at the EGM held on 5th May 2011 these instruments cover, amongst other things, the classes and rights of and requirements of entry to membership of the Institute, the composition and powers of the HKIUD's General Council to manage the Institute and the conduct of general meetings.

The first General Council of the Institute include Prof. Bernard V. Lim, JP (President), Dr. Sujata S. Govada (Vice President of International Relations), Dr. Peter Cookson Smith (Vice President of Professional Development) and Mr. Vincent Ng (Vice President of Local Policies), Prof. John Ng (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. Charles Li (Hon. Treasurer). Mr. Bernie Harrad, Mr. Ivan Ho, Mr. P.Y. Tam and Mr. Stephen Tang are also Council Members. Prof. Mee Kam Ng and Prof. Hendrik Tieben are Academic Advisors.

Membership

The HKIUD welcomes applications from suitably qualified urban designers. Full details on all classes of membership are available on the HKIUD website hkiud.org.hk and in the bye-laws.

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Prof. Bernard V. LIM Wan-fung, JP MHKIUD

Bernard V. Lim, Professor (fract. appoint.), School of Architecture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Principal, AD+RG Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd, Founding President of the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design (HKIUD). Past President of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) 2005-2006. For years he has also been elected Architects Registration Board Member and has been a Council Member of HKIA contributing particularly in new initiatives for community development and local affairs.

He has been appointed Housing Authority Building Committee Member and the Convenor of the Support Group for the Council for Sustainable Development engagement programme "Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment"; Former Antiquities Advisory Board Member, Energy Advisory Committee Member, Tourism Strategy Group Member and Town Planning Board Member; Specialist Architectural Advisor to the Legislative Council Commission in 2002. Since 2008 he has been a Chongqing Committee Member, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of PRC.

He has established professional specialization/research in areas of (A) Large-scale Master Planning/ Urban Design, (B) Educational and Institutional Buildings, (C) Sustainable/ Energy Efficiency Designs, and (D) Community Participatory Planning and Workshops, demonstrated by projects with awards including BCI Asia Top 10 Architects Awards; World Architecture News Award; World Architecture Festival at Barcelona for Finest Buildings from around the Globe; The Green Building Award, Hong Kong for Sustainable Green Building Designs; The Energy Efficient Building Award by the Hong Kong Government for Energy Efficiency designs; The HKIA Annual Awards for Excellence in Architectural Designs etc.

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Dr. Peter COOKSON SMITH MHKIUD

Dr. Peter Cookson Smith is an architect, planner and urban designer. He has been resident in Hong Kong since 1977 when he founded Urbis Limited one of the first specialist planning, urban design and landscape consultancies in S.E. Asia. The firm has carried out more than 3000 projects in Hong Kong, China and the Asia-Pacific area, and has won more than 100 local and international awards. He has directed a large number of planning, urban regeneration and waterfront urban design projects in Hong Kong and throughout Asia. For a number of years he was an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Architecture; the University of Hong Kong, and sits on the Advisory Council for the Department of Urban Planning and Design. He is currently the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners, and represents HKIUD on Government's Harbourfront Commission.

Vice President (International Relations)

Dr. Sujata GOVADA MHKIUD

Dr. Sujata Govada, AIA, AICP, HKIP, HKIUD, CoA, LEED AP, Founding and Managing Director of Urban Design & Planning Consultants Limited (UDP Int'l), is an award winning urban designer and certified town planner with over twenty four years of international experience in Hong Kong, PRC, India and USA. As well as being heavily involved in the design and planning projects, Dr. Govada also spends her time spreading awareness of sustainability, urban design excellence, teaching and creating new opportunities with industry organizations such as ULI, HKIUD, APA, AIA and many more. Some of her recent projects include the ULI's 10 Principles for a Sustainable Approach to New Developments in Hong Kong, Adaptive Reuse of Police Married Quarters, and Urban Integration for the Hyderabad Metro, a new mass transit network in India. Dr. Govada is a participating member of the Harbour Commission and is involved with planning the future of Hong Kong and its waterfront.

UDP Int'l, recipient of 10 industry awards for various projects and competitions, is a firm with diverse experience, working for both public and private sector clients in Hong Kong, China, India, US and beyond. UDP Int'l works on large-scale master planning projects, collaborative research initiatives, visual assessments and planning applications, open space and waterfront planning as well as design review services.

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Vice President (Local Policies)

Mr. Vincent NG Wing-shun MHKIUD

Vincent Ng is an award winning architect and an urban designer. Graduated from the University of Hong Kong in 1985, Ng obtained the degree of Bachelor of Architecture with Distinction. He further obtained the degree of Master of Urban Design in 1994, and was awarded the Young Architect Award in the same year. In 1999, he founded the architectural and urban design practice AGC Design Limited.

Ng was Vice-President of HKIA in 2005-2006, Vice-chairman of the Architects Registration Board in 2007-2008 and Convenor of the Hong Kong Urban Design Alliance in 2004. He has also served in numerous government advisory committees including the Harbourfront Enhancement Committee and was elected Chairman of Harbour Plan Review Sub-committee from 2004-2010. He is currently a member of the Steering Committee of Urban Renewal Strategy Review.

From 2000 to 2005, he was an Assistant Professor teaching urban design at the Department of Architecture, HKU. He is also a columnist writing regularly on architecture and urban design, and he recently formed Harbourfront Commission.

Hon. Secretary

Prof. John NG Cheuk-yeo MHKIUD

Prof. John NG is a noted professional Architect and Town Planner who has more than 30 years of experience across a broad range of disciplines that include planning, design, construction and project management of high-density housing and redevelopment projects. Awards of excellence were won by a number of these projects covering Architecture, Planning, Urban Design, Research and Green Building Design.

Ng was Chief Architect with the Hong Kong Housing Department. He has given seminars and presentations extensively in international and local conferences on subjects including sustainable communities, microclimate, high-density housing and community development. He was member of Divisional Advisory Committee, City University of Hong Kong (2003-2009). Based in Hong Kong, he is currently a Director of Hong Kong Green Building Council, Vice-chairman of BEAM Society Limited, Honorary Professor of the University of Hong Kong and Honorary Adjunct Professor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and an active volunteer who has continued his efforts towards community development, green building and post-quake reconstruction.

Hon. Treasurer

Mr. Charles LI Ka-sing MHKIUD

Mr. Charles LI Ka-sing is an urban designer, planner (Hong Kong and Australian). He held Bachelor of Science (Architecture), Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Urban Design from the University of Sydney. He was awarded the Marjory and Lloyd Rees Prize for Urban Design Award in 1999 while he was in Australia.

He has been responsible for a number of urban design projects in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China including the Urban Design Study for South East Kowloon, Further Development of Tseung Kwan O, West Kowloon Cultural District, Review on Wan Chai Development, Urban Design for KCRC's Shatin to Central Link, Comprehensive Urban Design Plan for Zhuhai City, large scale commercial developments as well as revitalisation projects, conservation projects while he worked at the Urban Renewal Authority in 2008-2012. He is currently a Senior Project Manager of Shun Tak Development Ltd. He was the Inaugural Chair of the Planning Institute of Australia Hong Kong Branch.

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Mr. Bernie HARRAD MHKIUD

Bernie Harrad qualified as a town planner in the United Kingdom and prior to settling in Hong Kong in 1993 worked in both the public and private sectors in London, sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. In Hong Kong, he has held positions in the Housing Department and since 1998 in the Land Development Corporation and its successor the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). His experience in urban design includes master planning for new town and expanded settlements, new housing and commercial districts as well as development control in conservation areas. In his present position as senior planning manager with the URA, his experience has included redevelopment projects, preparing revitalisation policy design schemes for the use and design of public areas. He is a member of both the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Hong Kong Institute of Planners and had joined the Hong Kong Urban Design Alliance for several years prior to the founding of the HKIUD.

Mr. Ivan HO Man-yiu MHKIUD

Mr. Ivan Ho is the Founder and Director of Ivanho Architect Limited. He accumulated over 26 years of post qualified experience in architectural design, urban design, conservation, construction project management and professional adviser for International Competition. Currently a Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) Council Member and Chairman of HKIA Board of Practices, Mr. Ho is actively involved in various boards, committees and taskforces for practices issues, local and community issues, urban renewal issues, urban planning / design, redevelopment and conservation projects.

Mr. Ho's involvement / services includes Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Lands Committee (HKIA) from 2005 to 2007, Member of Board of External Affairs (HKIA) from 2007 to 2008, Member of Board of Local Affairs (HKIA) from 2007 to 2009, Council Member of Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) from 2007 to 2010, Member of Board of Mainland Affairs (HKIA) from 2007 to 2010, Chairman of the Planning and Lands Committee (HKIA) in 2008, Chairman of Board of Practices (HKIA) from 2009 to 2010, Member of Board of Practices (HKIA) from 2011 to 2012, member of Board of Education (HKIA) from 2011-2012, Member of Education Development & Accreditation Committee (HKIA) from 2011 to 2012, Member of Architects Registration Board from 2008 to 2012, Chairman of Education & Accreditation Committee (ARB) from 2008 to 2012, Honorary Adviser for the Strategic Study on Sustainable Urban Development of Kwun Tong District, Advisor for the Joint Conference on the Development of Kwun Tong District from 2002 to 2012 and represented HKIA in the Wan Chai District Board Urban Renewal Committee from 2004 to 2007, Chairman of the Task force for URA Kwun Tong Town Centre Redevelopment in 2006, and other community services including Member of the Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance) from 2007 to 2010, Member of the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings) from 2007 to 2012, Member of the Asbestos Administration Committee from 2008 to 2012, Member of the Planning Sub-committee of the Land and Development Advisory Committee from 2009 to 2012.

Mr. Ho's active participation and involvement in voluntary services to the profession and community enable him developed strong liaisons and connection with members of both the public and private sector and the media.

Mr. TAM Po-yiu MHKIUD

Mr. TAM Po-yiu is highly experienced in urban design, new town developments, regional and strategic planning, statutory planning as well as planning enforcement matters. He joined the then Public Works Department since 1973 and became Chief Town Planner in 1990. He was involved in the territorial and sub-regional planning strategies, urban renewal and urban design matters respectively. He was further promoted to Assistant Director in the Planning Department of the HK SAR Government in year 2000. He has been Assistant Director in charge of Housing & Land Supply, New Territories development and Enforcement, Town Planning Board, and also in charge of the development of information technology systems before he proceeded on retirement in February 2010. He was also a Part-time lecturer in the Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management, HKU from 1997 to 2005, and is currently an External Examiner of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, HKU.

Mr. Stephen TANG Man-bun MHKIUD

Mr Tang graduated from the University of Hong Kong with qualifications in architecture and urban planning, and is a Fellow Member of both the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) and Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP). He was the founding Convenor, and all along an appointed member of The Hong Kong Urban Design Alliance (HKUDA) which was established in 2001 jointly by HKIA and HKIP promoting a higher standard of urban design in Hong Kong.

Currently the Deputy Director of Architectural Services in the Government of Hong Kong SAR, responsible for development of civic architecture and urban design projects, providing architectural and development advisory services, and facilities upkeep for the Government.

Mr. Tang also contributes in urban design education in the University of Hong Kong, through his appointments as external examiner of the Master of Urban Design programme, and Honorary Professor in the Master of Urban Planning programme.

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Academic Advisors

Prof. Mee Kam NG MHKIUD

Prof. Mee Kam Ng is a Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) where she directs the new BSSc Urban Studies programme. She is a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP). She has published widely on planning, governance, sustainability and production of space issues in Pacific Asia. Her publications have earned her five HKIP Awards. At the international level, she has been consultant to the United Nations, the European Union and the Municipal Government of Shenzhen. She has collaborated with researchers in different parts of the world and has been invited to share her research findings in China, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, U.K., The Netherlands, Italy, Canada and U.S.A. She serves as a member in the editorial board of four international planning journals (Town Planning Review, Planning Theory and Practice, DisP—The Planning Review, and City, Culture and Society) and is an associate editor of *Current Research on Cities*. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Global Research Network on Human Settlements hosted by UN-Habitat. In Hong Kong, she has served as a convenor of the Railway Appeal Board and a member of the Environmental Impact Assessment Appeal Board. She is also a member of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council which sponsored her PhD studies many years ago. She has been very active in civil society activities and served as a founding vice-chairman of the Hong Kong People's Council for Sustainable Development and a founding member of Citizen Envisioning@Harbour which was instrumental in pushing for institutional changes to engage the general public in (re) planning the harbourfront in Hong Kong.

Prof. Hendrik TIEBEN MHKIUD

Hendrik TIEBEN is an Assistant Professor at the School of Architecture of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) where he teaches architecture and urban design. Professor Tieben is a registered architect in Germany (AKNW) and has practiced in Europe and Asia. He completed his doctoral degree at the Chair for the History of Urban Design of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich). At CUHK, his research focuses on issues of rapid urban transformation, heritage and public space. He is editor and author of a wide range of publications on European and Asian urbanism. With exhibitions and publications he became an active contributor in the debate on Macau's and Hong Kong's future urban development. Currently he is preparing a new MSC. in Urban Design Programme at CUHK starting in Fall 2012.

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