



Planning & Development Division

Sr Prof James Pong PDD Council Chairman

Nomination of PDD Members to HKIS Boards, Committees, and Task Forces for 2017

The PDD Council has passed the resolutions, which state that the following PDD members will represent it in the HKIS Council, as well as its various boards, committees, task forces, and working groups:

Council/Board/Committee/Task Force/Working Group	Name of Representative
General Council	Sr Prof James Kenneth PONG
Executive Committee	Sr Prof James Kenneth PONG
Surveyors Registration Board	Sr Dr Tony LEUNG, Sr Prof James Kenneth PONG
Board of Membership	Sr Edmond YEOW, Sr Francis LAU, Sr Ben CHONG (alternate member)
Board of Education	Sr WONG Bay, Sr Edwin TSANG, Sr William YIP (alternate member)
Board of Professional Development	Sr Francis LAM (BoPD Chairman for 2017), Sr Victor NG, Sr William YIP
Disciplinary Board	Sr Ben CHONG, Sr Edmond YEOW, Sr WONG Bay
Administration Committee	Sr Victor NG, Sr Cyrus MOK

BIM Committee	Sr Eureka CHENG, Sr WONG Bay, Sr Joseph HO (alternate member)
Community & Charity Committee	Sr Jennifer CHOW
Dispute Resolution Committee	Sr Ben CHONG, Sr Edmond YEOW
Editorial Board	Sr Victor NG, Sr William YIP
Finance Committee	Sr Cyrus MOK
HKIS's Liaison Group with SPRA	Sr Prof James Kenneth PONG
HKIS/RICS Liaison Committee	Sr Stephen CHAN, Sr Dr Tony LEUNG
IT Committee	Sr William YIP, Sr Icy CHOI, Sr Victor NG (alternate member)
Mainland Affairs Committee	Sr Dr Tony LEUNG, Sr Edwin TSANG, Sr Edmond YEOW (alternate member)
Members Welfare Committee	Sr Joanmi LI, Sr Stephen CHAN
Project Management Committee	Sr William YIP, Sr WONG Bay
Public & Social Affairs Committee	Sr Francis LAM, Sr Victor NG
Research Committee	Sr Eureka CHENG, Sr Cyrus MOK
Sport and Recreation Committee	Sr Stephen CHAN
Standing Committee on the Code of Measuring Practice	Sr Francis LAM, Sr Joseph HO

Strategic Planning Committee	Sr Prof James Kenneth PONG, Sr Eureka CHENG
HKIS Annual Conference Organising Committee	Sr Eureka CHENG, Sr Icy CHOI
HKIS Annual Dinner Organising Committee	Sr Icy CHOI, Sr Joanmi LI
Housing Policy Panel	Sr Edwin TSANG, Sr Prof James Kenneth PONG, Sr WONG Bay (alternate member)
Building Policy Panel	Sr Raymond CHAN, Sr WONG Bay, Sr Victor NG (alternate member)
Land Policy Panel	Sr Edmond YEOW, Sr Prof James Kenneth PONG, Sr Eureka CHENG (alternate member), Sr Francis LAU (alternate member)
Working Group on Lantau Development	Sr Tong LEUNG, Sr Eureka CHENG, Sr WONG Bay, Sr Joanmi LI, Sr Edmond YEOW
Working Group on Heritage	Sr WONG Bay (Chairman), Sr William YIP, Sr Victor NG, Sr Edmond YEOW
Working Group on Competition Ordinance	Sr Prof James Kenneth PONG, Sr Edmond YEOW
Working Group on HKIS Long Term Branding Project	Sr Jennifer CHOW, Sr Victor NG

Consultation Forum on Underground Space Development

On 19 January, by invitation of the PDD and YSG, the Executive Director (Geotechnical) of AECOM, Dr Johnny Cheuk; Senior Town Planner of the Planning Department, Mr Mann Chow; and Senior Geotechnical Engineer of the Civil Engineering and Development Department, jointly delivered a CPD at the Surveyors Learning Centre to share their research findings on and insights into three proposed locations for underground space development in Hong Kong: (a) Tsim Sha Tsui West, (b) Admiralty/Wan Chai, and (c) Causeway Bay/Happy Valley.

As the moderator for the follow-up Q&A discussion forum, I, together with the three speakers, revisited the physical ways to achieve such a form of development (i.e., through open-cut or tunnel boring) and discussed the various challenges facing such proposed underground space developments, such as the stringent fire compartmentation and fire-resistant construction requirements, the high construction costs involved when compared to aboveground developments, the difficulty of amalgamating land ownership for such underground developments, and disposing of the debris produced by open-cutting the land.

Nevertheless, I support the proposed underground space developments so that Hong Kong would be in line with other cities like Taipei, Paris, Guangzhou, and Tokyo. The proposed underground space development can definitely enhance pedestrian connectivity, create spaces in prime locations, and improve Hong Kong's urban living environment.



CPD Event

On 5 January, we held a CPD Event with the topic - "Does the industrial building stock still matter to Hong Kong?" by Mr Jimmy Leung. The CPD followed by Mr Leung's research on "Industrial Land Use Changes in Response to Economic Restructuring in Hong Kong" in November 2015. It was a successful event in which we have enriched our knowledges on the recent trend of industrial buildings. We much appreciate Mr Leung for delivering a wonderful talk to us.

We are happy to share his research from the link below for your further interest.

http://www.cpu.gov.hk/en/public_policy_research/pdf/2013_A8_012_14B_Final_Report_Mr_Leung.pdf



Upcoming CPDs

The followings are the coming CPD events in February 2017. We look forward to seeing you in the events.

6 February 2017, 7pm - 8:30pm

CDP Talk by Prof Anthony G O Yeh

Topic: Impacts of Smart Technologies and Smart Cities on Urban Development and Planning

16 February 2017, 7pm - 8:30pm

CDP Talk by Mr Eric C M Lee

Topic: Experiences Sharing on Heritage Conservation and Revitalisation Scheme Projects

18 February 2017 (Sat.), 10am - 12noon

Led by Mr Eric C M Lee

Site Visit to the Blue House Cluster (藍屋) – A Revitalisation Scheme Project

25 February 2017 (Sat.), 10am - 12noon

Led by Mr Eric C M Lee

Site Visit to Tai O Police Station at Tai O (大澳) – A Revitalisation Scheme Project

Lunar New Year Greetings

As Chinese New Year is approaching, I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy, Healthy, Successful, and Prosperous Year of the Rooster!