



Planning & Development Division

Sr Terence Wai PDD Council Chairman

PDD Council Meeting

The PDD Council held its fifth meeting on 9 June in hybrid mode. The theme for the PDD Annual Conference 2022, to be held on 8 October 2022 (Saturday), is “Urban Renewal Strategy in Asian Cities: Hong Kong, Singapore and Guangdong”. Please mark it on your calendars if you are interested in attending.

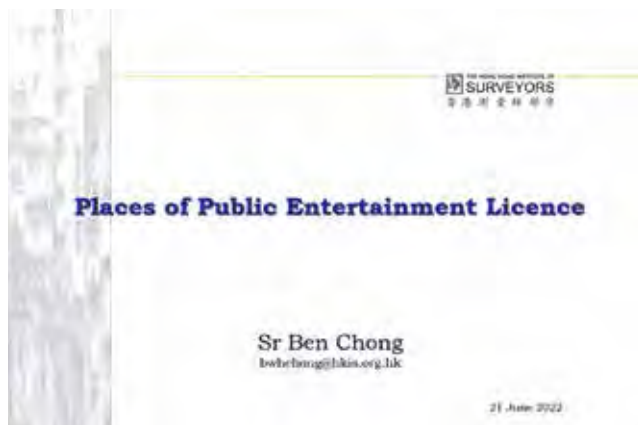
PDD CPD Event

Places of Public Entertainment Licence

On 21 June, the PDD invited Sr Ben Chong of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCD) to give a CPD on “Places of Public Entertainment Licence”.

Ben is the WKCD’s District Authorised Person. He advises on building codes compliance for its development projects. Prior to joining the WKCD, he was a chief building surveyor for the Buildings Department.

During his talk, Ben briefed members on the statutory requirements for applying for a licence under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap 172). He also shared with members his experiences with applying for the Places of Public Entertainment Licence for several arts and cultural venues.



Speaker: Sr Ben Chong

The ensuing Q&A session with the audience stimulated further discussion on the application requirements for different PPE licences such as building safety, ventilation, crowd control, etc. Overall, the event was very popular, so on behalf of the PDD, I sincerely thank Ben for sharing his knowledge with members.

Upcoming CPD Event

The PDD has organised two CPDs for July 2022. Below are the outlines of the events.

Date & Time	Event Name	Speaker
9 July 2022 10:00-11:30 am	Disaster Management Series (3) The Concept of Rivers in the City: Site Visit to Jordan Valley to See its Revitalisation Work	Ir Ronald Siu Wai Chung Senior Engineer, Drainage Projects Division, Drainage Services Department
14 July 2022 7:00-8:30 pm	Disaster Management Series (4) Smart Drainage: Flood Control and Resilience	Ir Selina Fong Wai Man Senior Engineer, Planning and Rehabilitation Division, Drainage Services Department

If you are interested in joining the above CPDs, please register with the HKIS.

Social Event: Drinks Gathering and Welcome Party for New Members

The PDD organised a networking and drinks gathering event on 10 June at the West Kowloon Cultural District.

It was a good time for longtime and newer members to mingle and have a chance to visit the M+ Pavilion, as well as enjoy some iconic sunset views of Hong Kong Island.



Sing Tao Daily Column

An article written by Sr Victor Ng, PDD Vice Chairman, was published in the *Sing Tao Daily* on 23 May.

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近年大眾都聚焦於住宅的供應短缺問題上，然而，人口老化及長者服務在香港的配套亦非常缺乏。隨著樓宇及人口老化（即雙老化），受資助的安老院牀位或其他長者服務之輪候時間長達三年或以上。所以，適時釋放「政府、機構或社區」用地的發展潛力可大大提高相關的服務量。

釋放機構土地潛力

現時有不少非政府組織擁有土地，但卻未能釋放當中的土地發展潛力，其原有的規模已追不上《建築物（規劃）規例》所訂明的地積比率及樓面面積上限，而將項目重建時亦會遇上兩大問題：

第一，機構缺乏資金去重建整座建築物，並維持本身服務。同時處理重建及遷置對機構營運造成壓力；第二，由於項目計畫重建需時，機構亦未能應付冗長的顧問研究，例如初步技術可行性研究、規劃申請等等，而整個計畫往往從申請到重建完成，需要花

上十年或以上的時間。

政府分別在2013和2019年推出一共兩期的「私人土地作福利用途特別計畫」，社會福利署運用獎券基金和非政府機構所擁有的土地，通過重建或擴建，提供多元化的津貼和自負盈虧設施。

而非政府組織在得到基金撥款後，亦可增加其服務範圍和數量，同時釋放土地資源。兩期計畫一共收到數十家非政府機構提交的申請，截至2021年3月底，已有六個項目竣工。

另外，發展局在今年三月向立法會提交「精簡與發展相關的法定程序之法例修訂」文件，相信可將整個規劃程序大大縮減。筆者希望各方可透過這些契機將重建過程加快，從而釋放更多土地及樓面面積，增設長者服務配套，以解決城市雙老化問題。

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