

The Outstanding BRE Alumni Award 2018 – Awardee

Brief Biography



Mr. Alex LUI Chun Wan

Higher Certificate in Building

(Year of Award : 1964)

Hong Kong Technical College

Mr. Alex Lui Chun Wan grew up in Hong Kong. He 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, teaching architecture, city planning and urban design and to research in a variety of areas ranging from housing to vernacular architecture, and from professional practice to community development and urban design.

On retirement from teaching in 2002, he was invited to join Hysan Development Company Limited as a Senior Advisor until his retirement in 2008. He was responsible to prepare a strategic plan for the redevelopment of the company's real estate portfolio and was involved in the redevelopment of Hysan Place in Causeway Bay. Among the many projects, he has engaged in the more notable ones including the campus of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the award-winning Hong Kong Innovation Center and the Jockey Club Environmental Technology Center, Belcher Garden Redevelopment, Healthy Village Redevelopment, K. Wah Center, Ma Wan Island Comprehensive Development, Land Development Corporation's (LDC) Centre Street Redevelopment Study, Wanchai Market Redevelopment, and several major projects in China such as Henderson Center in Beijing and the China Merchants Bank Building in Shanghai.

Other than engaging in the 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 has also served as Chairman of the Lands and Planning Committee, a member of the Board of Local Affairs and a member of the Board of Education Affairs. He was Honorary Treasurer for two terms in the Hong Kong Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He has 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); as a member of the Advisory Committee on Appearances of Bridges and Associated Structures; as 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 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Council for 2 terms and has joined the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Court as a member since 2016. In 2017, he was awarded the title University Fellow by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.