



**Planning & Development Division**  
Sr Terence Wai PDD Council Chairman

## PDD Annual General Meeting & Annual Dinner 2022

The PDD Annual General Meeting 2022 will be held at 6:45 pm on 10 November 2022 (Thursday) at the World Trade Centre Club Hong Kong, 38/F, World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay.

Right after the AGM concludes, the PDD Annual Dinner 2022 will begin at 7:30 pm at the same venue.

## PDD Council Meeting

The PDD Council held its seventh meeting on 13 October in hybrid mode.

The following members were endorsed as co-opted members of the Council:

1. Sr Stuart WONG Ka Chung
2. Sr Candy CHEUNG Sum Yin

## PDD Annual Conference 2022

On 8 October, the PDD Annual Conference was successfully held. This year, the conference topic was “Urban Renewal Strategy in Asian Cities: Hong Kong, Singapore, and Guangdong”. The PDD invited some strategic partners – the Singapore Institute of Planners and 廣東省國土空間規劃協會 – to share their views and the challenges they faced in their respective countries/cities. Also, it was honoured to have Sr Eric POON, Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Authority, to come deliver a speech, “Challenges of Urban Renewal in Modern City,” while Dr Jianxiang HUANG of the University of Hong Kong also came to share his topic, “Climate Sensitive Urban Design”.

The event was held in hybrid mode, which was a first for the conference. Attendees exchanged views on urban renewal technologies, challenges, and policies in different cities, with most of them expressing concern over double ageing and long lead redevelopment times. Overall, the discussions were fruitful. Special thanks go to the moderator, Sr Prof Bo TANG, who led a wonderful discussion forum both online and in person.

In 2018, the PDD signed memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with the above two institutes, but this was the first time all three conducted a conference together on a common topic. During the closing remarks, Mr Djoko PRIHANTO, President of the Singapore Institute of Planners, and 馬向明總工程師 of 廣東省城鄉規劃設計研究院有限責任公司 agreed to collaborate again with the PDD in other areas such as CPDs, research, seminars, and conferences.

The PDD also sincerely thanks its strategic partners, the URA and HKU, for unfailingly supporting this successful event. Special thanks go to the conference organising committee led by Sr Victor NG and his team for their efforts and hard work in making it possible.



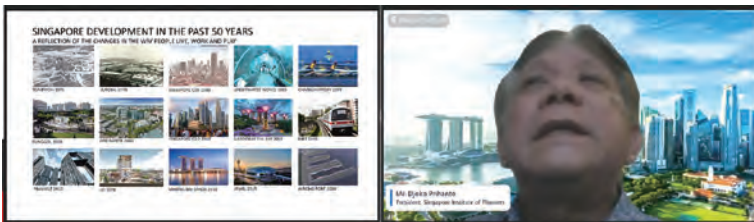
Sr Eric POON, Executive Director, Urban Renewal Authority



Dr Jianxiang HUANG, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Planning, HKU

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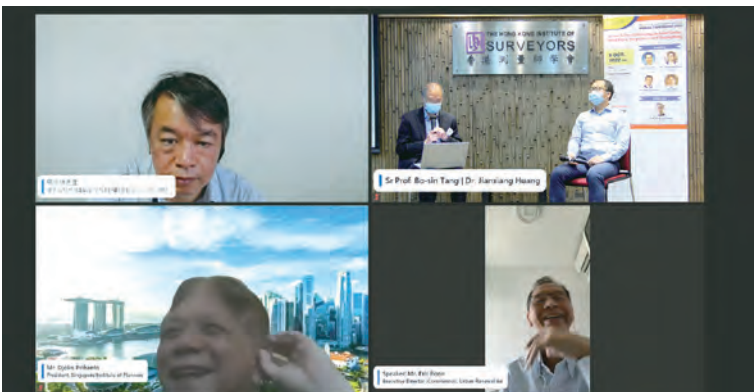
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Mr Djoko PRIHANTO, President, Singapore Institute of Planners



馬向明先生, 廣東省城鄉規劃研究院有限責任公司總工程師



Sr Prof Bo TANG moderates a discussion with the speakers.



Sr Tyler Chan and Sr Michelle Yeung, Annual Conference MCs



Sr Victor Ng, Chairman of the PDD Annual Conference 2022 Organising Committee



PDD Council Chairman Sr Terence Wai delivers the Welcome Speech during the conference.

## PDD CPD Event: Conservation of Sha Lo Tung – A Way Forward

“Conservation of Sha Lo Tung – A Way Forward” was a CPD co-organised by the PDD and YSG, which had the pleasure of inviting Dr Ken SO, one of the few scholars in Hong Kong with comprehensive knowledge of freshwater wetland ecology, and Ms Silvy CHAN to guide members on a tour of this unique, valuable part of Hong Kong.

Sha Lo Tung, situated in a basin between Cloudy Hill and Wong Leng, is one of Hong Kong’s largest and most unique freshwater wetlands located over 100 metres above sea level. The surrounding hills and everflowing water from nearby streams nurture its valley to create fertile lands with exceptionally rich ecological diversity including numerous rare species of freshwater fish, amphibians, butterflies, and, above all, dragonflies.

For hundreds of years until the 1960s, there were extensive terraced fields in Sha Lo Tung, which mainly grew rice. Since the 1970s, its villagers have gradually abandoned their farmlands, which were put to reckless use including the vast cultivation of the Golden Acre cabbage from 2015 to 2016, which, despite its looks and nutritional value, is a thirsty crop and quickly depleted the area's wetlands.

In 2017, the Government announced that Sha Lo Tung would be preserved by a “non-in-situ land exchange”. Meanwhile, conservation work is being carried out by Green Power under a management agreement, “Habitat and Biodiversity Conservation Scheme in Sha Lo Tung,” to expedite the area's ecological recovery.

Members were delighted to have the opportunity to explore part of the region's three rivers, which are recognised as “Sites of Specific Scientific Interest”. For many, it was the first time they had encountered a newt. Moreover, they found and even felt a newly-shed snakeskin in almost perfect condition. The visit was an interesting and enjoyable trip that broadened members' vision and awareness of the factors to consider before redevelopment, which include environmental concerns.



Group Photo: PDD and YSG Members in Sha Lo Tung

## PDD CPD Event: Site Visit to the Transitional Housing Project in Sam Shing Tuen Mun (To Gather [齊+], Operated by the Salvation Army)

In his Hong Kong Policy Address 2022, Hong Kong Chief Executive John LEE pledged to tackle the city's housing crisis by building 30,000 new temporary flats for tenants on the public housing waiting list, which would hopefully shorten the waiting time for public housing from the current 6 to 4.5 years by 2026-2027.

On 29 October, the PDD organised a visit to a transitional housing project, To-Gather, operated by the Salvation Army, in Sam Shing Tuen Mun. This project involved the transformation of a seven-storey school building equipped with a lift into 123 residential units for about 400 tenants. It includes 1-2-person units, 3-4-person units, and accessible units. It also has multi-functional activity rooms on the G/F and common areas from the 1/F to 3/F for use by tenants and residents in the neighborhood, so as to foster a sense of community.

Sr Victor NG and Mr Matthew LAW shared with members their experiences with the project from its planning to completion stages and the difficulties they encountered throughout its development.



A Newly-shed Snakeskin

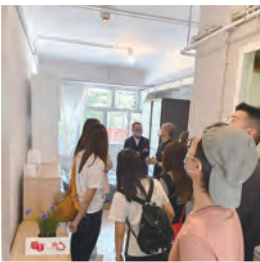
A Newt



Sr Terence WAI (middle) presents appreciation certificates to Mr Matthew LAW (right) of the Salvation Army and Sr Victor NG (left)



Sr Victor NG shares his experiences with the construction of transitional housing.



A Typical To-Gather Unit



Other Typical Units



To Gather Outlook



Group Photo: Members Visiting Transitional Housing in Sam Shing, Tuen Mun

## Upcoming CPD Events in November 2022

Date & Time	Event Name	Speaker(s)
9 November 6:00–7:00 pm	Current Development of Hydroponics in Hong Kong	Dr LEE Yiu Yiu, Agricultural Management Officer, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
12 November 10:00 am–12:00 noon	Site Visit to HKUST Shaw Auditorium	Mr Sam TSEN, Project Manager, HKUST; Mr Ivan CHAN, Technical Director, Building MEP, WSP; Mr KK KWOK, Senior Consultant, Marshall Day Acoustic
23 November	Structural – Grade Lightweight Steel – Concrete MiC System and Innovative Construction Material	Dr Ivan SHAM, Chief Commercial Officer, Nano and Advanced Materials Institute Limited

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