

PGBC 2010 Spring Report

PGBC Forum @ The Paper Pavilion of HK-Shenzhen Architecture Biennale, WKCD Waterfront, Hong Kong, Jan 2010

First Hand Account

Much has been discussed about the Copenhagen UN Climate Summit. But what does it really mean for Hong Kong and the general public? How does it affect us and what should we do about it? The talk aimed to answer some of these questions. The talk opened with a first hand account and debriefing by some Hong Kong representatives returning from the UN Climate Summit, including Ms **Fontane Lau** representing WWF HK, Mr **Ryan Ng** representing HK Committee for UNICEF, and Ms **Debra Lam** representing C40 Strategic Advisory Team / ARUP.

International & Local Experts

Other panelists were Mr **Lam Chiu Ying**, Chartered Meteorologist who discussed the latest climate change science and its impact on Hong Kong; Dr **Raymond J Cole**, Co-founder of the Green Building Challenge and Professor, UBC School of Architecture, Canada, talked about green building and climate change from a global perspective; Dr **Edward Ng**, Professor, CUHK School of Architecture, related the issue to what Hong Kong is doing with buildings; Dr **William Yu**, Head of Climate Program, WWF Hong Kong, discussed "people power" at COP 15 in the climate change movement and in Hong Kong; and Dr **Trevor Ng**, Sustainability Consultant from ARUP, discussed the possible carbon reduction targets for Hong Kong. The moderators were Dr **Vincent Cheng** and **K S Wong**, representing PGBC.

Talk & Walk

It's another talk. But there're some particularly resounding messages touching my heart that push me towards acceleration of actions. The following are some recollections interpreted in my words:

Voice from the Youth: **"How can a shop offer products in both 'sustainable' and 'not sustainable' categories? It's encouraging to see some shops in Europe that have started to sell only goods that are certified to be good for the environment! Sustainability is NOT a matter of choice."**

Message from Professor Raymond Cole: **"It's indeed disgusting to see those governments / politicians that make policies in the opposite direction of sustainable development. They are 'environmental' criminals!"**

Local voice from Professor Edward Ng: **"While global climate is under spot light on the international stage, urban climate is as critical, especially in the particular climate and density of HK."**

Warning from Mr C Y Lam (translated to Chinese): **"在這冷熱混沌的歲月, 香港的花草樹木不少已瘋, 花葉亂期, 指控香港冬天已被偷走!"**

It's time to walk the talk. **HKGBC** should help organize the green building master plan for Hong Kong, together with effect action plans and a roadmap towards the creation of a low carbon city for us and our future generations.

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16 January 2010, Saturday (5pm - 7pm)
@ The "Paper" Pavilion of HK-SZ Architecture Biennale
WKCD Waterfront, Kowloon, Hong Kong



Moving on from the Copenhagen UN Climate Summit



Professor **Edward Ng**, CUHK School of Architecture, on urban climatic map;
Professor **Raymond J Cole**, UBC Canada, on the international perspective;
Mr **C Y Lam**, Chartered Meteorologist, on local meteorology; and
Dr **William Yu**, Head of Climate Program WWF Hong Kong
(from left to right).



From professors, professionals to "progressive young people" –
Hong Kong "Climate Tracker" + Young Envoy, HK Committee for UNICEF



Since 2006

Green Building Award (GBA) was firstly introduced in 2006. In 2008, it was further developed into an established industry award in Hong Kong. GBA 2010 is jointly organized by the Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) and the Professional Green Building Council (PGBC).

Objective

With the launch of the GBA 2010, HKGBC and PGBC aims to provide recognition to buildings and research projects with outstanding features and contributions in sustainability and the environment and also to encourage the industry towards further adoption of sustainable planning, design, construction, management, maintenance and revitalization / renovation of buildings – from master planning, research studies, to building and interior design projects.

Expanded Categories

In the past, GBA has been recognized as a significant award in the industry and has received overwhelming support within Hong Kong and the Asia Pacific region. This year, we anticipate receiving wider participation and support locally and throughout surrounding regions, especially after the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. For GBA 2010, we have expanded the nomination categories. The 6 categories are as follows:

- New Buildings
- Existing Buildings
- Research & Planning
- Interiors
- Adaptive Reuse / Revitalization
- Asia Pacific

Preliminary Schedule

Watch out the announcement. We welcome all from Hong Kong, mainland China and Asia Pacific region to submit entries. The preliminary schedule is as follows:

- 2010.05: Announcement of the GBA 2010
- 2010.08: End of Nomination Period
- 2010.09: Presentation to Jury Panel
- 2010.11: Award Presentation, Conference & Exhibition

It's time to showcase your efforts and actions on green building initiatives, which can in turn stimulate others to follow and excel.
Join the GBA 2010!