



Dear Members,

**Forum on the Consultancy Study on
Public Open Space in Private Development**

The Development Bureau appointed a consultant Rocco Design Architects Ltd in collaboration with the School of Architecture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and LandElite Surveyors Ltd to commission a consultancy study on Public Open Space in Private Development (POSPD). At this stage, a Draft Design and Management Guidelines has been issued and views from the public are sought.

The Draft Design and Management Guidelines could be viewed at:

English Version:

http://www.devb-plb.gov.hk/eng/business/pdf/2010/20100126_panel_paper_annex_C_r2.pdf

Chinese Version:

http://www.devb-plb.gov.hk/chi/business/pdf/2010/20100126_panel_paper_annex_C.pdf

Also for your reference, the related Legco Panel papers could be viewed at:

<http://www.devb-plb.gov.hk/chi/business/paper2010.htm>

As a professional institute in the housing industry, we are concerned about the management of POSPD which may be a thorny issue in respect of housing management. Take for example:

Owners of private developments are required to

- (a) *permit the public to such facilities for lawful purposes and not to allow the area to be obstructed;*
- (b) *manage and maintain such facilities to the satisfaction of the relevant authorities (para. 4.1 of the Consultancy Study)*

The use of POSPD (para.4.3), operation standards (para.4.4) and other general responsibility (para.4.5)

To ensure the views of HKIHK and CIHAPB members are fully reflected to the Consultants and the authority, we jointly arrange with HKIHK a forum to discuss the issue and exchange views. The views of the participants will be consolidated into a written reply. Members, particularly those who are at present in charge of the management of POSPD, are cordially invited to attend this forum. The details of the forum are as follows:

Date : 26 March 2010 (Friday)
Time : 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Venue : Training Room, 3/F, Hong Kong Housing Society Dragon Centre, 23 Wun Sha Street, Tai Hang, HK
Fee : free of charge
CPD Units : participants will be awarded 2 CPD units (Professional Practice)

Please register by email (apb@cih.org.hk) or by phone (2356 8680) on or before 24 March.

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