Second International Conference on
Scientific Feng Shui & Built Environment 2006

5th to 6th October 2006 (Thursday to Friday)
Wei Hing Theatre, City University of Hong Kong, Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong

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Programme Highlights
Culture is one important issue addressed by Asian Institute of Intelligent Buildings, in particular, within the Intelligent Building Index. Chinese and western cultures have paid a great attention to the harmony between the human beings and our surrounding environment, the natural environment in ancient time and the built environment in modern time. Modern architecture very much concerns the harmony between the natural & built environments as well, or in other words, the buildings and the landscape. In ancient China, this study was called Feng Shui while in the west, it was called Geomancy with a more confined meaning. This second event follows the successful commencement last year, when we shall have more internationally distinguished and renowned environmental scientists, architects and Feng Shui researchers to share with you their knowledge and experiences in these areas. We have something new this year, a Site Visit plus Gala Dinner and a guided Feng Shui Tour. Scientific Feng Shui has two meanings, namely the verification of Feng Shui principles scientifically or studying Feng Shui logically in a scientific way. Let’s come together to make full use of our environment to achieve what we can achieve as available from the nature.

Keynote Speech by Derek Walters
An outline of the 28 mansions, then show how the original Shi, ancestor of the luopan, was used to calculate eclipses and regulate the calendar, indicate possible references to the lunar mansions in the Yi and show how some of these references may also have parallels in the Histories, and finish with suggestions regarding how predictions may be made from the lunar mansions.

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**Programme Rundown**

**4th October, 2006 (Wednesday)**

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  Tea Gathering for Speakers and Invited Guests
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  Introductory Workshop by Michael Mak and Howard Choy where you may learn the fundamental principles and schools of thoughts in Feng Shui as well as terminology being used in the conference

**5th October, 2006 (Thursday)**

8:30 a.m.  Reception
9:00 a.m.  Introduction by Chairman of Organizing Committee
9:05 a.m.  Welcome Speech by President of AIIB
9:10 a.m.  Welcome Speech by Immediate Past President of BSOMES
9:15 a.m.  Welcome Speech by Head of Department of Building and Construction, CityU of HK
9:20 a.m.  Keynote Speech by Derek Walters

10:20 a.m.  Morning Tea Break

10:40 a.m.  **Feng Shui as a tool for Spatial and Social Development Strategies and Planning**
The relationship between Feng Shui and the spatial and social development and planning as well as the current restraints and limitations will be discussed. A model – the tripolar model- based on a multidimensional approach to the specific character of the space-time segment and recognition of both linear and circular movements offered by Feng Shui in time and space will be introduced to deal with the real complexity of interactions of modern society and its environment during the planning process.  
**Speaker: Anna Markovic (Serbia)**

11:10 a.m.  **Systematically Introduce and Comprehensively Experience Chinese Feng Shui as a Design Philosophy within Diversity Education**
The speaker will discuss why, how and what have been learned of Chinese Feng Shui as a part of diverse culture experience to American students. The teaching experience will be shared by the speaker, including the course offered, the course content, as well as the course format. Evaluation of the course will also be discussed, in an attempt for improvement in the future.
**Speaker: Professor Wei Dong (US)**
Towards and inter-cultural approach to modern architecture and planning using Feng Shui
The role of Feng Shui ideas in an inter-cultural approach to modern architecture and planning will be discussed. The cultural, historical and philosophical background behind the proposed San Cai Feng Shui Methodology for Analysis and Design will also be examined. With some work samples in Australia and Europe, the speaker will explain the above methodology and talk about how it can be applied into practice.

Speaker: Howard Choy (Australia)

FENG SHUI EXPERTNESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES (“Expertentum der Umstände“)
CONTEXTUAL DESIGN AND SUSTAINABLE BUILDING
The idea of “expertness of circumstances” will be discussed, and the Specific of the Feng Shui Approach in design compared to an architectural approach will be demonstrated by using the project of a business building in Berlin and an old people’s home in Austria. The idea of holism in Feng Shui will also be discussed, suggesting that the wholeness is more than the sum of the parts.

Speaker: Gyda Anders (Germany)

FENG SHUI: CHINESE BIO-ARCHITECTURE FOR THE WEST
Introduction of the meaning of Feng Shui will be made and its history in China and other countries, as well as its modern development will be discussed. The changing idea of Feng Shui from ancient time to nowadays will also be talked over. The objective of Feng Shui in terms of interaction between human and the environment will also be introduced with the use of examples. The speaker will talk about the importance of colours, which affect human sensations, in architecture. On the other hand, the meaning of water in Feng Shui as well as its role in architecture will also be discussed. The speaker will end by a case study in Italy.

Speaker: Stefano Parancola (Italy)

THE NATURE, CHARACTERISTICS AND FUNCTION OF SPACE-TIME FENG-SHUI: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF BLUE BAG
An important book in Feng Shui - The Book of Blue Bag - will be introduced, and the content and principles of the three main sections of the book: emanation of the origin, emanation of the organic and emanation of the organized, will be discussed. A brief history related to the Book of Blue Bag in ancient China will also be given.

Speaker: Wong Wah Sang (Hong Kong)

De-Fusing the North-South Issue
The basis of Feng Shui will be talked about. The speaker attempts to answer the questions of whether Feng Shui theories should be swapped round in the Southern Hemisphere, and to justify whether the positions of the Four Celestial Animals, the sequence of the numbers in the Luo Shu Grid and even the Chinese calendar should be changed in the Southern Hemisphere. The speaker also tries to propose what should be done at the Equator.

Speaker: Jodi Brunner (Canada)
3:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea Break

3:50 p.m. **Artificial Intelligence and Feng Shui**
The potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications to Feng Shui knowledge in built environment will be investigated. The speaker will talk about the intuitive nature of Feng Shui, the interrelationship and complexity of Form School approach processing by Feng Shui experts and how they could be simulated and structured in AI techniques by using heuristic rules and conceptual networks rather than logically deductive structures of knowledge.

*Speaker: Michael Y. Mak (Australia)*

4:20 p.m. **The universal Principles of Feng Shui**
*“The Form School”*
A global idea of Feng Shui will be introduced. Some basic ideas and principles of Feng Shui, including Yin and Yang, will be discussed, explaining that the universe is governed by the two forces of contraction and expansion. The idea of center of strengths, and the role it plays in how each expansion is generated will also be discussed. Such model will also be applied into architectures, paintings as well as the human body.

*Speaker: Pierfrancesco Ros (Italy)*

4:50 p.m. Closing Speech by Chairman of Organizing Committee
5:00 p.m. Leave CityU of HK for Langham Place
6:30 p.m. Gala Dinner

**End of Day 1**

6th October, 2006 (Friday)

9:00 a.m. Welcome Speech by President of BSOMES

9:05 a.m. **Feng Shui and the Ba zi or Four Pillars Chart**
The connections between the ba zi of an individual and the nature of their dwelling and by extension, deeper connections between Four Pillars analysis and Feng Shui will be demonstrated with the use of examples, attempting to suggest a working model which can be tested against future events. Discussion also includes connections between the “supporting” element as implied by the ba zi and an individual’s choice of home; connections between the effect of the day stem or daymaster and the orientation of the home; correlation between local and global events at the time of birth and the characteristics of those born at that time and examination of the cycles of the Hsia Calendar and the occurrence or otherwise of similar events under similar elemental combinations.

*Speaker: Richard Ashworth (US)*
THE COMPARISON AND CONTRAST BETWEEN GREEN DESIGN AND FENG SHUI

The Five Elements of Feng Shui will be introduced, and the western Green Design as well as the eastern Feng Shui will be compared and contrasted, in an attempt to establish a new outlook or discovery that will reveal how the design of environment plays a role in the behavior of the individual as they relate to the environment, and to give a better understanding of what kind of “design” of spaces people are in demand for.

Speakers: Professor Wei Dong & Rachel Zuehl (US)

10:25 a.m. Feng Shui Planning for Towns & Cities

In the past, the subject title is a tattoo as it is regarded as a “state secret” that should not be taught to nations outside China. Royal decree in Tang & Ming dynasty specifically prohibit individual from learning and teaching on the subject. After years of research and based on the Loyong School of Feng Shui as basis, the paper will trace this subject and how it is applied to historical examples and even modern cities. This method has universal application on western modern city planning and urban design.

Speaker: Michael Chiang (Hong Kong)

10:55 a.m. Tracing Feng Shui in Ancient Japanese Capital Cities – Case-study: Nagaokakyo, Japan’s Forgotten Capital

The application of Feng Shui in urban planning of ancient Japanese capital cities like Kyōto that were inspired by a Chinese paradigm will be explored. The speaker will talk about how the capital cities of Japan had fulfilled the basic Feng Shui requirements, and what role Feng Shui did play in the planning and positioning of various structures and facilities in ancient Japan.

Speaker: Ellen Van Goethem (Japan)

11:25 a.m. Feng Shui Case Study of the Hong Kong Central Library

The speaker will use the Hong Kong Central Library as a real life example and talk about the application of Feng Shui knowledge and principles in the design of a harmonic and an apparently pleasurable building. The architectural design, particularly the location, layouts, building form and color of the Library, as well as how an approach similar to that of Feng Shui is adopted in terms of mountain ridge, basic Feng Shui model, Qian Kun, Yin Yang and the Five Elements will be discussed. The relationship of the Library and its natural environment, site topography, building’s external shape, exterior space, internal layout and the spatial arrangement will also be shared.

Speaker: Francis K. C. FOK (Hong Kong)

11:55 a.m. Turin Olympic Host City 2006. How Feng Shui played the 20th Winter Olympic Games and how that energy is still playing in the life of the city.

The influence and the changes that the XX Winter Olympic Games have produced on the City of Turin are discussed from the viewpoint of Feng Shui. How the geographical location, architectural buildings, road system, as well as the Olympic Games affects Turin will also be presented.

Speaker: Mr. Carlo Amedeo Reyneri di Lagnasco
12:25 p.m.  **Closing Speech by Chairman of EC, AIIB**
12:30 p.m.  Lunch
2:00 p.m.  Leave City University of Hong Kong for Feng Shui Study Tour hosted by Howard Choy
5:00 p.m.  End of Feng Shui Tour and return to City University of Hong Kong

**End of Day 2**

**Language of Presentation**

The official language of the conference is English.
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