

Newsletter

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HKGBC
香港綠色建築議會

2013 Highlight

SB13 Hong Kong Regional Conference

Main Theme

12 -13 September 2013

Urban Density & Sustainability

With the blessing from the Hong Kong Government, and organised by the Construction Industry Council and Hong Kong Green Building Council, the **SB13 Hong Kong Regional Conference** will be held on **12-13 September 2013** under the theme of "Urban Density & Sustainability".

The Conference aims to gather experts in the arena of sustainable built development to foster exchange of latest technology and knowledge from a holistic approach. It is to provide insights in balancing between urban growth and sustainable development. Various aspects are to be discussed including the impact of urban density on individual's livability and the city's economic growth; various town planning and social aspects including urban revitalisation, mega city and integrated design; government policies and visions; as well as latest innovations and labeling standards. Actual case studies on international and regional levels will also be covered.



Call for abstracts will open soon!
Please mark the Key Dates of SB13 HK.

Key Dates

Abstract submission deadline:	28 February 2013
Notification of acceptance of abstracts:	End March 2013
Full paper submission deadline:	30 June 2013
Notification of acceptance of full papers:	Mid July 2013

World GBC Membership



WORLD GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL
Established Member of the World Green Building Council

HKGBC has gained the full Established Member status of the **World Green Building Council** on **12 November 2012**. This signified the international recognition of HKGBC's past effort in driving the green building movements in Hong Kong.

HKGBC Student Membership

HKGBC offers a new and attractive benefit for our student members from 2013. Subject to a quota depending on the venue capacity, from now on, student members could enjoy free tickets to events / seminars organised by the HKGBC on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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2013 Policy Address Vs Green Building Development

HKGBC welcomes the proposals in the 2013 Policy Address with regard to the measures fostering environmental protections and promotions of green buildings. **HKGBC** believes that under the leadership of the Secretary for the Environment, the steering committee can handle the inter-departmental co-operation more efficiently and would be able to take a bold step forward to implement the promulgation of green buildings.

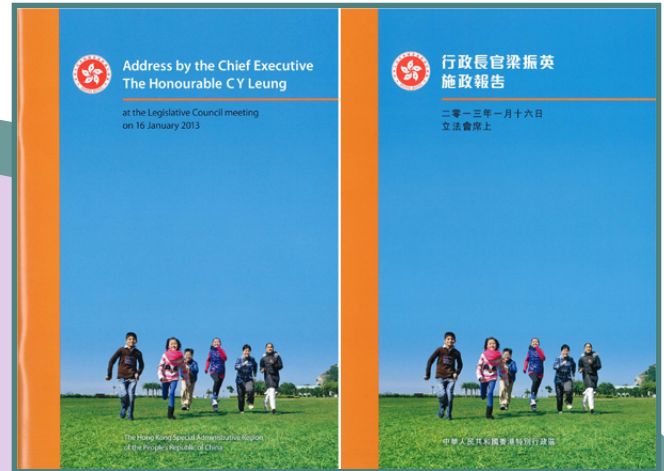
HKGBC has highlighted **3 areas** and wish the Government can deepen the corresponding policies in relation to **green building development**:

- 1) To implement concrete incentives in order to accelerate the rate of energy saving and emission reduction of existing buildings.
- 2) Apart from Kowloon East District, the Government should also implement the strategy of low carbon community and promote green buildings in other upcoming development projects, such as the North East New Territories New Development Areas.
- 3) **HKGBC** welcomes the Government to inject \$5 billion into the **Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF)** in principle. However, with the continuous increase of construction costs, making use of only the investment returns of the Fund to support green actions may hinder the construction sector to embrace energy saving and green measures. Therefore, **HKGBC** suggests that the Government should further increase the investment to the fund.

HKGBC will definitely spare no efforts to cooperate with the inter-departmental steering committee in the coming future, and continue to join hands with the Government and the general public to build a low-carbon and sustainable Hong Kong.

Collaboration with EKEO (Energizing Kowloon East Office)

HKGBC welcomes the collaboration with the EKEO under the Development Bureau to promote **green buildings** via a green map with green labelling system in EKEO's website, showing those buildings in Kowloon East which have obtained BEAM Plus Gold or above rating.



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HK3030 Campaign - A vision for a Low Carbon Sustainable Built Environment in Hong Kong by 2030



After three years' effort on driving the green building development, **HKGBC** believes it is the right time to define a roadmap on the long-term sustainable development in Hong Kong. With the increasing challenge of global climate change and surging electricity demand, HKGBC launched the **HK3030 campaign** in **December 2012** and proposed **a reduction of 30% of the absolute electricity consumption in buildings by 2030**, as compared to 2005 baseline.



A series of stakeholders engagement sessions were held in **November 2012** and received positive comments and supports from industry professionals, institutions, green groups, power companies and the Government. A press conference was held on **10 December 2012** and since then HKGBC is engaging various media to disseminate the message to the public.

This is a long-term campaign in guiding the market's transformation and HKGBC would be the driving body to lead the advocacy to the Government on policy changes; to mobilise the industry on adoption and advancement of green technologies; as well as to educate the general public on behavioural changes towards a low-carbon economy.

Full paper can be downloaded from website:
www.hkgbc.org.hk/hk3030



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HKGBC 3rd Anniversary Cocktail Reception

Hong Kong Green Building Council celebrated its 3rd Anniversary on 20 November 2012 at Sky Lobby, 46/F, Central Plaza with 120 guests from our Members, Partners, and industry stakeholders. We are honoured to have Mr. CHAN Mo-po, Paul, MH, JP, Secretary for Development, Development Bureau, HKSAR Government joining us as our Guest-of-Honour and Sino Land, Sun Hung Kai Properties and Central Plaza as our Venue Sponsors.



Green Building Faculty Dinner



The Green Building Faculty Dinner was successfully held on 18 December 2012 at FINDS Restaurant at the Luxe Manor Hotel. The event was a welcome dinner for the **first batch of Green Building Faculty Members** for HKGBC, over 50 guests attended the dinner. The evening was kick-started by the Chairman of HKGBC, Ir Conrad Wong, highlighting the key events of HKGBC in the coming year; followed by the presentation of Prof. John Ng on forthcoming major initiatives of various standing committees which call for involvement of the members of Green Building Faculty. With the support of the Faculty members, HKGBC would continue to promote green building and sustainable environment in Hong Kong.

Events in January and February 2013

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| CPD Events - | 19 & 26 Jan 2013 | Urban Climate for design and planning |
| | 1 Feb 2013 | Building occupant behaviour and the role of smart metering in reducing energy consumption |
| | 23 Feb 2013 | Technical Talk & Visit - Sing Yin Secondary School |
| Event - | 1 Feb 2013 | HK3030 Campaign - School Engagement Seminar |