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OPEN SEMINAR

Review of Urban Renewal Strategy (URS) from Land Administration Perspective

This two-day Seminar/Workshop is sponsored by the “URS Review Partnering Organization Programme” of the URA of the SAR Government. The main objective of this Seminar/Workshop is to disseminate the experiences, lessons learned and proposals to land administrators interested in the review of the URS of the SAR; to share information, perceptions and ideas at a formative stage of the URS Review; and to explore and exchange the recent land administration practices, observations/ experiences on URS with the stakeholders. In short, we would present that our proposals can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the URS from the land administration point of view.

Mr. Kwok is a Fellow of the Institute and has over 30 years’ experience in land administration area, both in Government and private sector. He was the Dean of Science & Research Faculty of the Institute and has contributed much of his time in promoting modern land administration/land administration system to the young land administrators. He has contributed submissions to the past public consultations on HK Sustainable Development Strategy, HK 2030 Planning Vision & Strategy, URA BILL and Digital 21 Strategy. He is now working as a freelance port and land development consultant.



Mr. Peter KWOK

Mr. Kwan (MBA MRICS MHKIS RPS) has over 30 years' experience in development consultancy field. He specializes in handling development consultancy, land – advisory matters including town planning, lease modification, land exchange and land administration and business valuation services. Currently, he is responsible for the business development and operation of C S Surveyors Ltd. Prior to his employment with the Group, Mr. Kwan worked in Lands Dept. of HKSAR and many private practices as well.



Mr. Denys KWAN

ABSTRACT:

Day 1 Seminar - We start with reviewing the URS in the context of the First Sustainable Development Strategy and the Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy and to explore the application of the “Smart Growth” Principles as a better alternative to cope with the stated requirement of the “comprehensive and holistic approaches” of the URS. The spatial dimensions of the URS and the need of the support of a sound Land Administration System for URS will also be examined from Land Administration Perspective. We will further look into the key problematic issues of the URS and introduces the reorganization of the land-related divisions of the URA from the land administration perspective for better community development/engagement process, private/public partnership, and good urban governance (Workshop Assignments will be introduced and delivered after the seminar).

Day 2 Workshop - The aim is to organize and bring together suitable number of groups formed by the seminar participants in order to discuss and consolidate the views expressed. The participants' valuable opinions/experiences resulting from this process of discussing and refining the URS will be summarized in a report and will be submitted to the URA as one of the products of the URA Public Engagement Exercise. It is for this reason that it is important for the Day One participants to give serious consideration to make contributions in this Day 2 workshop.

Free of charge. All interested are welcome! Members or Non-members from academic circles, professional bodies, green groups and those concerns with urban renewal are especially welcome to attend the seminar/workshop.

Day 1 Seminar: 6 June 2009 (Saturday)	Day 2 Workshop: 20 June 2009 (Saturday)
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Venue: Lecture Theatre No. FJ303 (Stanley HO Building, opposites to Pao Yue-kong Library), Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Venue: Classroom No. HJ210 (Podium), Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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