



Planning & Development Division
Sr Terence Wai PDD Council Chairman

PDD Council Meeting

The PDD Council held its fourth meeting of the council year on 7 April. Owing to the impact of Covid-19, the meeting was conducted via Zoom.

The PDD Workshop for the HKIS's Beyond Your Campus Competition 2021-2022 has been deferred to 28 May 2022 due to the pandemic. Hopefully, by then, all students and teachers can join it in person.

In addition, the PDD Annual Dinner may be held during the third quarter of 2022, while the PDD Annual Conference will occur in October. Please stay tuned for further updates.

PDD CPD Event

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 demand for housing and other uses beneficial to Hong Kong's development.

There are five main directions, namely:

- Streamlining and shortening certain statutory time limits
- Avoiding repetitively executing procedures of a similar nature

- Providing an express mandate for Government departments to proceed with different procedures concurrently
- Rationalising obsolete or ambiguous arrangements
- Streamlining miscellaneous processes, so as to more effectively use public resources.

The event was very popular with over 350 registrations. On behalf of the PDD, I express my sincere thanks to Bernadette.



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1. CPD Event: Ms Bernadette Linn briefs members on the proposed amendments.



- Ms Bernadette Linn (Middle)
- Co-host Sr CK Lau, Chairman of the Land Policy Panel
- Moderator Sr Francis Lam, Chairman of the Housing Policy Panel
- Co-host Sr Victor Ng, Vice Chairman of the Planning & Development Division

再思市區重建：由油旺研究透視重建策略

Sr Terence Wai was invited by the Hong Kong Institute of Planners to be a panelist on a public webinar held on 16 April.

Urban decay is a perennial problem across Hong Kong and the number of ageing building blocks is dramatically increasing.

The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) commenced a study in 2017 with the aim to devise a district-based urban renewal plan for the Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok Districts, as well as to explore new planning mechanisms to facilitate its implementation.

Three master urban renewal concept plans have been formulated to achieve the vision of restructuring the study area into a livable, sustainable, diverse, and vibrant metropolitan hub in Hong Kong.

In the Chief Executive's 2021 Policy Address, the Government confirmed the URA's speed-up of urban renewal in Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok and commencement of district planning studies in Tsuen Wan and Sham Shui Po.

Upcoming CPD Event

The PDD has organised two CPDs outlined below.

Date and Time	Event Name	Speaker
17 May 2022 7:00-8:30 pm	Disaster Management Series (1): Study of Coastal Hazards under Climate Change and Extreme Weather and the Formulation of Improvement Measures – A Feasibility Study	Mr Alan TANG Kai Yau Chief Engineer/Port Works Port Works Division Civil Engineering Office Civil Engineering and Development Department
24 May 2022 7:00-8:30 pm	Disaster Management Series (2): What Has Climate Change to Do with Me?	Dr CHENG Cho Ming Director of the Hong Kong Observatory

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

On 21 April, Sr Terence Wai, Sr Victor Ng, and Sr Junior Ho held a Zoom meeting with representatives (department head, programme director, teaching staff, students and graduates) of HKU's BAUS Programme concerning its re-accreditation.

A summary report will be submitted to the Board of Education for approval and then to the General Council for endorsement.



The Speakers and Panelists at the Public Webinar



PDD, HKIS, and HKU BAUS Programme Representatives during the Zoom Meeting



PDD and HKIS Representatives with BAUS Students and Alumni during the Zoom Meeting

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