



OPEN SEMINAR

A Critical Review of Urban Renewal Strategy

DEAR MEMBERS,

Like many cities in other areas of the world, Hong Kong has been undergoing development and expansion for decades. Without exception, old age buildings need preservation or redevelopment to cope with evolvement of the city. The public have anticipation in the renewal and there is voice for protection of historic buildings. Stakeholders being affected by redevelopment projects have also voiced outcry for justice. The URA (Urban Renewal Authority) which is designated with the responsibility of urban redevelopment has been slow in implementing renewal projects for the past 10 years. The Development Bureau has therefore made an effort and engaged a consultant to launch a policy review on the strategy in urban renewal and takes an active role to shape the new city.

HKILA conducted workshops and contributed ideas to the consultant undertaking the URS (Urban Renewal Strategy) Review. The Development Bureau published a report in July 2010 seeking public opinion. In the report, suggestion from the HKILA has been adopted as part of the reform i.e. flat for flat exchange for domestic property owners. In fact, HKILA considers exchange should be open to both commercial and domestic properties. Further recommendations have since been consolidated by the Bureau with pragmatic approaches. A paper in this connection was prepared by HKILA, the content of which was presented at the FIG Commission 7 (Cadastre and Land

Management) Annual Meeting on 6-10 September 2010 in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic under the topic 'Good Governance in Land Administration' .

To explore how urban renewal of Hong Kong may be further conducted from the perspective of land administration, a follow-up seminar is organized as follows:

Date: 11 December 2010 (Saturday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Venue: Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Science Museum, 2 Science Museum Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon

Speaker: Mr. Tony HUI

Language Medium: Cantonese

Members are cordially invited to attend the seminar. For reservation, please contact Mr. CHUNG Lawrence (Telephone No. 6768 5102) or Ms Almond LEE (Telephone No. 67776936) on or before 10 December 2010.

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About the Speaker:

Mr. HUI has over 30 years' experience in land administration area, both in Government and private sector. He retired as a Principal Land Executive in Lands Department of HKSAR in 2007. Currently, he is a Land Consultant of Chu Kong Shipping Development Co. Ltd., which is a Hong Kong listed company.



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