



Planning & Development Division  
Sr Francis Lam PDD Council Chairman

## PDD Annual General Meeting 2020

The PDD Annual General Meeting was held on 12 November at the SLC. With over 15 corporate members in attendance, the PDD office bearers presented the PDD Council's annual report and answered questions from members.



PDD Members at the PDD AGM 2020



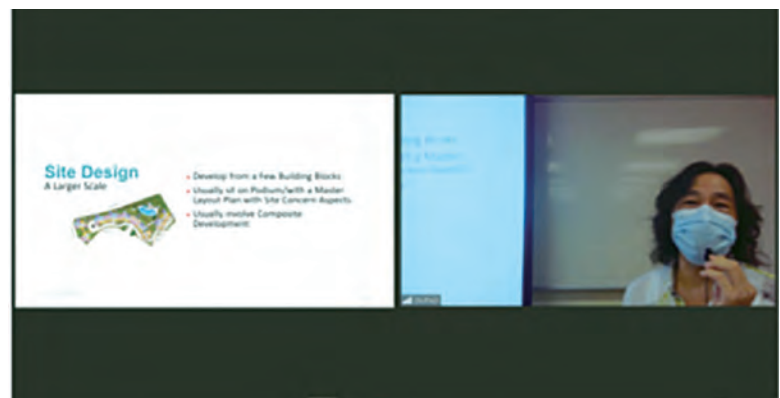
PDD Office Bearers: Chairman Sr Francis Lam (middle), Vice-chairmen Sr Albert So (2nd from left), Sr Terence Wai (2nd from right), Honorary Treasurer Sr Victor Ng (right), and Honorary Secretary Sr Junior Ho (left) at the PDD AGM 2020

## Sharing with Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies Students

On 3 and 11 November, Sr Annie Chong accepted Sr Prof Bo-sin Tang's invitation to share his experiences preparing and considering development plans with students of HKU's Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (BAUS) programme. Francis and Sr Tyler Chan also agreed to share their experiences in property marketing on 17 November.



Annie (left) sharing his experiences with HKU BAUS students.



Annie explains mixed mode sharing to BAUS students.



Francis (standing left) and Tyler (standing right) accept Professor Tang's invitation to share their experiences with BAUS students.



Tyler (back) and Professor Tang (front) in the Lecture Room

## PDD CPD: How Will TIA Support Hong Kong's Various Planning and Development Projects?

On 4 November, Mr Francis Sootoo and Mr Chapman Lam, experts in traffic and transport planning, delivered a CPD on how traffic impact assessments support urban development in Hong Kong. They shared with members the approaches and considerations when conducting a traffic impact assessment.

## Congratulations

Congratulations go to Sr Victor Ng, Honorary Treasurer of the PDD Council, who is now a Fellow Member of the HKIS, and a new PDD Corporate Member, Sr Tyler Chan, who passed the Assessment of Professional Competence.

## HKIS Maintenance and Appreciation of Historical Buildings Award Presentation Ceremony

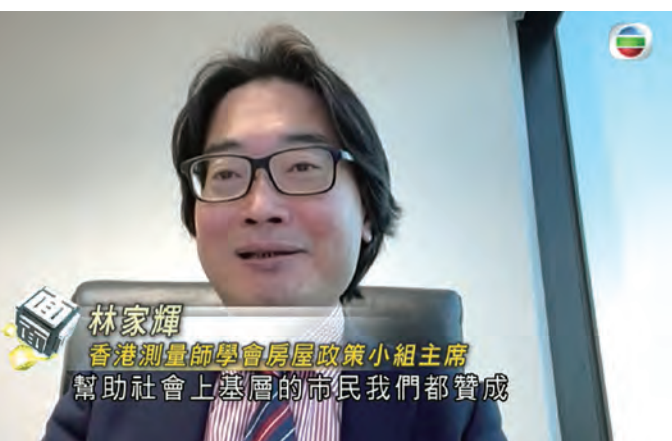
Francis attended the HKIS Maintenance and Appreciation of Historical Buildings Award ceremony on 15 November.



Francis (right) and the Director of Buildings, Mr. Yu Tak Cheung, JP (left)

### TVB Programme 時事多面睇 - “上樓有望？”

On 26 November, Francis expressed his view on Hong Kong’s housing policy and housing ladder during the airing of the TVB Programme, 「時事多面睇 - “上樓有望？”」.



Francis expresses his views on a TVB programme.

### PDD Annual Report 2019-2020

The PDD Annual Report 2019-2020 by Chairman Sr Francis Lam is shared below:

During the past ten months, Hong Kong has experienced three waves of the coronavirus pandemic and various levels of social distancing. So far, I am very grateful that no PDD member has come down with COVID-19.

Responding to the local pandemic, the PDD Council has taken measures to enable the division’s continued function. It follows all Government-mandated anti-pandemic regulations and guidelines for holding meetings and events. Thanks go to the HKIS technical

support team’s Zoom setup and administration, which have made possible all online meetings/CPDs/PQSLs/technical sharing sessions that have occurred this year.

After holding the first and second PDD Council Meetings (in person) on 14 November and 12 December 2019, the Division was faced with the pandemic in late January 2020. It reacted quickly to cancel its February 2020 Council Meeting and postponed all CPD/PQSL events until further notice. With Zoom, it was able to resume Council Meetings on 16 April on a bimonthly (11 June, 13 August, 8 October 2020) basis and CPD/PQSL events on 4 May.

### Membership Profile

Notwithstanding the adverse impacts caused by COVID-19, I am pleased to report that the PDD has gained eight new Corporate Members either by multiple membership applications or through the PDD APC since January 2020. In fact, one Probationer just passed the PDD APC on 30 October and his HKIS membership application will probably be approved by the HKIS Board of Membership.

As at 12 November, the PDD’s membership profile is as follows:

Membership Class	Number of Members
Fellow	44
Member	53
Probationer	16
Student	21

The Division is pleased to promote Sr Annie Chong to Fellow Member status. I understand that there is a backlog of applications for this membership level. The PDD conducted two APC Final Assessments on 20 March and 30 October. Two APC candidates passed their APC Final Assessments.

### **Supporting Probationers and University Students**

PDD Council Members Sr Edmond Yew and Sr Annie Chong delivered professional talks to HKU's BAUS Year 3 students via Zoom on 31 March and 21 April.

After being invited by Professor Tang Bo Sin on 12 May, Council Members Sr Edmond Yew, Sr Eureka Cheng, Sr Annie Chong, and I attended the BAUS students' studio project presentations to provide insights and feedback. The Council very much hopes that such a dialogue would be useful to the students' career aspirations and knowledge of urban planning and land development in Hong Kong.

In recent years, the Council has been helping BAUS students obtain summer internships with a view to enriching their experiences in the planning and development fields. This year, it continued this meaningful exercise despite the weak job market. After all, it had received very positive feedback from prospective employers on the BAUS students' performance.

### **PQSL Short Course: Planning Practice, Law, and Ethics in Hong Kong**

The Division has continued its collaboration with HKU's Department of Urban Planning and Development (DUPAD) to offer the course, "Planning Practice, Law, and Ethics in Hong Kong," to its Probationers as part of their PQSL in local planning practice and law.

### **PDD Research Project**

Following up on the last Council's efforts, the PDD obtained approval for its research proposal, "Market Research for Hong Kong Planning and Development Surveyors in Belt and Road Countries: Case Studies of Vietnam, Thailand, and Malaysia," from the HKIS Research Committee and General Council in May. In July, the HKIS entered into a research

agreement with HKU. It expects Dr Guibo Sun to complete the aforesaid project by July 2022.

### **Engaging the Government**

#### *Land Sharing Pilot Scheme*

Prior to the formal launch of the Government's Land-Sharing Pilot Scheme in May, the PDD Council had the honour to invite Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) Ms Bernadette Linn, JP, to share with members the concept and policy objectives of the Land-Sharing Pilot Scheme (LSPS) on 23 January. Members had a very meaningful and in-depth discussion with Ms Linn and her colleagues during the sharing session. That was the last face-to-face CPD event the PDD held before the pandemic.

#### *Central Waterfront Site 3 Proposed Two-envelope Tendering Arrangements*

I was invited to attend a government briefing session on 22 May regarding the proposed Two-envelope Tendering Arrangements for the Government Land Disposal of Central Waterfront Site 3. This briefing was organised by the Development Bureau to solicit the opinions of professional bodies on the proposed two-envelope tendering arrangements for Site 3, given its unique and prime location.

#### *Symposium on Measures to Streamline Development Control*

On 1 June, Council Member Sr Annie Chong and I attended the Symposium on Measures to Streamline Development Control hosted by the Hon Tony Tse of the Legislative Council. Bernadette Linn and her colleagues from the Planning, Lands, and Buildings Departments were also invited to share the latest administrative measures for streamlining development control under the newly-issued Joint Practice Notes.

### *Legislative Council Public Hearing on Industrial Buildings Policy*

On 6 June, I was invited to attend the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Policy on Industrial Buildings at LegCo. I made some recommendations for improving the current Government policies for regenerating or redeveloping some of Hong Kong's old industrial buildings. My focus was on the prolonged lease modification premium negotiations and the Transport Department's maximised car park spaces requirement.

### *New Measures under the CEPA*

Further to the signing of the Agreement Concerning Amendments to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement Agreement (CEPA) on Trade in Services (Amendment Agreement) between the Central and HKSAR Governments in November 2019, there have been some new measures to advance the Institute's professional services through the mutual recognition of qualifications/practices in the Greater Bay Area. Through this connection, the Development Bureau organised a briefing session on 20 January to introduce these new measures to the construction sector. HKIS Mainland Committee Chairman Sr Dr Stephen Lai and I attended this session.

### *Fire Services Department Connects with the Construction Industry*

I represented the HKIS at a Fire Services Department (FSD) Connects with the Construction Industry event on 19 December 2019. The FSD exchanged views and information on fire services installation works and acceptance inspections with the attendees. A new Form FSI/501a and revised Form FSI/501 would be adopted by Q2 2020 with a view to simplifying the application procedure for the inspection and testing of fire services installations.

### **Joint Institutes (HKIA, HKIS, HKIP, HKILA) Webinar on COVID-19**

On 10 August, President Sr Winnie Shiu and I delivered a talk at the Joint Institutes Webinar on "COVID-19: Challenges and Opportunities for Hong Kong Surveying and Landscape Architecture". Our topic was "Making Hong Kong a Pandemic Resilient and Healthy City". In order to achieve this, Hong Kong had to enhance its inclusive building designs, sewage pipes, indoor air ventilation and air change rates, toilet facilities, contingency community solution spaces, disaster prevention sites, hospital isolation rooms and treatment centres, medical cold storage for vaccines/medicines, green waste disposal facilities, wet market hygiene, etc.

### **External Connects**

#### *Guangdong Territorial Spatial Planning Association*

The PDD is delighted to be able to further collaborate with the Guangdong Territorial Spatial Planning Association after both signed the Memorandum of Understanding in 2018. On 3 September, the Division invited Dr Yuen and Ms Carmen Tung of the Guangdong Territorial Spatial Planning Association to share online their recent study of industrial estates' value in the Greater Bay Area. On 26 September, the two jointly organised a conference on sustainable planning and development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area.

#### *Singapore Institute of Planners*

The PDD's Immediate Past Chairman, Sr Edmond Yew, continued to represent the PDD Council in keeping close contacts with the Singapore Institute of Planners. Certainly everyone wants to see more collaboration and exchanges between the two in 2021.

### PDD CPD Events

Thanks go to CPD Convener Sr Jasmine Kong and Hon Secretary Sr Junior Ho, who devoted a lot of time and effort to organising 16 CPD events for the PDD in 2020 in spite of the pandemic.

The table below shows a list of CPDs that the PDD successfully conducted up until early November.

CPD Event	Speaker	Date
A Talk on the Proposed Land-Sharing Pilot Scheme	Ms Bernadette Linn, JP	23/1/2020
Places of Public Entertainment Licence	Sr Ben WH Chong	4/5/2020
Sustainability in Real Estate	Ms Grace Kwok	12/5/2020
Fallen Off the Housing Supply Cliff: What Has Gone Wrong?	Mr Ryan Ip	3/6/2020
Insights-sharing of Career Prospects in BIM	Ms Monika Lau, Mr Froky Wong	12/6/2020
Conceived for the Optimisation of Hong Kong's Subsidised Housing Scheme 優化香港資助出售房屋計劃的構想	Mr Anthony Chiu Kwok Wai	21/7/2020
The Strategy for Planning and Development of a Global Attraction in China (Theme Resort as a Lead Component of Large Commercial Developments)	Mr Lee Siu Kee	22/7/2020
Latest Developments in Green and Healthy Buildings after COVID-19	Ms Grace Kwok	6/8/2020
When Retail Development Meets Craftsmanship Conservation	Mr Alvin Lo, Ms Charlene Mo	26/8/2020

2020 第四季投資展望及經濟分析	Mr Paul Pong	28/8/2020
PQSL Short Course: Planning Practice, Law, and Ethics in Hong Kong	DUPAD of HKU	2/9/2020
粵港澳大灣區產業空間價值研究	袁曉輝	3/9/2020
The Expansion and Renovation of the Hong Kong Museum of Art	Dr Maria Mok, Miss Fung Wai Min	24/9/2020
廣東省國土空間規劃協會與香港測量師學會規劃及發展組 聯席會議：「粵港澳大灣區可持續規劃及發展」 Conference on Sustainable Planning and Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area Jointly Organised by the Guangdong Territorial Spatial Planning Association and HKIS PDD	馬向明, 王世福教授, Prof Jianxiang Huang, Prof Alvin Yip	26/9/2020
A Community-based Approach in Designing Estate Redevelopment	Mr James Chan Yum-min	5/10/2020
How Will TIA Support Hong Kong's Various Planning and Development Projects?	Mr Francis Sootoo, Mr Chapman Lam	4/11/2020

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