

BRE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

From Grey to Green - A Quest for Innovative Urban Development



Speaker:

Mr. Alex LUI Chun Wan

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- University Fellow, PolyU
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About the Speaker:

Mr. Alex Chun Wan Lui was a graduate of the Hong Kong Technical College in 1964, awarded with a Higher Certificate in Building with Distinction and later on, he has become an architect and city planner. He studied Architecture at the University of Hong Kong and City Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Other than working in the United States for 12 years, he has spent most of his professional life in Hong Kong, engaging in private practice and gaining extensive professional experience in planning, building and development projects of all kinds. In 1998, he retired from private practice to become a professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. On retirement from teaching in 2002, he was invited to join Hysan Development Company Limited as a Senior Advisor until his retirement in 2008.

Other than engaging in education and professional practice, Alex has been very active participating in professional institutions in advancing architecture, planning and urban design in Hong Kong. He is a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, in which he also served as Chairman of Lands and Planning Committee, a member of the Board of Local Affairs and a member of Board of Education Affairs. He was Honorary Treasurer for two terms in the Hong Kong Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He also helped to set up and served in the Hong Kong Urban Design Alliance.

For many years, Alex has been involved in public and community services in Hong Kong. He has served several terms as a member of Appeal Tribunal Panel of the Building Ordinance (Cap. 123); a member of the Advisory Committee on Appearances of Bridges and Associated Structures; a member of the Appeal Board under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583); a member of the Executive Committee and a member of the Supervisory Board of the Hong Kong Housing Society. Before that, he was appointed as a member of the Tax Appeal Board; a member of the Authorized Persons and Registered Structural Engineers Registration Committee; a member of the Town Planning Board; a member of Construction Advisory Board; and a Small Works Committee Member of the Wanchai District Council. Since 2010, he has served as a member of PolyU Council for two terms. Currently, he is the Project Director of Green Deck and Court Member of PolyU.

About the Lecture:

Located at Hung Hom since 1957, PolyU has been witnessing the changes and development in this area over the past 60 years. The outdated urban planning model, rapid growth in population and economic activities in nearby districts have brought along many teething problems: heavy traffic, air and noise pollution, poor connectivity, lack of open space and many others. Not only the 30,000+ staff and students of PolyU consider the situation less than satisfactory, the nearby communities and the daily commuters are also looking forward to having improvement in their environment. PolyU, a university which cherishes a sustainable future, is committed to finding an innovative solution to revitalize the districts.

With "To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind" as its motto, PolyU is committed to blazing trails and bringing positive changes to society. In order to solve the problems faced by Hung Hom old district and to revitalize the nearby districts, PolyU initiated the Green Deck idea in 2012 and engaged a consultant in mid of 2013 to conduct a feasibility study. With the encouraging findings, the University has embarked on extensive community engagement exercise and a wide variety of related research. As the Project Director of Green Deck, Alex is invited to give insights into the transformation from grey to green in the Lecture.



Date

19 February 2019 (Tuesday)

Time

6:30pm – 8:00pm

(Registration from 6:00pm)

Venue

ST111, 1/F, Core S,
The Hong Kong Polytechnic
University, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Medium

English

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Free of Charge

All interested are welcome.

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