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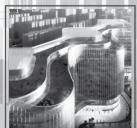
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# Over a billion square metres of construction floor area is going to be built in the coming decade in China, and high-rise urban development will be the norm.

It is arguable that high-rise compact cities can achieve material, energy and spatial 'efficiency', and be known as sustainable cities. But is it really a sustainable living environment that we are looking for? Should we advocate this for our coming generations? Indeed, the current typology of compacted residential high-rises has not been changed for decades. What are the deficiencies in the context of high-rise urban living?

The higher we live from the ground level, the more disconnected we feel from the natural environment and the community. Compared with those residing away from metropolitan areas, urban dwellers lack personal and open spaces and may seek to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. Urban dwellers are also characterised by a more affluent living style and exhibit patterns of routine related to gaining affluence. Thus, they have fewer opportunities for unplanned chances of human-nature interactions, which are critical for developing neighbourhoods and a sense of community and appreciation of the natural environment.

Even as we continue to build and develop, we need to nurture our innate biophilic attitude and re-establish authentic human-nature connections. A quality urban living environment not only furnishes people with convenient accessibility and adaptable conditions but also embodies welcoming communal amenities, enjoyable greenery and intimate human-nature interactions.

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Dear readers,

The world is changing at a frenetic pace. If only we can look into a crystal ball and see what the future holds, especially for the construction industry.

Well, there's no doubt that digital engineering is driving the way forward. "Going digital opens up more innovative approaches to project delivery amid the increasing size and complexity of projects," opines the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers in its commentary (page 8). By better engaging stakeholders, improving visualisation and spurring creativity, digital approaches can greatly enhance the design and construction processes.

For developers such as the Chinachem Group, harnessing new design technologies and construction methodologies—such as modular design, automation and prefabrication—the building process can be sped up at a lower cost. This could bring about more environmentally-friendly and sustainable developments, says CEO Donald Choi (page 38).

This issue, we also celebrate young emerging talents in the field of architecture. *Construction+* speaks to six passionate architects who will be designing the future. Check them out in our Special Focus (page 25).

We introduce a new section, Upcoming Projects, which highlights a variety of developments that are expected to begin construction soon. There is also a wide-ranging showcase of interiors and student projects, which we trust you will enjoy reading about.

So, sit back, relax and enjoy. Don't forget to download our Construction Plus app from the App Store or Google Play. And follow us on our social media platforms.

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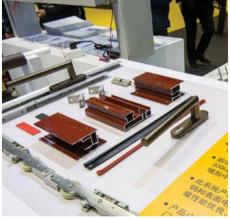
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2018. all consultants and contractors undertaking the design and construction of government works projects will be required to use building information modelling (BIM) technology.

After years of progressive adoption by major players, it seems BIM is finally set to become the mandated method of collaboration in the construction industry. Yet can the industry go one step further and embrace digital engineering, in order to deliver better design and improve construction processes?

Major consultants who have embraced digital engineering all agree that BIM is only one element of a more holistic approach towards project execution.

"A lot happens during the design and construction process before a BIM model can be delivered," explained Arup's digital design and service leader Ramon van der Heijden. "BIM is used further down the line; digital engineering is a process that you use from the start of a project until the project is delivered. The core business of Arup is not building the BIM model but designing and engineering everything that ends up in the BIM model; that's digital engineering."

But why go digital when the industry is more familiar with traditional ways of work, which serve its purpose? The answer is obvious: Digital technology is transforming nearly all industries, and if companies and businesses fail to catch up, they are at risk of being outcompeted in the near future. Going digital opens up more innovative approaches to project delivery amid the increasing size and complexity of projects.

### **DIGITAL BENEFITS**

Laing O'Rourke demonstrated the benefits of digital engineering when the contractor tackled three railway projects in joint ventures with local partners. The British contractor secured the three large-scale complex contracts, all of which involved substantial excavation.

According to Laing O'Rourke's digital engineering leader John Myhill, the firm applied digital techniques from the initial site investigations onwards. The initial model was compared with a second surface model that was created as the rock head was revealed during excavation, thus giving the construction team a better picture of the

conditions and facilitating risk management. This approach was applied to other aspects of the three projects to enhance the designs and reduce waste. Gammon Construction Hong Kong Ltd, another forward-thinking contractor, similarly used digital techniques to improve the project-delivery process, using laser scanning to capture the topography of a contract site, which takes minutes rather than days and provides much more accurate information to help the contractor identify clashes and explore buildability.

Engineering consultancy Mott MacDonald used automation to design 860 piles for Singapore's sixth incineration plant in two weeks. "We created an innovative automated design process to connect the documentation model, analysis model and pile design spreadsheet," said Sean Kearney, Mott MacDonald's North East Asia strategic BIM consultancy leader.

"This enabled us to design all the piles within the deadline but also perform a risk analysis, looking at the cost implication of variable loading or ground conditions. An impressive automation example from the UK has allowed a pumping station design process to be reduced from 15 days to 15 minutes!"

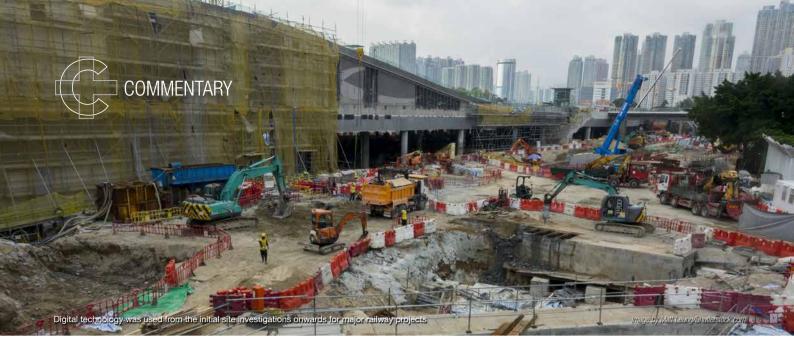
#### **NEW TOOLS**

New tools, such as cloud computing and virtual reality, have made the application of digital engineering even more effective.

"The use of the cloud allows us to seamlessly collaborate on projects on a global basis," said Atkins director George Ramsbottom. "Utilising the power of cloud computing, we will be able to employ generative design, that can cycle through thousands—or even millions—of design choices. test different configurations and learn from each iteration what works and what doesn't. This process can enable our designers to generate brand new options, beyond what a human alone could create, to arrive at the most effective design."

BIM is an important element of digital engineering because it facilitates both collaboration and communication.

"In Hong Kong, there are many mega projects that generate thousands of multidisciplinary drawings (that is, the product)," said Arup's East Asia digital



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leader Ir Clement Chung. "The design takes one to two years, while the construction takes four, five years. Without a coordinated product there may be errors. By putting all drawings in a 3D environment, we can manage the data better and improve the work flow.

"Also, we can have better engagement with stakeholders," he added. "With visualisation, people get a better feel for the space and a better understanding of the process."

The arrival of virtual reality has enhanced this process even further. According to Atkins, virtual and augmented reality systems support improved stakeholder engagement and decision-making by providing immersive, realistic virtual environments, enabling greater project understanding.

"VR/AR technology is also proving to be successful in enhancing the efficiency of safety and operator training," said Ramsbottom. "Using simulation games to provide dynamic learning tools has delivered impressive efficiencies compared to traditional methods; in one case study, it improved post-training retention rates from 20 to 60 per cent after six months."

#### **ENHANCING LEARNING AND CREATIVITY**

At a time when fewer young people seem interested in studying STEM subjects, digital engineering may prove to be a way to attract and retain talent. After all, the younger generations are comfortable with digital tools—they do not just use apps on their smartphones, many of them write apps themselves.

Digital approaches could, in addition to improving the design and construction outcome, also enhance their experience of the design and construction processes. Young people are likely to be in their element with digital methods and, given the right environment, may even be inspired to innovate themselves.

Those at the forefront of the push for digital engineering understand that people are the key. "Digital engineering is primarily about making the engineers think more digitally; it's the people who work here who need to get into the mindset and make the transition," said van der Heijden.

According to him, digital engineering is a way of optimising the engineering processes based on three pillars:

- automating tasks that are by nature repetitive;
- harnessing data; instead of data in proprietary formats, the focus is on creating datasets rather than files so that all the data created is accessible; and
- developing software products and platforms that support this way of working.

Arup's approach is aimed at nurturing better engineers as well as to help clients make better decisions. With the tools to improve efficiency at work while developing more options that clients can easily visualise, communication with different stakeholders is improved, which in turn improves turnaround time and overall project management.

That is certainly Laing O'Rourke's experience. For example, one of the contracts required deep excavation within a busy urban setting. The

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concern over the adoption of drill-and-blast was overcome by showing the imposed blast exclusion zone in 3D, which showed clearly that blasting would not impact the live rail tunnel. The contractor was thus allowed to proceed with the method rather than much slower breaking techniques.

"This may result in such stakeholders understanding the impacts of construction projects much more easily than they have in the past, facilitating more input to the design and perhaps shaping different outcomes."

van der Heijden explained how digital engineering frees engineers to be creative in new ways. "Rather than defining an object then finding ways to make it work, the logic or rules for generating that object is defined instead and the details of how to arrive at the final solution are left to the computer."

For example, centre lines can be used to define a structure in a 3D model—with the loads defined as well, the process of arriving at the final solution can be left to the computer. "Most of our structural teams are already using this type of parametric modelling; our Beijing team for example is using it to maximise floor area. Defining the logic speeds up the iteration process.

"The individual engineer should be responsible for defining the logic and verifying the model though;

we can't blindly trust the results generated by the computer," he added. "What we're trying to do is to free our engineers to think at a strategic level rather than do repetitive work. Through this iteration process, engineers can see different products by inputting different parameters. They learn more guickly, and they'll have more free time to think creatively. If we have the data, the model, we can then start to think how we can improve the design and construction. Engineers will have more time to enjoy being designers."

With so much automated, it is not hard to see how, in the future, an approved design can go straight to the factory for the production of structural modules or straight to site for the construction of the whole structure with a 3D printer. Digital engineering, therefore, can ultimately transform the whole construction industry, enabling it to become part of Industry 4.0.

Hong Kong may not be there yet, but such are the advantages of digital engineering. Those entrusted with its implementation in their own organisations are confident that its time will come.

"It can be problematic to use new technologies in Hong Kong ... that being said, the use of automation and new software is on the rise, with the government pushing both BIM and smart cities," Kearney said. "For those willing to test and push the limits of new technology, the future is bright."



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# INAUGURAL HONG KONG YOUNG ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS COMPETITION

**Date: 13 March 2018** 

Company: West Kowloon Cultural District

**Authority (WKCA)** 

This new competition provides an opportunity for emerging architects and designers to be inspired by the character of the West Kowloon Cultural District and showcase their creativity and potential by producing an iconic temporary pavilion.

The design of the pavilion is required to offer an inviting and dynamic public space that complements the surrounding landscape and waterfront and enhances visitor experience.

The competition, launched in April 2017 by the WKCA, drew 320 submissions from Hong Kong designers and architects in the early stages of their careers. In October 2017, three designs—Sky Camp by EXP+, Growing Up by New Office Works, and Infinity Platform by Zhang Ruizhao—were shortlisted by an expert panel of local and international jurors.

Growing Up by New Office Works was announced as the winning design. The pavilion will be built on a waterfront location in the Nursery Park at West

New Office Works' winning design is inspired by trees and everyday local elements

Kowloon and will be a location for small events and activities. Architects of the winning design team, Paul Tse Yi-pong and Evelyn Ting Huei-chung, will work as design advisors with the support of WKCA. The pavilion is planned to open in autumn 2018 for the public's enjoyment for a period of approximately six months.

The winning design is inspired by the growth of trees in the surrounding park environment and captures everyday elements fundamental to Hong Kong, embedding and cultivating them within the fabric of an emerging arts and cultural hub.

Aric Chen, one of the jurors and lead curator of design and architecture from M+, said, "Growing Up quietly and rhythmically engaging its site, the design shows what a few simple gestures—tilting planes, repetition, a thoughtful incorporation of materials and the elements—can accomplish. It elegantly takes the notion of a pavilion back to its fundamentals: shelter in dialogue with the landscape."

Another juror, Thomas Heatherwick, founder of Heatherwick Studio (London), added, "Competitions like this are so important for supporting and encouraging the new design talent that will shape the cities and public spaces that surround us in our futures. Congratulations to this year's winner. I look forward to seeing this competition grow and thrive in years to come."

The WKCA aims to establish this competition bi-annually to serve as a global platform for emerging Hong Kong talent.



# **SWIRE PROPERTIES ART MONTH 2018**

Date: 3 March-8 April 2018 **Company: Swire Properties** 

Swire Properties' month-long programme features art by international and local talent, presented via exhibitions, art installations, street art and performances at Pacific Place, Taikoo Place and Art Basel.

The programme started off with a music-themed exhibition and performance series—Notating Beauty That Moves – Music at an Exhibition—presented by Hong Kong Sinfonietta. Curated by Hong Kong artists Samson Young and Yang Yeung, the exhibition promotes music and sound as art forms with 36 pieces of artwork sourced from around the world, along with eight music programmes featuring 13 concerts.

Next was an exhibition by Scottish contemporary artist Jim Lambie, titled Spiral Scratch, which juxtaposes an intricate, rhythmic floor pattern with a collection of 15 ladders painted in vivid hues.

Other highlights include Live Urban Arts is a celebration of street art with live painting by British artists Phil Ashcroft, Graeme Brusby (aka Xenz) and Duncan Jago (aka Mr Jago); geometric murals by Remi Rough; and the VIP Lounge & :



Dialogue Series, featuring award-winning Hong Kong architect and founder of Daydreamers Design Stanley Siu.

"Building on our rich history of creating and hosting an array of arts and culture events, we are continuing our efforts to enrich, engage and foster creativity in people's everyday lives through the exciting line-up in our Arts Month programme," said Fiona Ma, Swiss Properties' director of marketing and communications.

## **WINDOOR EXPO 2018**

Date: 11-13 March 2018

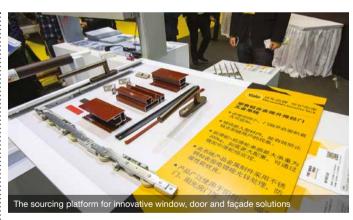
Company: Guangzhou Citiexpo Co, Ltd

The 24th China Window Door Façade Expo 2018 (Windoor Expo)—the sourcing platform for innovative window, door and facade materials and solutions in China-was successfully held in Guangzhou. The three-day expo, themed Innovative Products and Business Opportunities, gathered 600 exhibitors from more than 20 countries and regions and welcomed more than 65.000 domestic and international visitors.

Visitors viewed and compared the latest products and solutions for façade systems, window-door systems, aluminium profiles, glass buildings, equipment, hardware, structure sealants and sun shading.

The headline event was the fourth edition of the Window Door Facade Innovation Awards, recognising and honouring innovative products that help optimise the performance and functionality of buildings, maximise energy efficiency and operations, and improve safety and security for the industry.

The programme included more than 30 sessions by a line-up of international experts. The annual Academic Exchange Conference covered three keynote sessions on the latest advances across the region: New Architectural Thinking; Super High-Rise Curtain Wall and Anti-Typhoon Design; and Prefabricated Building and Curtain Wall Technology.



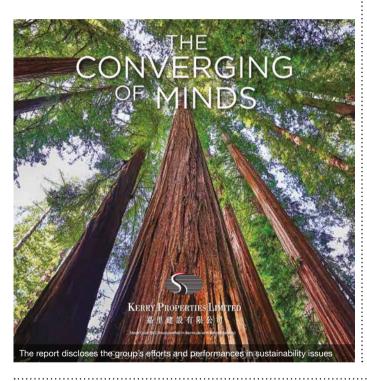




# INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR KERRY PROPERTIES' SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Date: 27 February 2018

**Company: Kerry Properties Ltd** 



Kerry Properties' inaugural Sustainability Report 2016 was recently recognised at the Asia Sustainability Reporting Awards 2017 and MERCURY Excellence Awards 2017–2018.

It was named 'Asia's Best First Time Sustainability Report' at CSRWorks International Pte Ltd's Asia Sustainability Reporting Awards 2017, for a well-rounded report focusing on material topics and stakeholder engagement.

Kerry Properties also received four recognitions at the MERCURY Excellence Awards in these categories: Publicity: Sustainability Awareness (Gold Award); Overall Presentation: Sustainability Report (Silver Award); Design: Environmental Report (Silver Award); and Websites/Mobile Media: Investor/Shareholder Relations Site (Honour).

Kerry Properties' report discloses the group's sustainability efforts and performances in terms of environmental protection, responsible operation, staff caring and community investment.



# SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS FOR IOT AND SMART BUILDINGS

Date: 27 January 2018

**Company: International Facility Management** 

Association (IFMA)

The IFMA Hong Kong Chapter hosted two sustainability workshops recently, in September 2017 and January 2018, covering retro-commissioning (RCx) and Internet of Things in smart facility management. Each workshop was attended by around 100 participants, including IFMA members, CRE representatives, developers, engineers and members from more than 20 supporting organisations.

The multi-speaker workshops had 12 keynote speakers who presented in the chapter's PechaKucha style, with brief and fast-paced 20-minute presentations each, followed by a time for questions and answers.

IFMA Hong Kong past president Jenny Yeung also gave brief updates on the Environmental Stewardship Utilities & Sustainability (ESUS) community's activities, introduced IFMA's Sustainability Facility Professional (SFP) credential course and elaborated on IFMA's Sustainability Awards 2018.



# **GERMAN POOL OPENS FLAGSHIP SHOWROOM**

Date: 19 January 2018 **Company: German Pool** 

German Pool, one of the leaders in the Hong Kong home appliance industry for the past 35 years, opened its first flagship store at Lockhart Road in Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Distinguished guests at the grand opening ceremony and cocktail party on January 19 included Leung Kwan Yuen, president of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong; Robert Fontana, chairman of Disciples Escoffier Asia; and Dr Dennis Ng, president of Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, among others.

The German Pool Cabinetry & Appliance Centre is a luxurious and comfortable one-stop shopping experience, with a wide range of household electrical appliances, lifestyle electronics, fitness products, and imported custom cabinetry on display.

It also featured its high-end kitchenware line—The Sparkle Collection. Designed with a high fashion mindset, The Sparkle Collection brings household appliances to a new level of elegance with embedded Swarovski crystals.









**Upcoming Event** 

# HOUSEWARE FAIR OF L.I.F.E.

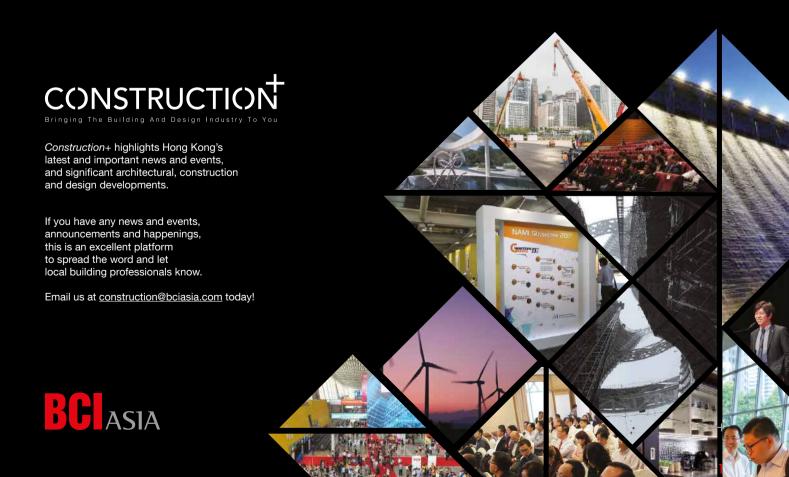
Date: 20–23 April 2018 Company: Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC)

HKTDC will hold the annual Hong Kong Houseware Fair event in April at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

This fair features more than 2,200 exhibitors, showcasing various kinds of building materials, hardware, DIY tools, and bath and kitchenware. In addition, the event programme includes seminars, networking events, product demos and launch pads as a comprehensive one-stop platform for the industry. In 2017, more than 29,000 global buyers took advantage of this sourcing platform.

The Hong Kong Houseware Fair is themed L.I.F.E. (Lifestyle, Interior, Feast and Enrich). The Lifestyle zones include elegant fine dining and décor, creative arts, cultural crafts and Green living products. Interior zones include interior décor, festive décor, and the Best of ASEAN selections. Feast collects the best in tableware, wine tools and accessories, kitchenware and gadgets, and home appliances, while Enrich showcases building and hardware, pet supplies, baby products, bath, beauty and healthcare, furniture, home cleaning and laundry, outdoor and gardening, storage solutions and a start-up zone.





**Upcoming Event** 

# 15<sup>™</sup> GUANGZHOU **ELECTRICAL BUILDING TECHNOLOGY**

Date: 9-12 June 2018

**Company: Guangzhou Electrical Building Technology (GEBT)** 

Guangzhou Electrical Building Technology (GEBT)—a platform for electrical engineering, intelligent building and smart home markets—will host its 15th edition at the China Import and Export Fair Complex in Guangzhou, China.

According to research and consultancy organisation BSRIA, the market potential of China's building industry will be worth up to RMB1.04 billion by 2020. To capitalise on this opportunity, building technology advancements will be spearheaded by developments in the Internet of Things, information and communication technology, and cloud computing.

In line with this, GEBT 2018 will offer the latest innovations and groundbreaking technologies, as well as organise a comprehensive event programme, including a series of interactive forums held concurrently to share industry insights on topics of interests. The event is also designed to promote technical and business exchange among its visitors, which will include system integrators, engineers, architects, designers, property developers, building contractors, energy suppliers and distributors from around the globe.



**Upcoming Event** 

# **CALL FOR PARTICIPATION AT CMA 2018**

Deadline: 29 June 2018

Company: Hong Kong Institute of **Construction Managers (HKICM)** 

The HKICM organised the Construction Management Awards (CMA) for the first time in 2016 to identify the achievements of construction management teams and practitioners, as well as to maintain and strengthen the best standards of professionalism and competitiveness in the construction industry.

This year, HKICM again would like to invite all Hong Kong construction management professionals to participate in the awards, which provides a valuable opportunity for construction companies to showcase their talents and accomplishments.



CMA 2018 will accept nominations for eight categories: Excellent Construction Team Award, Construction Building Services Coordinator Award, Construction Contract Administrator Award, Construction EHS Administrator Award, Construction Site Agent Award, Construction Supervisor Award, Construction Manager Award and Young Construction Manager Award. One last award, HKICM Outstanding Achievement Award, is not open for nominations.

Nomination deadline is 29 June 2018. Award details, including nomination fee, can be found online at hkicm-cma.com.

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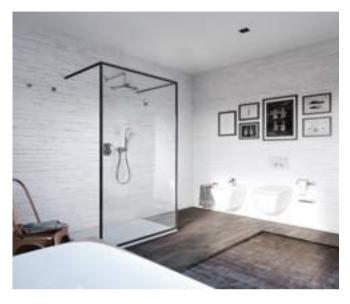
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# RISING STARS IN ARCHITECTURE

Construction+ speaks to some of the fresh design talents in the industry on what drives and inspires them and how they are interpreting and changing the world in their own way.









Upon graduating from the University of Hong Kong (HKU), Tsoi worked in AGC Design Ltd, participating in renowned local projects such as the Central Oasis, before co-founding his own architecture studio. Tsoi strongly believes that architecture is fundamental to people's daily lives, and he hopes to widely promote the interaction between local Hong Kong culture, architecture and the community.

### What's your story?

I completed my master's degree in architecture in 2011, became a registered architect in 2013, and worked at a Hong Kong architecture firm since graduation. I originally started up AJ-AR with a few friends in 2012—as a hobby in our spare time—but finally decided to jump in full time in early 2017. I was born, raised and educated in Hong Kong and take pride in my local background. I quess you could call me a devoted 'localist'.

#### What is your favourite project to date?

Working as the resident architect on the Innovation Tower at the Polytechnic University was probably my most enjoyable project. Not only was it a collaboration with the renowned Zaha Hadid, it was also my first project after graduation. Being one of the most three-dimensional projects in Hong Kong, there were many construction difficulties, and we

were constantly pushing Hong Kong regulations to the limits.

Starting up my own firm was a pretty big milestone, but I don't think there's been a really significant project yet. All our projects are fun and interesting, but they're mostly still in the scale of interior designs and installations. I'm really looking forward to when AJ-AR will have a significant architectural project.

# What innovative materials or technologies have you applied in your designs?

Speaking of innovation, I think AJ-AR is best at creating innovative experiences. We are skilled at technologies, such as parametric designs and 3D-printing, but these are only means to crafting new spatial forms that ultimately create new cultural experiences and opportunities for public engagement.

For example, our Pop-up Theatre and Morphway pavilions were parametrically designed to reinterpret the materiality and meaning of bamboo scaffolding, while our Roasted Legoosey was 3D-printed to materialise the intangible cultural heritage of the local dai pai dong (open-air food stalls). Our Runway seating at the Immigration Tower in Wanchai is also an example of innovative design solutions, where we reinterpreted the barrier around the existing sculpture as public seating.















Lam has worked on projects of all scales, from master planning to product design, in Asia and America. He is also an architecture design studio critic in Chu Hai College of Hong Kong and has engaged in numerous projects with various non-profits and NGOs, tackling a mixture of deeprooted social issues, from alienated youth, elderly care, environment, to health and education.

#### What's your story?

My architectural career started 20 years ago in HKU. I had the good fortune of spending my year-out at Gary Chang's Edge Design Institute, before pursuing my graduate studies at Harvard Graduate School of Design. I worked for six years in New York for Toshiko Mori Architect before returning to Hong Kong in 2012 and co-founding Architecture Commons.

## What is your favourite project to date?

We started our first building project, Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre, in 2017, and the design is still ongoing. It is a petite and intricate building bounded by site, statutory and programmatic constraints, but we love a challenge, enjoy the

process and have high hopes for delivering a great building.

# What has been a significant career milestone for you so far?

Our first project in education was the KK Cheng Kindergarten, which set us on the path of creative learning spaces and brought us many more opportunities. The True Light Middle School Oasis Project allowed us to tackle a larger scale addition and alteration work and further secured our role as architects for education. The Stanley Outdoor Activities Centre is, of course, a major milestone that would hopefully bring us more building commissions.

# What innovative materials or technologies have you applied in your designs?

We routinely employ scripting and parametric modelling to assist with our design process. In terms of materials, we pay close attention to the acoustics performance and sustainability of our learning spaces, and we constantly put into use different acoustics solutions, such as perforated Barrisol, perforated gypsum, EchoPanel, Muratto panels and aluminium foam.



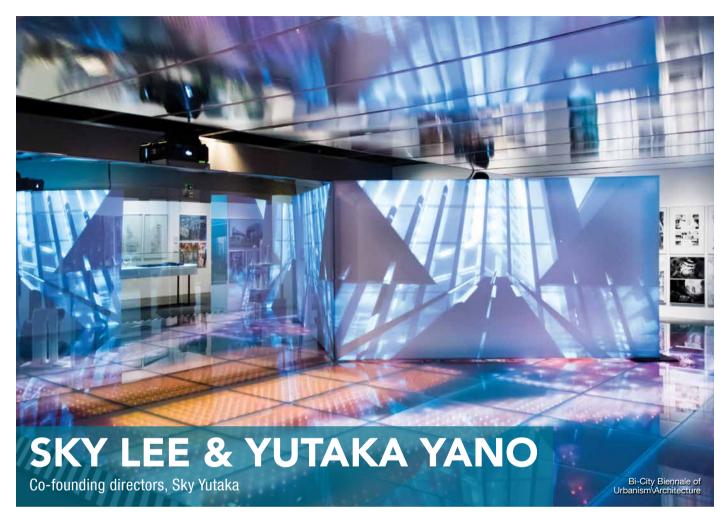














Founded by Lee and Yano, Sky Yutaka is a multidisciplinary studio practising in the fields of urban planning, landscape, architecture, interior to exhibition design and bespoke installations.

Both partners are registered architects trained at the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London, and practised in Europe and Asia before establishing their studio.

Lee is committed to improving the built environment and promote engagement with the pubic realm through projects that explore the culture of the city. Yano's passion for process and research-led work resulted in him receiving the prestigious RIBA Bronze Medal and Sergeant Drawing Prize from the Royal Institute of British Architects. Both partners are active in academia, research and curatorial, as well as engaging in committees and juries that promote discussions on contemporary culture.

### What's your story?

Our collaboration started at university and following a period of working experience, this combination of process-led education and project delivery encouraged us to set up our practice. Driven by curiosity and interest in the fast evolving urban landscape of Asia, we based our studio in Hong Kong where we engage in cross-disciplinary collaboration and works that are linked by history, culture, technology, and continuously build on the crafts and skills in architectural creation.

### What is your favourite project to date?

Our projects are often part of a continuation of our thought process, which transforms into design. One of our early commissions was a bespoke installation that bridged the early work we had been developing at university to our current installation, Borrowed Nature, which represents an important milestone in our creative process. This project has given us an opportunity to evaluate our design thinking and





implement ideas in physical form, which inform various scales of work, whether as a prototype, building or master plan.

### What are some of your other significant projects so far?

Construction is an important aspect in our work, and Eight Gates was one of our first completed architecture and landscape projects, in which we developed a highly contextual response through careful study of existing trees. Working closely as a team with stakeholders and consultants, we developed a holistic approach to the project, which presented both learning opportunities and challenges, and strove to improve the quality of our built environment.

## What innovative materials or technologies have you applied in your designs?

Testing design ideas through making and fabricating physical models and prototypes continue to be an important part of our practice. In bespoke installations, we fabricate and combine interactive components in our studio and experiment with materiality, kinetics and media as part of ongoing research in the creation of interactive spaces and landscapes.





The design team is led by directors Alan Cheung, Sarah Mui and Billy Kwan. Graduating from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Cheung spent years in New York and London with renowned firms such as Rafael Viñoly and Benoy. Growing up in Hong Kong and London, Mui has worked at Oval Partnership, AD+RG and Studio8 and was the winner of the Hong Kong Young Architect Award 2015.

With a master's in urban regeneration from the Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, Kwan is known for curating community-empowering events. He was the winner of Perspective's 40 Under 40 Award – Architecture 2014.

#### What's your story?

We started our own firm called One Bite Design Studio in 2014. With Alan and Sarah as registered architects in Hong Kong and Billy having an urbanist background, One Bite is a collective of visionary strategists, architects, urban planners, designers, artists and community outreach managers. Headquartered in Sheung Wan, Hong Kong, with an office in Singapore, we have been involved in various architectural and interior design, art and popup installations, visual communication and social creative projects in Southeast Asia. Placemaking

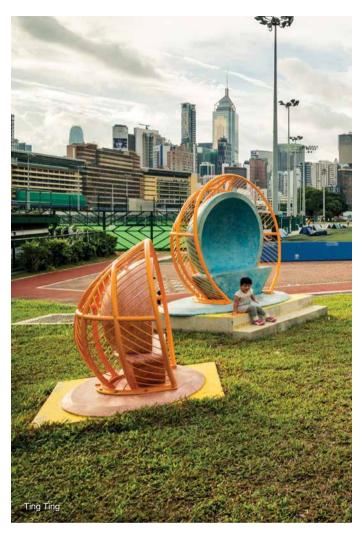
is in our DNA, and we strive to bridge the gaps between space, place and our society by constantly exploring the synergies among our stakeholders.

#### What is your favourite project to date?

We do like our project called Ting Ting, which is an outdoor public furniture exhibit at Happy Valley Recreation Ground. Purposely designed to capture the atmospheric sound from the surroundings, it encourages users, including park goers and 'active' users of the nearby sports complex, to sit and enjoy the quietness and atmospheric sound that we otherwise would not notice in our busy daily lives. Co-created with the community of Happy Valley, the project hopes to instil a sense of fun, joy and pride in the neighbourhood.

# What are some of your other significant projects so far?

One of our significant projects is the Green Ladies and Green Little second-hand shop for St. James Settlement. One key challenge was to use the right design in changing this shopper's perception that buying second-hand clothes is 'uncool'. We worked together with our client and the branding consultant to come up with an interior design that creates a new buzz for the shop, and it has been very popular since.



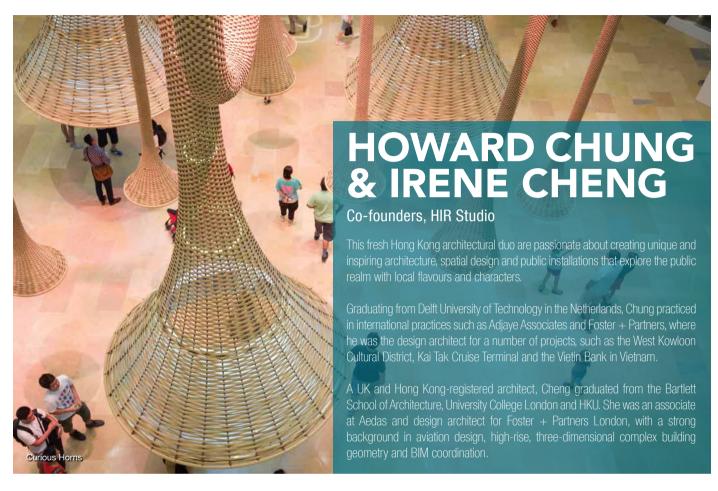
### What innovative materials or technologies have you applied in your designs?

Apart from the traditional approach of using technology for the production of drawings and visualisations, we have implemented virtual reality (VR) technology throughout the design stages. We maintain a bottom-up approach to inform and be informed by our clients and users. VR technology is by far of one of the most effective means of communication and engaging users. Also, design details are easily noticed and discussed within the design team at an early stage to achieve a high quality of design outcome.











### What's your story?

We have been in the industry for the past 15 years, having studied and worked in Hong Kong and Europe. In 2017, we started our own firm after years of working in international design firms such as Foster and Partners, Aedas, David Adjave, etc.

### Which projects did you enjoy working on the most?

Our work includes public installations, small architectures, interior design for residences, offices and commercial buildings, and artworks. We have found that in many big buildings, people often feel disconnected from their surroundings. We are particularly interested in creating spaces that are interactive with users.

Last December, we worked on the installation Adaptive Flocks, in which we reinterpreted the idea of bartering by designing an apparatus that creates a fun and interactive experience for the public. People from the neighbourhood can bring in goods to exchange with their neighbours. It is a place for people to meet, to share and to talk.

### What are some of your other significant projects so far?

We always hope that the projects at hand are the

most significant ones! The Curious Horns installation at Prestigious Shopping Mall in 2014 is probably the most notable project on our website. Since then, we have been doing some public installations and interiors with diverse characters. A recent one will be an 11-metre x 8-metre public installation in a shopping mall atrium, which will open in March 2018, in which we express the thematic concept in an architectural language, using materials rarely found in buildings.

### What innovative materials or technologies have you applied in your designs?

We're inspired by the past. Traditional crafts, materials and arts of a city are sources for contemporary interpretation. In one project, we worked with a factory to hand-weave rattan on steel structures. In another, we worked with painters in Hangzhou to hand-draw a mural on upholstery for a wardrobe finishing.

We're inspired by the present, as HIR often explores how spaces get activated and communicate with people in real time. Digital interaction is usually incorporated where appropriate, utilising sensors, app-controls, lighting, projections etc. After all, interactions are brought about by sensual perception, and technology is absolutely a means to achieve it rather than an end on its own.

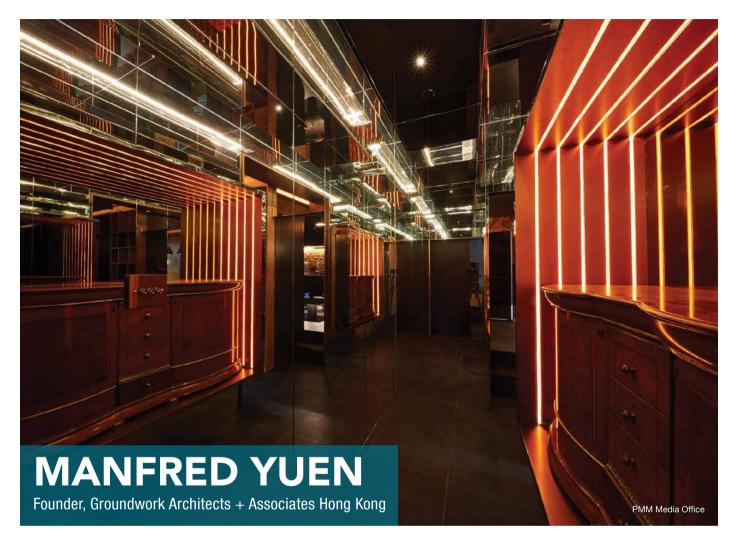














Prior to founding Groundwork in 2011, Yuen received his architectural training from the University of Cambridge and HKU and has worked with Vienna-based Coop-Himmelb(I) au, where he served as the company's China's representative. Lau also served as honorable adviser for various organisations, including the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, Oxfam International, Scout Association, etc. He was a visiting lecturer at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Design and The University of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017.

### What's your story?

My architecture career began 15 years ago, but if I were to include the time spent on teaching, writing, hosting a radio show and the late hours, I think it would add up to around 25 years in total.

I love telling stories; I like making people happy;

I like making money too. So, seven years ago, I founded Groundwork: a practice that aims to tell good stories and to make our staff, partners, clients, users and society happy and rich.

### Which projects do you enjoy working on the most?

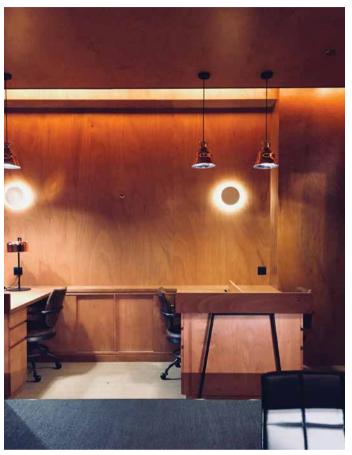
Debatable and controversial ones: projects that influence.

## What has been a significant career milestone for you so far?

Asking CY Lau to join us in 2015 as our partner. CY changed us, improved us and has become one of my best friends. It is not usual to have a partner who is a good friend.

## What innovative materials or technologies have you applied in your designs?

Trying to build with water.











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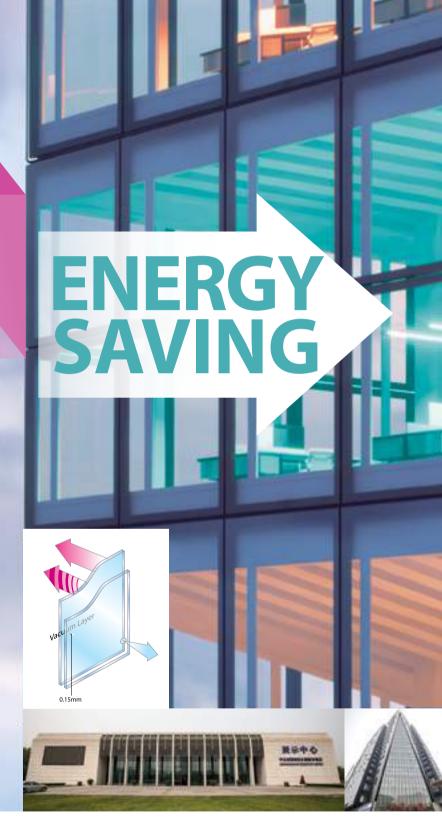
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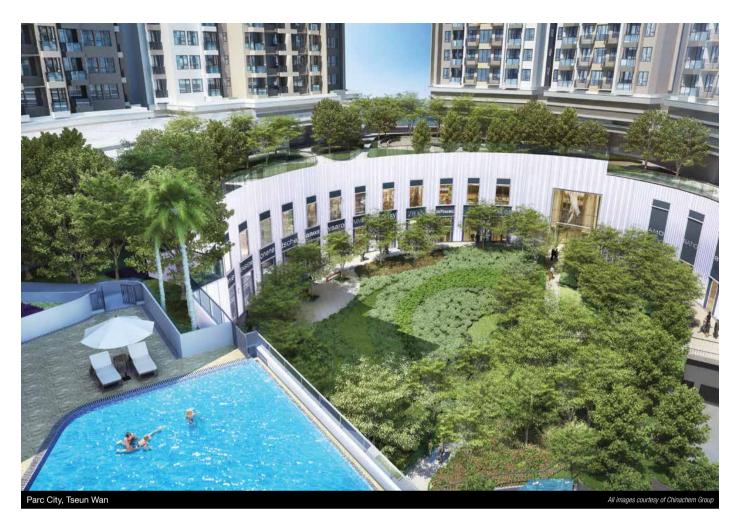
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# **DONALD CHOI**

Having worked globally as architect and developer for more than 30 years, Chinachem Group CEO Donald Choi believes in the power of design and architecture to empower society.



### If we can make good use of the interrelationship between the indoor and outdoor spaces, it will result in a much better living environment for the user.

Choi joined Chinachem in January 2018, after 18 years at Nan Fung Development, where he last held the position of managing director. Prior to that, he was a director at Foster and Partners. He has vast experience in both public and private projects and was the authorised person-architect for the Hong Kong International Airport Passenger Terminal and many other infrastructure projects at Chek Lap Kok.

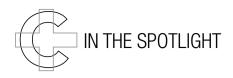
Choi is active in community services and serves as global trustee of the Urban Land Institute, trustee of Design Trust-Hong Kong, council member of the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design, and board member of Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre. He has taught at the University of Hong Kong and was the former chairman of the Architects Registration Board, HKSAR.

### What are your aspirations as the new CEO of Chinachem Group?

Chinachem Group is a very established property developer and conglomerate in Hong Kong. Our group has developed environmentally-friendly projects, and sustainability is a key pillar of our values and operations. We take a long-term view of how our practices will impact the communities we serve-we want not only to reduce our carbon footprint, but also to provide a healthy working and living environment for the users. Recently, in addition to BEAM plus and its certification, we are also embracing Well Building Standards, focusing on health and wellness for our projects.

### The residential land at Anderson Road was awarded to your company recently-your first winning bid in Chinachem. What are your development plans for this project?

I think we are quite lucky as we won the bid against 25 competitors. It was not easy, but again, it also proves the uniqueness and value of this site. Obviously, we are happy that we got the site. It is located at Kowloon Peak area, off Clear Water Bay Road overlooking Kowloon East, Kwun Tong and the sea—which holds immense potential. Also, it is the first development in a new Green community in an urban area being planned by the government, so we believe that, with the government's smart city planning and infrastructure support, this will be a very forward-looking community that will actually serve as a model for sustainable and healthy living in Hong Kong.



This is what we will do at the site: It will be a low to medium-density development with 10- to 20-storey buildings. With medium density, we will be able to provide substantial and user-friendly open communal and green spaces, which will create a healthy and liveable environment, as well as a strong sense of place.

# Chinachem has seen strong sales and warm reception in its latest projects. Why do you think this is so? And what are your plans and strategies for 2018?

I think if you look at our success in Tseung Kwan O and Tsuen Wan, the developments are all very conveniently located, with good infrastructure support. Hong Kong home owners like convenience and having a community where all their daily needs can be met. So that's why the Anderson Road site is so attractive. The development is in a self-sustainable community, with not only residential units, but also with commercial retail support, a public transport interchange, and government and community amenities and facilities.

What we design are practical but comfortable homes for people to live in. With spacious kitchen, bedrooms and bathroom, they will not feel boxed in. As Hong Kong society grows more affluent, it is important for us to improve the quality of our living environment as well as spatial experience. If we can make good use of the interrelationship between the indoor and outdoor spaces, it will result in a much better living environment for the user.

# Nano flats (less than 200 square feet) have become a trend in recent years, but you have said that Chinachem will be sticking to its no-micro-apartment investment strategy. Please share your perspective on this issue.

Nano or micro flats may only be suitable for a small group of people in Hong Kong. The family size is getting smaller, but it still remains at around 2.8 per family. I do not see a huge market for micro flats in the future. When single youngsters grow older or get married, they will require a larger living flat for their family. We are a developer building for families. So, in our Anderson Road project, we will concentrate on two- to three-bedroom units, with only a small percentage of one-bedroom units.

# Chinachem has been working with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide apartments for the needy in society. What is the company's vision for these projects? Will you boost these social contributions in the future?

Chinachem's mandate is not only to be a good corporate citizen, but also to be socially responsible and contribute positively in Hong Kong, China and the world. Therefore, we will seize the opportunity to work with NGOs and other charity organisations to provide better opportunities and improve living environments.

For example, in Pok Fu Lam, we will cooperate with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service to provide 16 apartments at favourable rent to the less privileged in society. It is only a small number,

### We will also try to involve builders and suppliers so we can make use of their expertise and incorporate their manufacturing processes into our construction.

but hopefully we can create a working methodology and model to provide more facilities to the needy. We have also identified an abandoned theatre in Sau Mau Ping, and we are working with some NGOs to make good use of the facility so that we can support some drama groups and the local arts scene.

# Can you share what initiatives the company is adopting in response to its sustainability mission?

Hong Kong is our home, so we are really trying to create a better environment for all citizens. Sustainability is important in today's development. The earth's resources are not unlimited; we need to use them wisely. With technology and design skillsets, we definitely have the tools to create a better environmentally-friendly and sustainable development and, hopefully, at an affordable cost.

For our projects, we are using building information modelling (BIM) and exploring new construction methodology, including modular design, automation, and prefabrication. We hope that these can speed up construction and help bring down construction costs but at the same time still provide a high-quality living environment. We are at the early stage of modular construction, and the technology has a lot of potential to be harnessed.

For example, previously we were transforming 2D image into a 3D environment for crash analysis, but making full use of BIM is beyond just these applications. 4D scheduling—which is almost a virtual construction before the actual construction takes place on site—can eliminate a lot of double-handling, while 5D cost valuation can provide a more accurate cost budget, which will reduce inaccuracy wastage and bring down construction costs.

I think, however, most importantly is to start with design. If we are doing design for manufacturing and assembly (DfMA), the discipline in making sure that it is a repeatable modular is important. We will also try to involve builders and suppliers so we can make use of their expertise and incorporate their manufacturing processes into our construction. Hong Kong has already used a lot of prefabricated façades. With such well-established technology, what we will need to do is more standardisation so that the manufacturers can take advantage of mass production and economies of scale.



### I don't see the urgent need to take country park for urban development at the moment. But there may be a time, after careful study, when certain green belts can be developed because they are already at the centre of an urban area.

### In your opinion, what is the Hong Kong property market outlook for 2018?

The latest unemployment rate is below 3 per cent—this is the natural rate of unemployment, which means we are at 100 per cent employment. Hong Kong is still projecting a steady and stable GDP growth. Our government has a lot of surplus, and everyone is expecting a growing surplus in the future. I think we still have room to do more investment for Hong Kong, such as additional infrastructure development, which would provide the growth engine for real estate in future, or incentives to attract talents to Hong Kong, which would increase demand for property.

At the same time, we are an export-oriented economy; the global economy will affect Hong Kong. When we look at the economy in Southeast Asia and China, it has a healthy and enviable growth. The US economy is also on a steady path of recovery and growth. The global economy seems to be very positive, and Hong Kong will benefit from it. For the region, we have The Greater Bay Area Initiative and the One Belt One Road Initiative as well. So, I see a positive future for Hong Kong's economy and property market.

### As the head of a prominent real estate company, what is your vision for future land development in Hong Kong?

It is my personal belief that everybody in the society has a responsibility to voice their suggestions to the government on how Hong Kong can improve its built environment. Land supply is a big topic under discussion now. I think that the more people giving their opinions, the better, as the government can listen and understand the needs from different sectors and develop appropriate policy to satisfy the community's needs.

Hong Kong does not lack land. We have sufficient land in the city, but there is a mismatch of the planning policy with the actual land use. For example, only about 7 per cent of land in Hong Kong is being used for residential areas—that can be increased. We still have 6.4 per cent of land for agricultural use, but we all know that agriculture is no longer a major industry in Hong Kong. So, we should have better planning to optimise our land use and review how we can use our land to provide better value for our community.

There has been much concern regarding taking away country park for development. We need a very comprehensive study to try to balance between environmental conservation and development needs. I don't see the urgent need to take country park for urban development at the moment. But there may be a time, after careful study, when certain green belts can be developed because they are already at the centre of an urban area. It is important for our city to have a rational discussion and come to a consensus on our future development direction. As a compact city. Hong Kong has the potential to become an exemplary city of the 21st century—a sustainable and environmentally-friendly metropolitan where people can thrive and have quality life. 

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# SHANGHAI SUNRISE POLYMER MATERIAL OFFICE

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Located within Juxin Park—Caohejing Hi-tech Park, the 2,100-square-metre rectangular space was designed as a work environment that inspires and stimulates the younger generation employees to concoct new chemical formulas and product concepts.

The design brief was clear: maintain the space's advantage, enlarge its visual perception, and enable information sharing and exchange.

The space includes a reception area, conference area, a café run by college students, an alumni centre, experimental area and office area. The leisure conference area between the executive office and open office area becomes both the staff supply station and a convenient discussion venue.

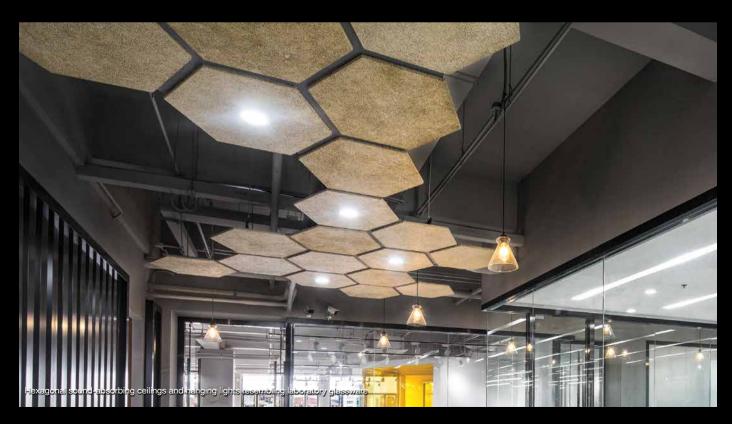
As the company's founder graduated from Tianjin University and is head of the Tianjin University Alumni Association, the new office space includes an alumni centre that also serves as an incubation space for students to explore their entrepreneurial prospects.

The office area comprises open office space, conference rooms, executive office and recreation area—designed for efficient collaboration and communication. The fully open and semi-private environment breaks the mould of the traditional

office model, ushering in a new era for the company. Simple lines, with tones of black, white and grey, mark the firm's rigorous attitude and rational strategic thinking.

### TRANSPARENCY

The space enjoys large windows on three sides. To maximise light penetration and unobstructed views, glass is used to create a 'transparent' office. Ultrawhite luminous glass is interspersed throughout to make the walkways clearer and brighter.











### **PROJECT DATA**

Project Name Shanghai Sunrise Polymer Material Office

### Location

Shanghai, China

### Completion Date

August 2017

### Gross Floor Area

2,100 square metres

### **Building Height**

1 storey

### Client

Shanghai Sunrise Polymer Material Co, Ltd

### Architecture Firm

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# **Design Development**Cui Dina; Yang Yanling

### Interior Design Firm

CCDI GW Design

**Principal Designers**Pu Yuzhen; Wang Huan; Zeng Huifan

### Mechanical & Electrical Engineer

# **Quantity Surveyor** Zhang Xueliang

# **Project Manager** Li Zhiyu

### Interior Fit-Out Contractor

Shanghai Yu Bo Building

Decoration Engineering Co, Ltd

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### **PROJECT DATA**

Project Name Mini Hill – Lily Nails Salon (Fulllink Store)

### Location

Fulllink Plaza, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China

### **Completion Date**

June 2017

### Site Area

60 square metres

### Client/Owner

Lily Nails

### Interior Design Firm

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# Principal Designer Han Wengiang

### Mechanical & Electrical Engineer

Zheng Baowei

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# GYUHACHI RESTAURANT @ K11

The hot pot dining restaurant greets diners with its sleek, modern interiors, aimed at evoking the Japanese cultural sense of harmony, or wa.

The design team created a simple and playful design scheme, with geometric latticework and various sizes of triangles, within an understated, minimalist space.









### **PROJECT DATA**

Project Name Gyuhachi Restaurant @ K11

### Location

K11 Art Mall, 18 Hanoi Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong

### Completion Date 11 January 2017

### Gross Floor Area

169 square metres

# Client/Owner Well Core Ltd

# Interior Design Firm Studio C8 Co, Ltd

# Principal Designer Sasaki Chikara

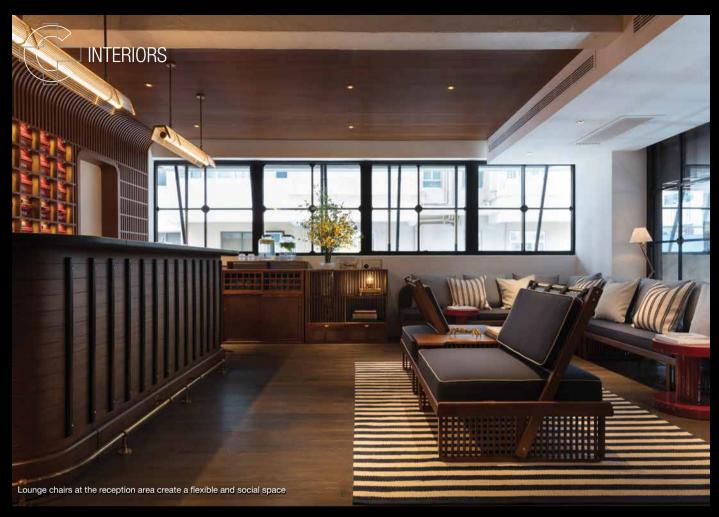
# **Lighting Consultant**Lighting Workshop Company

# Interior Fit-Out Contractor HIROMONO Interior Design &

Contracting Co, Ltd

### **Images**

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# THE FLEMING

Business travellers of the future expect increasing emotional and cultural experiences on their work trips, as opposed to traditional trade-focused stays. In response, the redesigned Fleming hotel in Wan Chai, close to the Victoria Harbour front, seeks to offer guests a memorable port of call.

Originally opened in 2006, The Fleming has caught a second wind as a 66-room boutique hotel. Drawing its identity and design inspirations from Hong Kong's maritime heritage and industrial era, it sports Streamline Moderne art deco architecture that harkens to the mid-1900s.

The Star Ferry, a distinctive and elegant icon of Hong Kong's past and present, forms the foundation for the design details. Familiar characteristics of yesteryears are given modern twists, such as the ferry-inspired custom-designed chairs in the lobby, lifts and doors with rounded edges, and nautically themed light fittings.

Steampunk touches—with dials, levers and buttons—lend an idiosyncratic touch, while brass fittings and cutlery, buoys and stationery resembling navigation tools bring guests on a voyage down memory lane.

Nostalgia is further evoked by colours and scents. Carmine reds and bottle greens—hues commonly seen on the hull of Hong Kong's ferries, fishing boats, delivery trucks and temples—and apothecary-inspired toiletries and custom sandalwood and amber notes aroma help deliver an authentic sense of place. A coastal Italian eatery on the ground floor extends the hotel's maritime feel in blue and white.

### **ANCHORS AWEIGH**

In redesigning and rebranding the hotel, the designers were restricted from major alterations by the existing building, dating the 1970s, and regulations. As such, the room shapes were retained, but the space was maximised through customised furniture, such as exposed storage systems. The small elevator shaft was also a challenge, so the designers added mirrors

and created reflective and glossy walls to create the illusion of a bigger elevator space.

Business travellers will appreciate the practical storage systems, conveniently placed light switches and power points, and thoughtfully zoned rooms. Sociability is also a key essence in the layout, which aims to create interfaces among guests and encourage interactions with the staff. The reception, for instance, has lounge chairs with movable backrests, creating a flexible and social space.

All decorative items are custom-made, using main materials such as brass, teak wood, bamboo and fabrics. The design and sourcing team visited factories in Thailand, Indonesia and India to find the best manufacturing partner for different items—basins, lamps, show horns, tissue boxes, message card holders and switch panels—while some of the door handles and brass caps were made by local metal craftsmen. Ledges and tracks along the walls allow for unlimited configuration of the handpicked artwork sourced from Hong Kong-based artists. ©



# Exposed storage systems maximise space in badrooms



### PROJECT DATA

# Project Name The Fleming

### Location

41, Fleming Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

# **Completion Date** September 2017

### **Building Height**

14 storeys

### Number of Rooms

66

### Owner

John Hui

# Interior Design Firm A Work of Substance

### Main Contractor

IBI Group Ltd

### **Images**

Dennis Lo



# MAXIMUS II

his 325-square-metre apartment exemplifies the design philosophy of 'simple space, luxury lifestyle'.

The client, a young business owner, wanted a home where he could spend quality time with his family as well as host social networking functions. The main design challenge, therefore, was to unfold the limited space to accommodate the essential functions for living, family, work and entertainment.

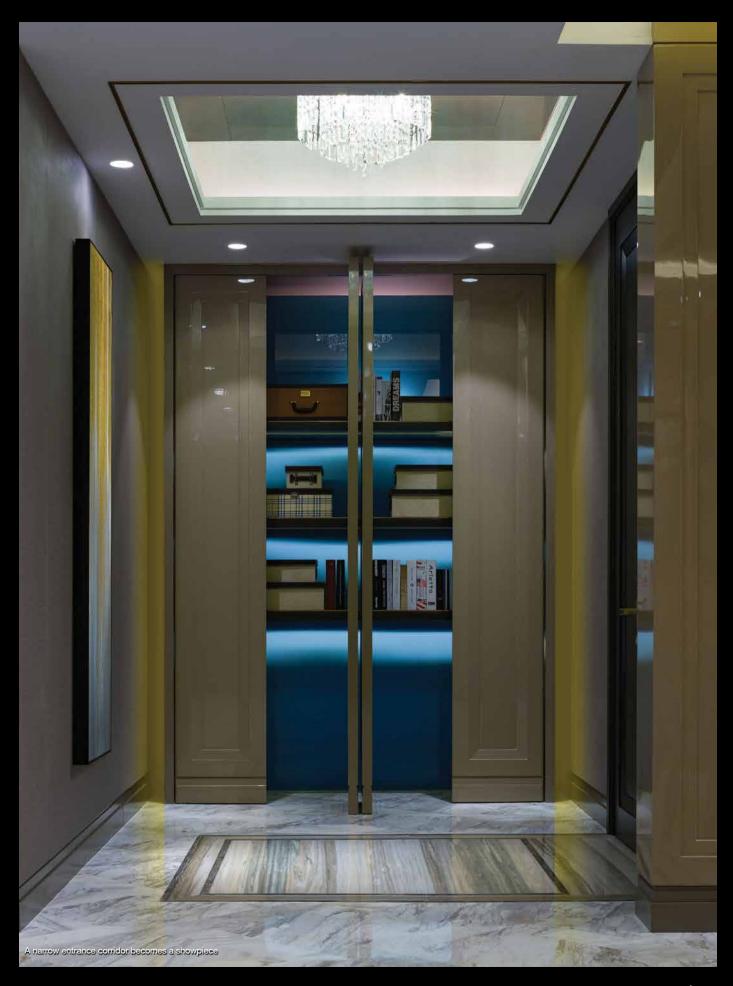
The result is a warm and welcoming family residence, along with a home office and private theatre as a social function space for weekend parties and events.

The layout of the apartment posed a challenge as the entrance corridor was only 1 metre wide. The designers turned the corridor into an entrance statement, with pictures and decorative items to welcome visitors.

Breaking through the traditional definition of luxury with complex and vivid materials, finishes and colours, the designer went for understated indulgence—stylish hanging crystal lights in the living room and dining area; contrasting yet complementary materials for the table and chairs; imitation leather flamed with champagne-coloured steel feature walls in the master bedroom; and sophisticated themes for the bedrooms.

The designs for the living room, dining area and bedrooms align harmoniously with one another, reflecting the tasteful yet simple lifestyle of the owner. Classic art pieces match well with the beige and warm grey colour tones, which interact playfully with the recurring dark blue elements throughout the apartment. f C









### PROJECT DATA

Project Name Maximus II

Location

Foshan, China

Completion Date May 2017

Gross Floor Area

325 square metres

Client/Owner Hong Ding Property

Interior Design Firm Ronald Lu & Partners

**Principal Designer** Alistair Leung

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### **PROJECT WATCHLIST**



### HKFYG TAI PO YOUTH HOSTEL CUM YOUTH S.P.O.T.

To meet the need of individual living spaces for working youths, the Hong Kong SAR government announced the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) in the 2011–12 Policy Address to construct hostels for youth development.

This new Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) project is located at 2 Po Heung Street, Tai Po Market in the New Territories. The total construction floor area of the building is about 4,040 square metres. The project is divided into two parts—the podium and the tower. The podium (ground to third floor) will be used as a youth centre, providing communal facilities such as laundry room and common areas for reading and social networking. The youth hostel tower will be constructed above the podium, from the fourth to 19<sup>th</sup> floor (and a roof floor), to provide 78 hostel units for working youths.

The HKD174 million project is expected to start in the first guarter of 2018.

NAME OF PROJECT	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION START DATE	VALUE (HKD 'MILLION)
CIVIL (INFRASTRUCTURE, TOWNSHIP, UTILITIES, TRANSPORT)			
ROAD UPGRADE	Sha Tin District, New Territories, Hong Kong	Q1 2018	587
VEHICULAR BRIDGE WITH THREE LIFTS, ESCALATOR AND PUBLIC TOILETS	Kwun Tong District, Kowloon, Hong Kong	March 2018	100
RESIDENTIAL			
LOHAS PARK (PHASE 8)	Sai Kung District, New Territories, Hong Kong	Q1 2018	3,690
APARTMENTS (1,710); SHOPS (20 BUILDINGS, 10 STOREYS); VILLAS (130, 10 BUILDINGS, 5 STOREYS); HOUSES (10 UNITS, 2 STOREYS)	Yuen Long District, New Territories, Hong Kong	March 2018	3,400
COMMUNITY/LEGAL/HEALTH/RECREATION			
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH	North District, New Territories, Hong Kong	Q1 2018	225
TUEN MUN HOSPITAL OPERATING THEATRE BLOCK	Tuen Mun District, New Territories, Hong Kong	April 2018	1,910
EDUCATION			
ST PAUL'S PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNEXE BLOCK	Wan Chai District, Hong Kong Island	Q1 2018	467
OFFICE/EXHIBITION			
OFFICES AND SHOPS (28 STOREYS)	Central & Western District, Hong Kong Island	March 2018	400
OFFICES AND SHOPS REVITALISATION (14 STOREYS)	Tuen Mun District, New Territories, Hong Kong	Q2 2018	200
RETAIL/HOTEL			
HOTEL (60 ROOMS, 22 STOREYS)	Yau Tsim Mong District, Kowloon, Hong Kong	Q2 2018	130

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The 21,708-square-metre site is an elongated plot with close proximity to residential blocks in the south. The design scheme delivers a straightforward solution by laying three office blocks along a narrow site, and angling the buildings to maximise the distance from the residences.

The building's form is inspired by the famed Yellow River. The 45-degree-angled layout provides an outlook that resembles the winding course of the river.

Such orientation gives a permeable frontage for better ventilation and more open space on the ground level. The elongated façade also allows 95 per cent of the buildings' tenants facing north to have an extensive view of the Zhenghong Central Park.

The blocks are connected by shared facilities and rooftop terraces to deliver three-dimensional vertical green urban spaces. Flexible floor plans cater to the client, government and corporate tenants.

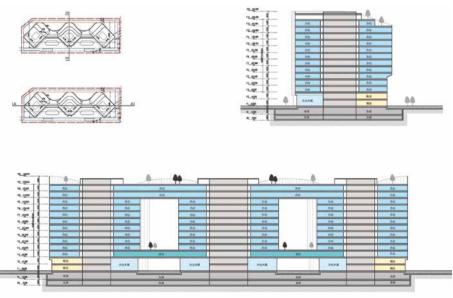
Strategically located near Zhengzhou Xinzheng International Airport with multiple public transport options, the project enjoys excellent connections with a design that enhances accessibility. G







# The building's form is inspired by the famed Yellow Rive



Sectional views

### **PROJECT DATA**

### Project Name

Zhenghong Property Air Harbour Office

### Location

Zhengzhou, China

### Status of Construction

Design Stage

# Expected Completion 2022

### Site Area

21,708 square metres

### Gross Floor Area

86,831 square metres

### **Building Height**

60 metres

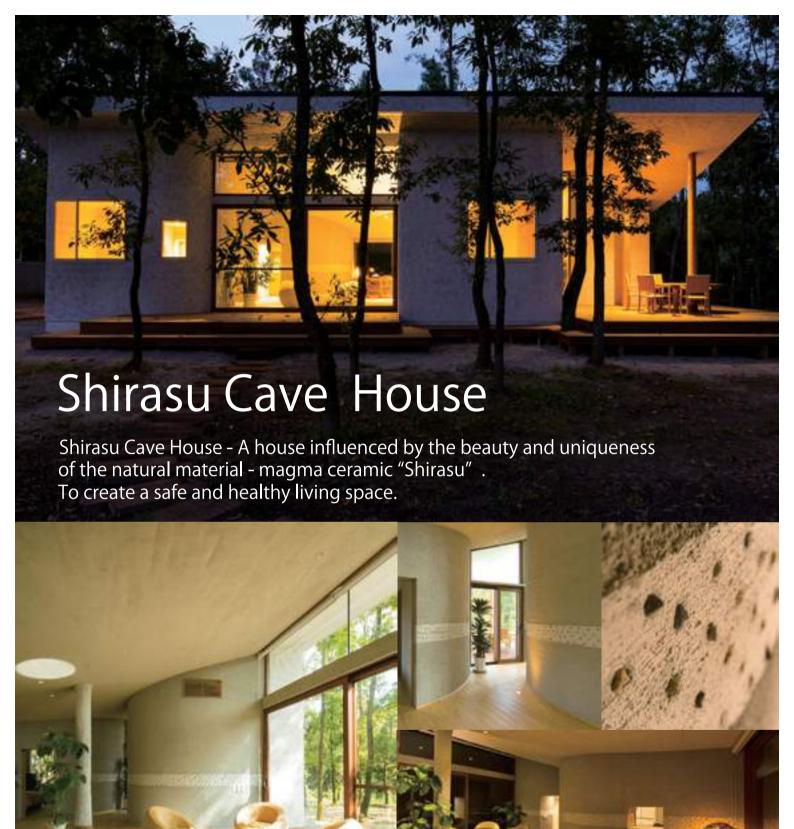
Client/Owner Henan Zhenghong Property Co, Ltd

### Architecture Firm

# Principal Architects Keith Griffiths; Ken Wai

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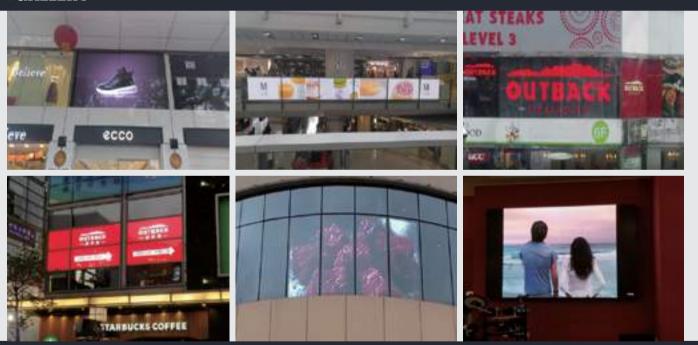
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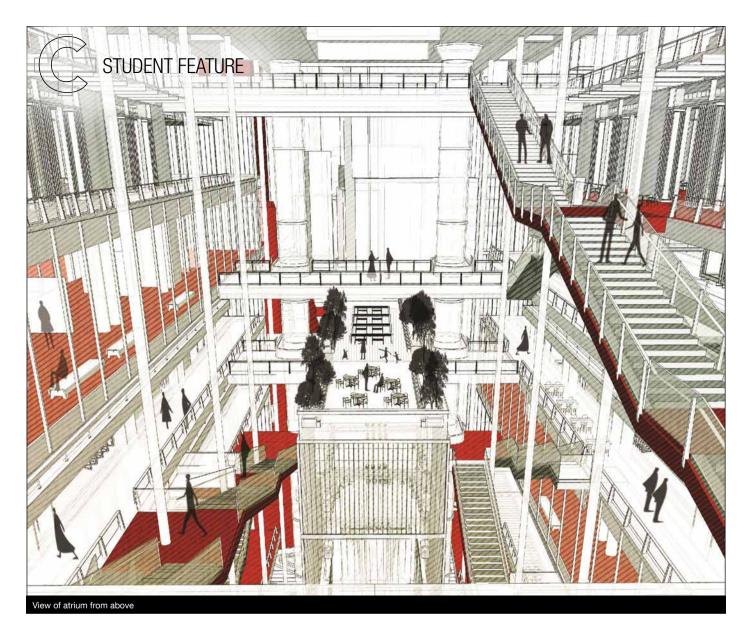
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### THE LABRARY

In today's digital world, there is a global trend of closures of public libraries. This thesis argues that instead of simply digitalising their resources, libraries should evolve from a passive repository of information to an active co-learning laboratory for creating and sharing new knowledge. This vision relies on developing a new typology of library—a LABRARY—that allows social interaction to be the main driver of learning.

The project is sited at the current Central Market in Hong Kong, with the hope that the LABRARY would become a new generator for building a community of innovation within the Central district, together with Tai Kwun and PMQ, forming a 'cultural triangle' for the exchange of ideas.

The site is part of the elevated walkway system

connecting the Victoria Harbourfront and the Mid-Levels, supporting heavy pedestrian traffic between the commercial and residential parts of Central every day. The LABRARY is intended to redevelop the site, instead of simply renovating the existing Central Market, to give the community a totally new definition of 'marketplace', to facilitate the exchange of ideas and discourse.

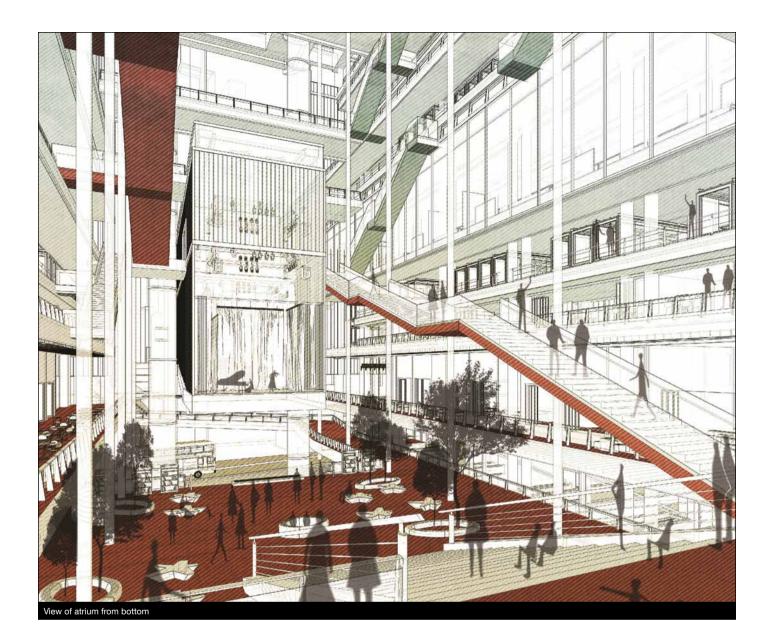
### **EXTENSION OF STREET LIFE**

The LABRARY aims to resemble the Agora of Ancient Greece as a marketplace for ideas, inspiring dialogues between community members from different backgrounds. It is designed as a gateway that brings street life into the architecture, extending the street from the elevated level up to the top of the building by three continuous public staircases that link up various public programmes. Extending the street

will allow more 'urban friction'—social interactions, sidewalk conversations and free exchange of ideas.

Arriving at the ground-level public fountain on Queen's Road Central, visitors can walk up the staircase to the Atrium at the elevated level, which serves as a large social gathering space for public events. Visitors may then proceed one level up to access restaurants and retailers. From there, they may walk farther up to different levels of the building, via the public staircases, to reach the Rehearsal Area, Multimedia Gallery, Makers' Hub, Fabrication Box, Sky Lounge, and ultimately the Sky Deck at the top floor.

Books, artworks and design inventions are archived in the underground floors. They can be retrieved through pneumatic tubes that traverse all levels of the LABRARY.



### THE COLLECTION

The LABRARY's collection is no longer housed in rows of bookshelves but in different incubation units that capture the moments of creation and invention.

These prefab incubation units are for social labs, researchers, school project teams, inventors, media producers, etc., to launch and operate civic innovation projects. Modular in nature, they can expand or contract in size to fit programmes of varied nature. Each unit would curate an installation that invites the public to walk in and engage.

### **CHANGING OUTLOOK**

The incubation units are manifested at the operable façade, which creates a dynamic city landscape. As each project would only last for a

period of time, the units keep changing and are replaced by new projects at the LABRARY's own metabolic rate. The facade, composed of foldable louvres and windows, symbolises physically the movement, energy and exchange of knowledge through its ever-changing nature.

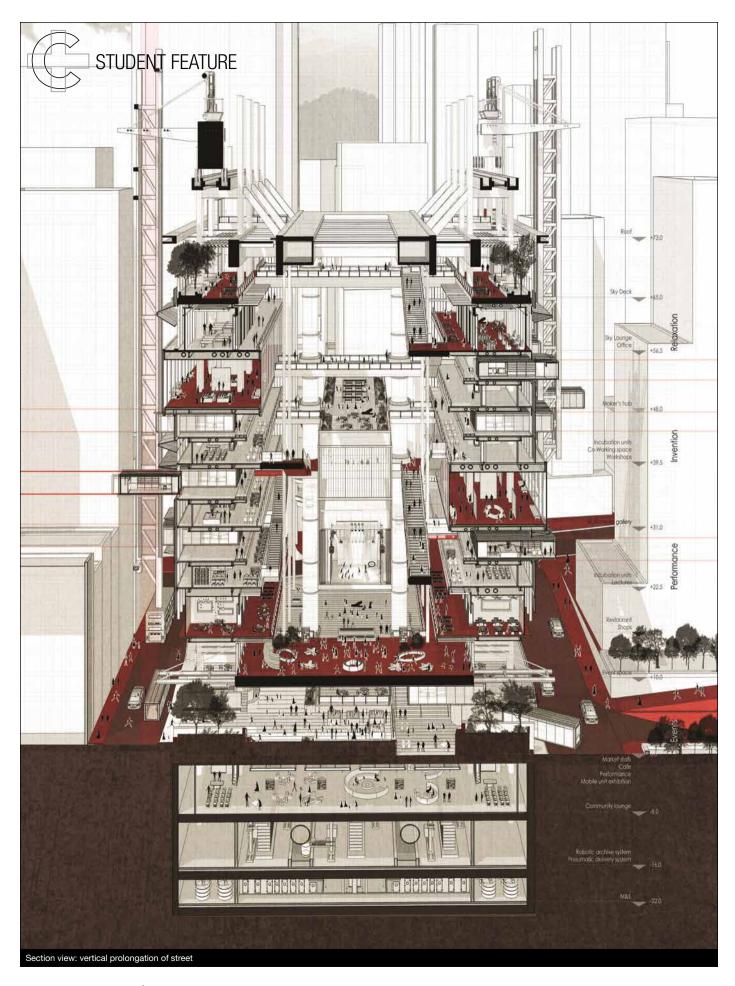
### **OUTREACH TO SOCIETY**

The units are made from simple metal frames with foldable and removable panels for exhibition proposes. With panels and batteries, as well as moving cranes on top, the units can be combined and relocated easily for cross-disciplinary research, thanks to wheels and moveable components installed at the bottom.

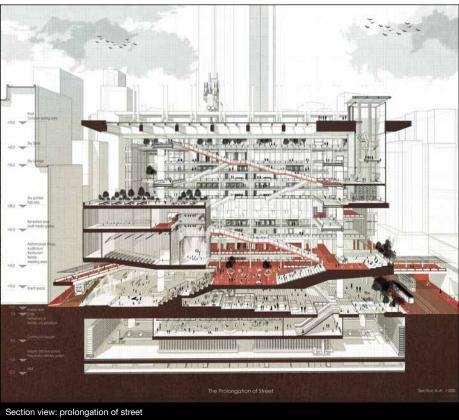
Through this, they are able to reach out to different places in the community to showcase the fruition of their research work, making knowledge and ideas mobile and momentary, while mobilising more members of the public to participate in this journey of civic innovation.

In conclusion, the thesis suggests that the library has to transform itself from the role of gatekeeper of knowledge to the facilitator of the creation of new knowledge, assisting patrons to learn and work together in a productive, playful and spiritual way.

The LABRARY would bridge the public to the pursuit of creativity and critical thinking, actively engaging with each other to imagine possibilities, incubate ideas and invent the future, through its variety of learning spaces for face-to-face interactions and hands-on experience.







### **PROJECT DATA**

**Student Name** Lam Kin Kwan, Kenji

### School

School of Architecture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

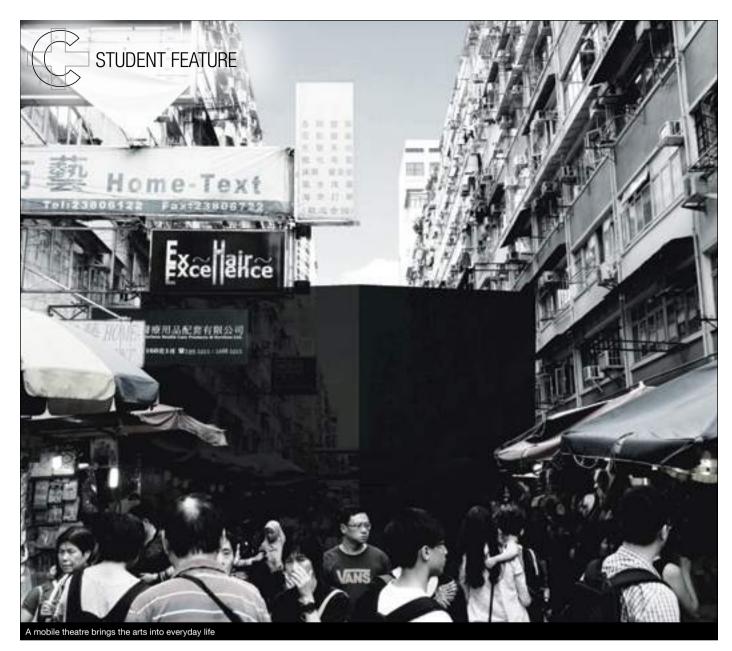
### Instructor

Prof Nelson Chen

Project Name
The LABRARY: Imagining the Future of Library for Civic Innovation

### Location

Central Market, Central, Hong Kong



### **MOBILE THEATRE**

This student project introduces an immediate, mobile and transformable theatre with the support of a stationary hub. This design is not to abandon or improve the existing establishment, but to build on the top of it as an alternative design. This experimental project serves as a 'new' typology in terms of both architecture and theatrical performance, which records the past, echoes the present and calls to the future.

Understanding the long-established history, system and programme of the performing arts industry, this project explores how a theatre could be under the premise of the present. Innovative questions raised include: What if the theatre is portable? What if it comes to people instead of

waiting for the audience in the dark? What if we reintroduce theatre in our everyday life without claiming art as 'sacred'? What if we extend theatrical performance to the moment where people step out from their homes?

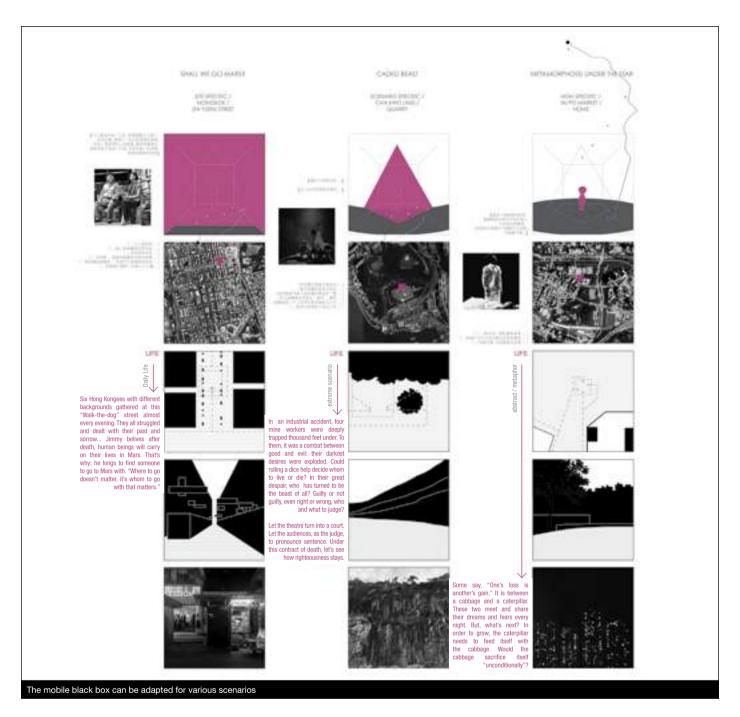
### **MODERN VISION**

The black box theatre was birthed from the groundswell of interest in experimental theatre in Europe and the United States in the 1960s. In contrast to the traditional proscenium theatre, it featured a small performing space that allows for flexible staging and seating arrangements. This could refer to a rectangular confined room, where all surfaces are painted black—a neutral colour that provokes the imagination.

In the past few decades, the black box theatre has been a venue of choice as an experimental space. However, what will be the next form of experiments that could stimulate a modern vision for the performing arts? What if the box transforms itself and adapts to different urban contexts?

### CONTEXTUALISATION

Is the black box theatre a thing of the past? Does its lack of physical characteristics fail to inspire today's designers? What about a contemporary version then? What if the future black box is portable and site-less? What if the context outside the black box can add character and even be part of the performance?



In experimenting with the concept of empty space. a moveable theatre allows users to find the perfect site for both generic and particular performances. This black box theatre design is adaptable for a range of diverse theatrical scenarios and settings—such as a street scene, quarry, market or home.

### EASY TRANSFORMATION

The mobile black box theatre is composed of four layers of demountable and prefabricated structures: the mainframe, bracing members, panelling system and a membrane as an acoustic and exterior enclosure. The mainframe, with vertical and horizontal components, are joined together to form a fanlike structure.

The angles between the horizontal members can be adjusted every 15 degrees, indicating the width variations of the stage, visibility, length and depth of a desired theatre configuration. It can also be expanded every 1.2 metres horizontally and 0.5 metres vertically, adjusted to the dimensions of the theatrical seating arrangements for clear visibility.

In a folded state, the black box theatre, which can hold seats ranging from 10 to 100 spectators, measures 2 metres wide, 2.8 metres high and 3 metres deep, making it easy to transport. It can be expanded to a maximum of 24 metres wide, 8 metres high and 9.6 metres deep.

### **COMPLEX YET SIMPLE**

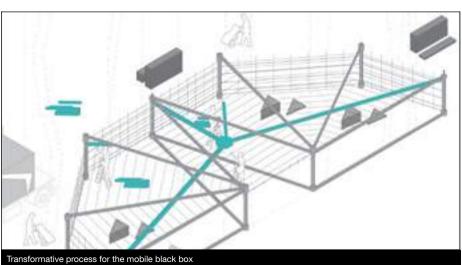
The folded system allows all users to work at a reachable level of 2 metres. The panels and bracing members are calculated and prefabricated, then adapted to different theatrical scenarios. Simple audio and lighting equipment, as well as interior set and curtains, can be easily installed.

A wide variety of theatre fabrics, floorings and acoustic materials can be used for manufacturing the panels. Arrangement and decoration can also be tailored to the needs. Ideally, the design system can be prefabricated in different materials for users to choose from. This black box theatre not only shows its complexity, but also its simplicity.



An example of the portable black box set in a quarry





### **PROJECT DATA**

### **Student Name** Ip Yi Lok, Ivy

### School

School of Architecture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

### Instructor

Prof Betty Ng

Project Name
An Immediate and Mobile Theatre:
Experiment as Part of the Establishment

### Location

Various Locations, Hong Kong



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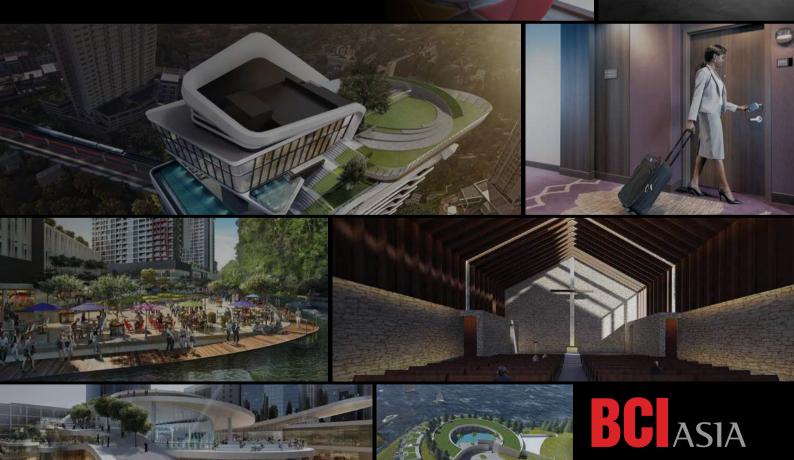
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