



Planning & Development Division

Sr Prof James Pong PDD Council Chairman

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) cum Annual Dinner 2016 of the HKIS's Planning and Development Division was held, as scheduled, on 10 November at the World Trade Club of the World Trade Centre, Causeway Bay. Since the terms for the Chairman and Office Bearers would extend till 2017, they would continue to act for the coming year. I sincerely thank all council members and past chairmen of the PDD for their unreserved support in 2016 and seek their continued endorsements in the year to come.

For the Annual Dinner, this was the first time that we filled eight tables (numbering about 100 people) with PDD members and honourable guests who gathered to celebrate the PDD's anniversary, enhance the fellowship of PDD members, and network with old and new friends. Here, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our honourable guests from the relevant government departments and professional and educational institutes for their unfailing support for the PDD. They include the Deputy Director of the Planning Department, Mr Raymond LEE, JP; the Assistant Director of the Buildings Department, Mr Thomas LEUNG, JP; the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), Mr Vincent NG, JP; the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA), Mr WONG Tak Yip; the Registrar of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS), Ms Louisa LAU; Mr William WONG Chi Wai of the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong; Mr SO Kai Ming of the Hong Kong BEAM Society Limited; Sr Prof CHAU Kwong Wing of the Department of Real Estate & Construction, the University of Hong Kong; Prof Rebecca CHIU, Director of the Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning of the University of Hong Kong; Prof Jimmy FUNG, Head of the Environment Division, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Sr Prof Daniel HO of THEi; Prof Zheng CHANG of the City University of Hong Kong; our own HKIS President, Sr C K LAU; and past HKIS presidents, Sr Raymond CHAN, Sr Vincent HO, JP, Sr Stephen LAI, Sr Francis NG, Sr Serena LAU, and Sr WONG Bay (by alphabetical order of their surnames). Sr Prof CHAU Kwong Wing, who has been invited as a guest from the University of Hong Kong as

mentioned hereinabove, is also one of our past presidents of HKIS.

Before the dinner commenced, I shared with the congregation my three main goals for 2017. First, I want to increase the PDD's membership through more internal multiple recognition within the HKIS and accredit more related courses run by various universities in Hong Kong. For multiple recognition, the PDD will welcome those professional surveyors who help property developers in Hong Kong acquire property for redevelopment, as well as the authorised persons (surveyors), whereas for accreditation, I shall adopt a "low-threshold accreditation but high-standard assessment professional competence(APC)" approach. The increase in the PDD's membership shall not be at the expense of lowering the quality of its surveyors.

Second, I shall continue to persuade the Planning, Buildings, and Lands Departments to recruit PDD graduates. Third, subject to an appropriate balance amongst development, conservation, and environmental protection, the PDD supports the government's proposal on Lantau development, as promulgated in the "Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030" in principle.

The dinner was filled with the scent of fine red wine and nice food in the midst of the joy and warm fellowship of PDD members and honourable guests. Incidentally, the HKIE's Building Engineering Division was holding its annual dinner next door to us. Some of our members crashed their party to have a toss with them and, in return, they crashed ours to greet our members. It was a memorable day.





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1. PDD AGM 2016
2. PDD Annual Dinner 2016: Photo with Guests
3. PDD Annual Dinner 2016: PDD Council Members
4. PDD Annual Dinner 2016: Photo with the President of HKIS, HKIE, HKIA and HKILA

5 January 2016, 7-8:30 PM

CDP Talk by Mr Jimmy CF Leung (former Director of Planning)
Topic: TBC

HKIS Annual Dinner

On 24 November, PDD council members joined the HKIS Annual dinner. It was a precious and enjoyable moment to reunite with friends and members.



Meeting Young Generation

On 26 November, PDD Chairman Sr Prof James Pong met with a group of secondary school students for an interactive discussion of "Green Urban Planning in Hong Kong". During the event, Sr Prof James Pong reached out to the students face-to-face and shared with them his experiences on green urban planning and buildings in practice.



Upcoming CPDs

The following CPDs are scheduled for December and January. It's time to gear up!

5 December 2016, 7-8:30 PM

CPD Talk by Prof Anthony Yeh
Topic: Impacts of Smart Technologies and Cities on Urban Development and Planning

16 December 2016, 7-8:30 PM

CPD Talk by Ms Kuh Wen-Gee, Deborah
Topic: Landscape Architecture + Urban Forestry: Challenges + Opportunities