



Planning & Development Division  
Sr Terence Wai PDD Council Chairman

## Season's Greetings

The PDD wishes all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## PDD Annual General Meeting 2022

The PDD Annual General Meeting was held on 10 November at the World Trade Centre Club Hong Kong, World Trade Centre, Causeway Bay. The Chairman's and Honorary Treasurer's Reports were delivered during the meeting.



PDD Annual General Meeting - (L-R): Sr Jasmine Kong, Sr Victor Ng, Sr Terence Wai, Sr Annie Chong, and Sr Junior Ho



PDD Annual General Meeting with Council Members and Co-opted Members

## PDD Annual Report 2021-2022

A summary of the Chairman's Annual Report is listed as follows:

### 1. In Memory of Sr Edwin Tsang

PDD Founding Chairman Sr Edwin Tsang (served 2006-2009) passed away on 11 July. He had also served the HKIS since 1986 and was very instrumental in setting up the BA in Urban Studies Programme at the University of Hong Kong and serving as its first external examiner (2012-2016).

### 2. Membership Profile

In the past year, the PDD gained a total of four new Corporate Members through multiple membership applications or professional interviews by the RICS's Planning and Development Professional Group. The total number of PDD Corporate Members was 108 as at 3 November 2022.

The membership profile of the PDD is as follows:

Membership Class	Number of Members
Fellow	45
Corporate	63
Probationer	16
Student	9

### 3. PDD Annual Conference 2022

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the PDD's Annual Conference was cancelled from 2020 to 2021. This year, it successfully resumed with the topic, "Urban Renewal Strategy in Asian Cities: Hong Kong, Singapore and Guangdong".

The PDD invited speakers from: (1) Hong Kong – Executive Director, Urban Renewal Authority and Assistant Professor, University of

Hong Kong, (2) Singapore – President of the Singapore Institute of Planners, and (3) 馬向明總工程師 — 廣東省城鄉規劃設計研究院有限責任公司。

PDD anticipates enjoying more collaboration in other areas such as CPDs, seminars, etc, with the above institutes.

### 4. Drinks Gathering and Welcome Party for New Members

The PDD organised a social and drinks gathering event on 10 June at the West Kowloon Cultural District. It was a good time for long-time and newer members to mingle and visit the M+ Pavilion.

### 5. PDD Mutual Recognition of Membership with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

On 6 December 2021, the PDD entered into a Memorandum of Mutual Recognition of Membership with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

PDD Corporate Members who successfully fulfil the requirements could now be admitted as professional RICS members (Chartered Planning and Development Surveyors). Likewise, RICS professional members who qualify as Chartered Planning and Development Surveyors and fulfil the requirements may be admitted as PDD Corporate members.

The first professional interview for RICS applicants was held on 30 August.

### 6. Signing Ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP)

On 25 November 2021, the PDD and SIP signed a Memorandum of Understanding for future cooperation and sustainable professional development.

A joint webinar was held after the ceremony. Sr Patrick Tsang of the Hong Kong Housing Society shared the latest designs of accessible and adaptable domestic unit prototypes.

Ms Cerina Auggraini from Mott MacDonald, Singapore, showed how to design a low-carbon, age-friendly neighbourhood.

### 7. 規劃及發展組與廣東省國土空間規劃協會簽署「深化粵港合作框架協議」(續簽)

規劃及發展組於3月4日在線上與廣東省國土空間規劃協會簽署「深化粵港合作框架協議」。

自2018年雙方簽訂第一份框架協議後，雙方都分別安排了一些互訪及交流活動，彼此對兩地之間的發展有了更深入的了解及認識。

在簽訂儀式後，兩地的講者及專家都分別就香港及廣東省最新的規劃及發展進行分享及交流。

香港方面，規劃及發展組前主席姚逸明測量師以「把握『北部』新機遇，打造灣區世界級城市群」為題，闡述了北部都會區的發展目標和行動綱領，大灣區未來經濟發展的格局、挑戰和機遇及兩區將來的經濟共振與集聚效應。

而廣東省的3位專家及講者 - 羅勇總規劃師、黃鼎曦副會長及趙迎雪秘書長亦分別就廣東省及深圳市的城鎮化發展、存量規劃、增量規劃及投資機遇等議題發表意見。

### 8. Forum on Legislative Proposals to Streamline Development – Related Statutory Processes

On 13 April, the PDD was honoured to invite Ms Bernadette Linn, JP, the Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands), to brief members on the Government's latest thoughts on a range of legislative proposals to streamline development-related statutory processes.

The ultimate aim is to expedite the supply of developable land and address the persistent demands for housing.

### 9. Re-accreditation of HKU's Department of Urban Planning and Design's Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS) Programme

On 5 July, the HKIS General Council endorsed the Board of Education's recommendations on the re-accreditation of BAUS as a cognate degree programme for five more years.

### 10. Beyond Your Campus Competition 2021-2022 Workshop: Walkthrough from Planning to Development – Visit to City Gallery and Central Market

The PDD hosted a half-day event on 28 May for 20 secondary school students who entered the Beyond Your Campus Competition and aspired to unleash their creativities to design the ideal community around each of their campuses.

The event consisted of guided visits to City Gallery, an interactive exhibit that showcases Hong Kong's urban planning efforts, and Central Market, a revitalised historical building that epitomises how developments have transformed along with society.

### 11. Outreach of Council Members

Date	Events	Council Members
26-11-2021	Mrs Paula Lam Au-Yeung Scholarship 2020-2021 Awards Presentation Ceremony for Students of the BSc (Hons) in Surveying, Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong	Sr Terence Wai
03-12-2021	Celebration of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services Seminar cum Luncheon	Sr Terence Wai
03-03-2022	Reimagining Public Spaces in Hong Kong: Feasibility Study – Virtual Stakeholders Forum	Sr Terence Wai Sr Junior Ho
16-04-2022	香港規劃師學會網上研討會 – 再思市區重建：由油旺研究透視重建策略	Sr Terence Wai
17-08-2022	Student Orientation for the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies Programme, University of Hong Kong	Sr Victor Ng Sr Junior Ho Sr Tyler Chan Sr Michelle Yeung

### 12. PDD CPD Events

Many thanks go to the PDD's CPD Convenor Sr Victor Ng, Honorary Secretary Sr Junior Ho, and other council members who spent much time and effort organising 16 CPDs for the PDD during 2021-2022. Most of the events were very popular.

## PDD Annual Dinner 2022

With the relaxation of certain social distancing measures, the PDD organised its Annual Dinner on 10 November at the World Trade Centre Club after its Annual General Meeting.

It invited Sr Tony Tse, BBS, and President Sr KK Chiu as its guest speakers. The dinner was well-attended by EC members, guests, friends, and PDD members. Everyone had a joyful and happy evening.

Thanks go to the organising committee members Sr Annie Chong, Sr Victor Sung, Sr Victor Ng, Sr Icy Choi, and Sr Michelle Yeung, as well as the HKIS staff for making this event successful.







PDD Annual Dinner 2022

## PDD CPD Event: Current Development of Hydroponics in Hong Kong

On 9 November, the PDD invited Dr Lee Yiu Yiu, Agricultural Management Officer (Farm Modernisation) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, to share with members the latest hydroponics developments in Hong Kong. Dr Lee introduced the recently-launched Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre Phase 2 and new technologies adopted including vertical mobile cultivation racks, a modular automatic seeding robotic arm, and an aeroponic cultivation rack. It also discussed the possible technical challenges when commencing



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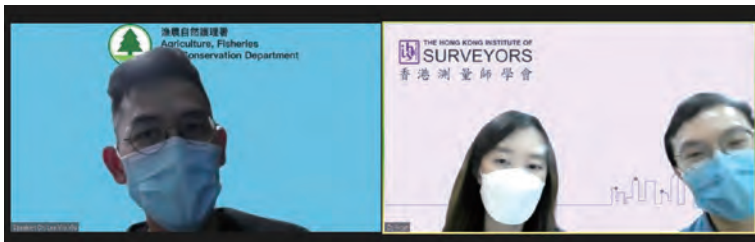
hydroponics cultivation in Hong Kong and the assistance that the Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre can offer to interested parties.



Sr Junior Ho and Sr Michelle Yeung welcome Dr Lee to share with members the latest hydroponics developments in Hong Kong.



Dr Lee shares his collaborative experiences with the local research institute on hydroponics.



Junior, Michelle, and Dr Lee discuss the potential challenges to hydroponics cultivation.

## PDD CPD Event: Structural-Grade Lightweight Steel-Concrete MiC System and Innovative Construction Material

On 23 November, the PDD invited Dr Ivan Sham, Chief Commercial Officer of Nano and

Advanced Materials Institute Limited (NAMI), to discuss the topic, "Structural-Grade Lightweight Steel-Concrete MiC System and Innovative Construction Material". NAMI is a research and development centre for nanotechnology and advanced materials that was incorporated in 2006 as an HKUST subsidiary that offers frontier-applied research on advanced materials and technology transfers for commercial purposes.

Dr Sham shared the material properties of the new structural-grade lightweight concrete, which is 40 percent lighter than ordinary concrete of the same strength, and has excellent insulation and fire-resistant properties. It can be used on external walls and last for up to 50 years.

Dr Sham also introduced the hybrid steel-concrete MiC system. With the use of new structural lightweight concrete on slabs and walls, modular weight can be greatly reduced. This is the first hybrid MiC system in Hong Kong to use structural lightweight concrete with a steel frame and the Buildings Department has granted the system In-Principle Acceptance (IPA) status.

During the Q&A session, PDD Vice Chairman Sr Annie Chong briefly discussed with Dr Sham the future prospects for this new material in other MiC and prefabricated elements. Dr Sham said that NAMI was exploring its feasibility for MiC shear walls on high-rise buildings to enhance their design.



Sr Terence Wai (left) and Sr Annie Chong (right) present a souvenir to Dr Ivan Sham (middle).

## PDD CPD Event: Site Visit to the HKUST Shaw Auditorium

On 12 November, the PDD had the privilege to visit a new landmark at HKUST: the Shaw Auditorium, which is not normally open to the public. Mr Sam Tsen, HKUST Project Manager; Mr Ivan Chan, Technical Director of MEP Consultants; and Mr KK Kwok, an acoustic consultant, guided members on a tour of this amazing facility.

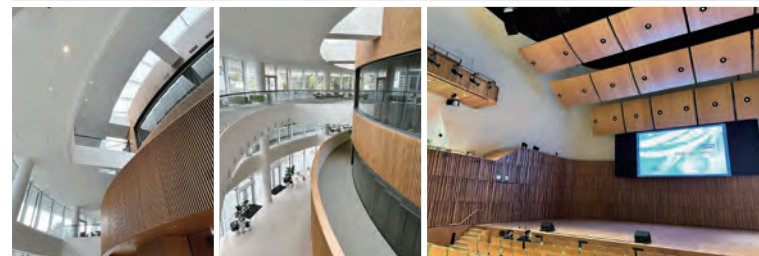
The auditorium is inside a new four-storey building that serves as a learning and gathering hub where various activities can be held. Members had no doubt that many visitors would be captivated by the iconic three-ring elliptical appearance of its exterior, which was designed by Henning Larsen Architects. However, the building is much more than an architectural beauty.

Most impressive of all is the brilliant design that allows the Auditorium to adapt to diversified operations including concerts, conferences, theatrical performances, banquets, exhibitions, congregations, etc. Its retractable seats and adjustable platform allow for a switch between “flat floor” and “raked seating” modes. Great efforts were made to manage noise to achieve excellent acoustics (NR20), while special consideration went into designing its mechanical and electrical systems to enable its flexible uses.

Besides achieving a BEAM Plus Platinum Grade, the auditorium, with ample natural lighting, sustainable materials, and integration between its interior and exterior spaces, offers a leisurely, but energetic, environment that fosters creativity.



(L-R): Sr Terence Wai, Mr Ivan Chan, Mr Sam Tsen, Mr KK Kwok, and Sr Annie Chong



HKUST's Shaw Auditorium

Interior of the Shaw Auditorium



Members Outside the Shaw Auditorium