

# Speakers and Abstracts



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Mr. Joel Chan is the Chairman of the HKIUD Active Ageing Workshop which was held in March 2018, currently the HKIUD Honorary Treasurer, Chairman of the HKIUD Accreditation Committee and Chairman of the HKIUD Membership & Education Committee.

Mr. Chan has been actively involved in practice affairs and has been invited to speak in a number of symposiums. He is also the Vice-Chairman of the Professional Green Building Council, Director of the Beam Society Limited, Deputy Chairman of the HKIA Planning & Urban Design Committee, Deputy Chairman of the HKIA Buildings and Lands Committee and immediate past Chairman of HKIA Environment and Sustainable Development Committee.

Mr. Chan is a practicing architect and an urban designer with over 25 years' experience. As a Director of P&T GROUP in the region, he heads the Sustainability, Quality and BIM divisions of P&T GROUP. His works have received a number of international and local design awards, promoting livability and environmentally conscious design through practices.

### **Insight from the HKIUD Experiential Workshop on Active Ageing**

In preparing HKIUD Conference, we targeted to create a unique conference experience. Apart from sharing knowledge and experience of local and international speakers, we wish to carry the conference with actions and outcome, and thus the idea of a pre-conference workshop was derived.

The Workshop was conducted in March 2018 with positive feedback from the media, government departments, institutions and the community. Participants of the Workshop included government officials, legislators, elderly service providers, developers, academics, community groups and professionals. The Workshop aims to gather the major local stakeholders on the subject of elderly design by analysing the challenges of our elderly and summarizing the ageing problems prevailing Hong Kong. The findings in this workshop were then summarized to the speakers of the conference for their reference.

In the morning session of the Workshop, participants put on a specially designed suit which allowed them to experience the authentic carrying of an 80-year old elderly. Participants were engaged in a number of typical outdoor daily life elderly activities in Western District, amidst the urban environment of an old district in Hong Kong.

In the afternoon session, a professional forum was held to explore the topic further. Various stakeholders were invited to speak and share their knowledge in their initiatives of handling ageing issues. Finally, participants provided their opinion in the form of a survey on how urban design in Hong Kong can be more inclusive and enable the elderly to stay active, independent and healthy. Valuable opinion gained helps form the basis of more in-depth discussion in the Conference.