



Planning & Development Division
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“Create Your District” Competition Award Ceremony

Following the Jury Assessment Presentation in early November, the Award Ceremony was held on 24 November. A total of eight awards were given out and first prize went to the team from Shun Tak Fraternal Association Leung Kau Kui College. It was my honour to be a juror for this competition, which gave me a chance to meet these outstanding student teams and learn more about their creative proposals. Their ideas on promoting sustainable development in Hong Kong should help create a more civic-minded community in the future.

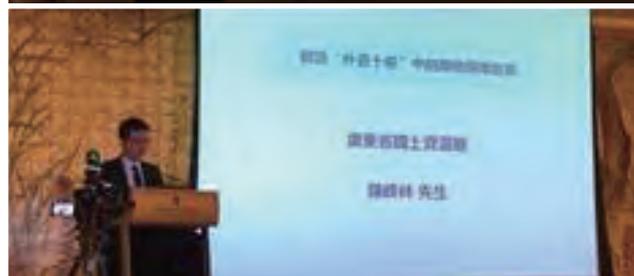


New Incentives for Foreign Investment in Guangdong: Seminar in Hong Kong

On 20 December, I attended the seminar on New Incentives of Foreign Investment in Guangdong. They included new incentive policies for FDI to improve the business environment in Guangdong. The official from the Land Bureau of Guangdong Province (廣東省國土資源廳) also announced a list of industrial land policies to optimise the use of industrial land. Interested members can refer to the 粵府(2017) 125 and 90 and 粵國土資規字(2017) 3 for more details.

Land Supply Forum

Together with Sr Francis Lam, Sr Eureka Cheng, and Sr Francis Lau, I attended the Land Supply Forum organised by the Land Policy Panel on behalf of the PDD on 25 November. The guest speakers, Sr Frederick Lai, Ms Julia Lau, Mr Stanley Chiang, and Mr Tang Kwan Shing, shared their insights into the land supply options for Hong Kong, where developable land is scarce. Their discussion at the end of the programme provided constructive ideas on how to increase land supply in Hong Kong in both the short and long terms.



Secondary School Talk on Green Urban Planning

The HKIS is a supporting organisation of the Business School Partnership Programme organised by the Education Bureau. As part of the programme, on 6 December, I was invited to the TWGH Mrs Fung Wong Fung Ting College for a school talk to discuss green urban planning. First, I introduced to the audience Hong Kong's planning system and the trend of green urban planning around the world using the examples of Kashiwa, Japan and Copenhagen, Denmark. As the students were already learning about sustainable development in their liberal studies courses, the questions they raised during the Q&A session revealed their awareness of the impact green urban planning has on sustainable development in Hong Kong. Furthermore, some of them even showed an interest in becoming surveyors. I was impressed by their knowledge of sustainable development and the role of surveyors in Hong Kong.



CPD Event

On the day of the School Talk, the PDD held a CPD Event titled, "A Disruptive Retail Model," by Ms Rebecca Woo, the Operations Director of K11 Concepts Limited. The CPD was divided into two parts: in the first part, K11 Mall ambassadors led a site tour and showed participants its recent art exhibition and the K11 brand retail shops. In the second part, Ms Woo briefed us on the concept of the K11 retail market model and its parent company's business plans for Hong Kong and China. The visit concluded with a sharing session at a fine dining restaurant. Everyone enjoyed this precious moment with Ms Woo.



Hong Kong-Guangdong Construction Industry Cooperation Seminar

On 13 December, I attended the Hong Kong-Guangdong Construction Industry Cooperation Seminar. A diverse lot of construction professionals from Hong Kong and Guangdong came to share their overseas project experiences and views on how the Big Bay Area cities can jointly explore business opportunities made possible by the One-Belt-One-Road initiative.

