

FOOD PLANNING X URBAN RENEWAL



YPG 13th Anniversary Events: Forum & Technical Visit on FOOD PLANNING Policy

Presented by Young Planners Group of Hong Kong Institute of Planners

“Food is a sustaining and enduring necessity” and oftentimes, the topic of food as the basic essentials for life is often neglected in professional planning interest. Food planning not only concerns how food is made, transported and distributed in the city, but also focuses on how to achieve equality in the process. The food system plays a vital part of community and regional economies; however, many agricultural lands are threatened by new town developments, and many urban market places are threatened by urban renewals. Hence, the capacity to produce and supply food for local and regional markets is reaching the threshold.

As Hong Kong aspires to become Asia's World City, it is important to include food planning in the city's agenda to ensure food justice among important facets of community life. There is an imminent need for planning professionals to implement proposals to suggest possible alternatives and ways to strengthen and promote agricultural activities in the city, and to find ways to collaborate the processes of food planning and urban renewal together. In connection with our 13th Anniversary, two special events to investigate the farming practice and food planning in Hong Kong will be held: a technical visit to the Government Hydroponic Research and Development Centre on Saturday 14/6/2014 and a Public Forum on Saturday 21/6/2014. Details of the events are as follow:

EVENT 1 - Visit to Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre

Date: 14/6/2014 (Saturday)

Time: (Time Slot 1) 13:00 pm to 14:00 pm or
(Time Slot 2) 14:00 pm to 15:00 pm

Address: 2A, Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon

Language: Conduct in Cantonese

EVENT 2 - Public Forum on Sustainable Consideration of Food Planning policy with Urban renewal

Date: 21/6/2014 (Saturday)

Time: 14:00 pm to 17:00 pm

Address: Meeting Room on 3/F, City Gallery, 3 Edinburgh Place, Central, Hong Kong, (Near to City Hall Lower Block)

Language: Conduct in Cantonese

Panelist:

- Mr. Raymond Lee, President of HKIP
- Hon Tony Tse, HKSAR Legislative Council Member
- Prof. Tang Bo-sin, Professor of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, HKU
- Dr. Cynthia Yuen, PhD in Rural Development from Renmin University of China *
- Mr. Osbert Lam, Founder of City Farm *

REGISTER HERE

Both Events have Limited Seats

Confirmation email will be sent to successful applicants

Deadline of registration is 10/6/2014.



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Introduction to Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre

To support modernization of local agricultural technology, the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) has recently established a Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre (C.E.H.R&D Centre) at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Vegetable Market for introducing and demonstrating the technology and equipment concerned. The Centre has started trial production of 5 varieties of naturally vegetable-flavored and crispy hydroponic baby leaf, including Mizuna, Chinese Flat Cabbage, Rocket, Red Asian Mustard and Oak Leaf Lettuce. They are found most suitable as ingredient for fresh salad. The selling points of hydroponic baby leaf are locally grown, ready-to-eat, never on pesticides, no contamination and rich in vitamins and minerals.

To understand more, please visit their website at:
<http://www.iveggie.com.hk/index.php/en/about-iveggie>

Basic Information related to Agricultural industry in Hong Kong

In Hong Kong, only 7 square kilometres of land are actively farmed and these farms are generally small in size and they produce mainly leafy vegetables, pigs or poultry. The gross value of local agricultural production totalled \$766 million in 2012, which makes up 1.9 percent of the vegetables Hong Kong people consumed. Moreover, local farms provide about 60 percent of live poultry and 7 percent of live pigs in Hong Kong. The local production is geared to complement, rather than compete with other major suppliers in the region.

Visit to our Forum for more information and our insight in food planning in Hong Kong



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