



## Planning & Development Division

Sr Prof James Pong PDD Council Chairman

### 2016 PDD Annual Conference

This year our PDD Annual Conference, titled, “Planning and Development, Past, Present and Future,” will take place on 22 October 2016 in the HKIS’s Surveyors Learning Centre. Hong Kong has experienced planning and development changes since the new town movement began in the early 1960s and the Conference will capture its past and present experiences, as well as point out new concepts or paradigms in planning and development for the next decade. Since planning and development require inputs from various professionals and the public and private sectors, distinguished speakers who encompass inter alia planners, architects, and engineers will be invited to share their experiences, thoughts, and insights on Hong Kong’s future plans and developments. Book your seat now, as this is a conference that PDD surveyors cannot afford to miss.

### 2016 PDD Annual Dinner

I am pleased to inform you that we have already booked the World Trade Club for our PDD 2016 Annual Dinner, which will be held on 10 November 2016. You may reserve your seat through the HKIS or my personal assistant, Miss Cindy Zhao, at 2269-8715. On that day, the PDD 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, which will be shortly followed by the Annual Dinner at 7:30 PM.

### HKIS Lantau Development Committee

The HKIS Lantau Development Committee, which is headed by our past PDD Chairman, Sr Dr Tony Leung, is gathering the expertise and wisdom of HKIS’s various divisions to provide

suggestions for and comments on the First-term Work Report (hereafter Report), which was recently published by the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (LanDAC).

The Report evolved from the Chief Executive’s announcement in his 2014 Policy Address, which recommended the establishment of the LanDAC. It was formed in January 2014 and includes members of the Legislative Council, District Councils, Heung Yee Kuk, tourism industry, professional sectors, scholars, and locals. LanDAC is mainly responsible for advising the Government on opportunities presented by planning, the major infrastructure on Lantau, and the various aspects of sustainable development and conservation of the island with a view to fully capitalising on its locational advantages and development opportunities to foster Hong Kong’s long-term socio-economic development. The Report advocates five themes for Lantau’s development:

- (a) Northeastern Lantau: to be developed as a leisure, entertainment, and tourism node.
- (b) East Lantau Metropolis (ELM): one or more artificial islands in its central waters can be created to develop the ELM, which comprises an additional core business district and new town to meet Hong Kong’s long-term needs.
- (c) Optimising the use of Government land and developing cavern: the aim here is to consolidate and re-provision some correctional facilities on Lantau to release Government land for other uses, thereby relieving the pressure to create new land.
- (d) Predominant part of Lantau: retain for conservation, leisure, cultural, and green tourism use.
- (e) North Lantau Corridor: planned for economic and housing developments.

For details of the Report, please visit:

[http://www.devb.gov.hk/tc/boards\\_and\\_committees/landac/index.html](http://www.devb.gov.hk/tc/boards_and_committees/landac/index.html).

Last March, the Development Bureau conducted a focus group meeting to introduce its proposed

Lantau Development strategy. Now it is collecting views, suggestions, and comments on the Report from professional institutions including the HKIS, which has delegated this task to its Lantau Development Committee. The Committee will provide a response and suggestions to the Development Bureau by the end of April.



## Upcoming CPD

We are pleased to inform members that the Legislative Council Member for the Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape functional constituency, Sr Hon Tony Tse Wai Chuen, BBS, and past president of the HKIS, will conduct a CPD for the PDD on 24 May 2016. During this event, he will discuss his proposal for the provision of age friendly housing units in private sector. Tony will also share his experiences and offer suggestions on how to implement private elderly housing and its requisite facilities from the early planning stage all the way to the development stage both now and in the future. In view of the potential oversubscription to this CPD event, I urge you to book your seat as soon as possible.

## Meeting with the Director of Buildings

On 21 April, I had the opportunity to meet the Director of Buildings and other senior officers of the Buildings Department. During the meeting, I requested that the BD recruit PDD graduates for its Surveying Graduate posts. The BD's response was encouraging and I shall follow up on this in the coming months and open a new training avenue for the HKIS's PDD graduates.



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