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Hong Kong Conference

Building Hong Kong's Future: Integration, Innovation and Resilience

3 July 2026

Type of event

Face to face @
Hopewell Hotel

CPD Hours

6

Formal

The RICS 2026 Conference explores how Hong Kong can shape a resilient, future-ready built environment through policy insight, strategic development, and technological advancement. Centred on the city's evolving role within the Greater Bay Area, the conference examines the impact of China's 15th Five-Year Plan, the transformative potential of the Northern Metropolis, and the urgent need to address urban ageing and renewal challenges. It also highlights the growing influence of AI and digital innovation in surveying and construction. Bringing together government leaders, industry experts, and technology pioneers, the conference aims to equip professionals to lead Hong Kong's next decade of sustainable growth.

As a premier platform for influential stakeholders from government, industry, and academia, this forum will explore key developments in public-private partnerships, technological innovation, and sustainable finance—critical drivers shaping the future of the built environment. Through insightful discussions and expert-led sessions, participants will gain valuable perspectives on emerging market trends, policy directions, and investment strategies that will define Hong Kong's competitiveness on the global stage.

Attendees will engage in thought-provoking exchanges to craft a strategic blueprint for a more adaptive and internationally integrated city. By fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing, this conference will empower professionals to lead the next wave of transformation, ensuring a future-ready property market that meets the evolving demands of businesses, investors, and communities.

Join us to be part of this essential dialogue—where expertise meets vision, innovation drives progress, and new pathways emerge for Hong Kong's built environment.

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Time zone:
HKT

8:30

Registration

9:00

Conference host warming ups

Conference Host: **Jason Leung MRICS**, Assistant Research Director, Head of Land & Housing, Our Hong Kong Foundation Limited

9:10

Welcoming address

Nicky Bowen, Market Director, APAC, RICS

Ada Fung FRICS, RICS Hong Kong Regional Advisory Board Chair & APAC World Regional Board Member

9:20

Opening remarks and Keynote from GOH

Ms Bernadette Linn, JP, Secretary for Development

9:40

Keynote / The 15th Five-Year Plan: Shaping Hong Kong's Future

This keynote will explore the strategic direction set out in the 15th Five-Year Plan and its implications for Hong Kong's development. It will examine how national priorities in innovation, technological advancement and high-quality growth are shaping opportunities for the real estate and construction sectors, including infrastructure, urban development and regional integration within the Greater Bay Area. The session will also provide insights on how Hong Kong can strengthen its role as an international hub by aligning with national development priorities and contributing to a more integrated regional economy.

The Honourable Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBM, GBS, JP

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Emerging Voice / Hong Kong as a Global Real Estate Hub: Driving Investment, Innovation, and Opportunity

What makes Hong Kong so special and why should professionals be particularly excited about the opportunities that both exist now and will exist in the future. In this talk, we will look at how Hong Kong not only outcompetes its peer cities, but how it will continue to grow and develop at a significantly faster pace and what this will mean for both the future of the city and its real estate markets. By looking at the long term fundamentals that are supporting growth across Asia Pacific and the unique factors that make Hong Kong so special, this talk will explore why there has never been a more exciting time to be a professional in Hong Kong.

Tom Parker MRICS, Institutional Clients Director, North Asia, JLL

10:20

Networking Break

10:40

Keynote / The Northern Metropolis: A New Engine for Integration and Innovation

This keynote will examine the Northern Metropolis as a key growth engine for Hong Kong and its role in advancing Hong Kong–Mainland integration and Greater Bay Area connectivity. It will explore how the development supports innovation-led growth, new industries and talent development, while outlining key planning priorities, infrastructure delivery and cross-boundary coordination needed to shape a more connected, sustainable and resilient Hong Kong.

Steve Lewis MRICS, Partner, Hong Kong Head of Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Global Head of Infrastructure Technology, Ernst & Young

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Panel / Delivering the Northern Metropolis

This panel will examine how the Northern Metropolis can be delivered as a large-scale, integrated development, focusing on key components such as logistics clusters, the University Town and innovation hubs. It will explore new delivery and procurement approaches, including PMO and PDSA models, alongside infrastructure planning and cross-agency coordination. The discussion will also address how stronger alignment across stakeholders can accelerate delivery and unlock long-term economic value.

Moderator: **Hannah Jeong FRICS**, Head of Valuation and Advisory Services, CBRE Hong Kong

Panellists:

Ir Prof John KWONG, BBS, Vice-President for Development, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Ir Michael FONG Hok Shing, JP, Director, Civil Engineering and Development Department

Roger Nissim FRICS

Wing Law, CEO, Asia, AtkinsRéalis

12:05

Lunch

13:45

Conference host warming ups

Conference Host: **Anna Marsland**, Tenant Advisory Group, Office Services, Hong Kong, Cushman & Wakefield

13:50

Panel / Rethinking Urban Renewal: Safety, Governance and Resilience in Hong Kong

This panel will examine how Hong Kong can address the growing risks posed by ageing buildings and infrastructure amid the city's "double ageing" challenge. Discussions will cover building safety, maintenance gaps and regulatory oversight, and explore how stronger property management practices, procurement integrity and reinforced governance frameworks can accelerate urban renewal and enhance long-term resilience.

Moderator: **Ling Lam FRICS**, Consultant, Rider Levett Bucknall

Panellists:

CK Lau MRICS, Managing Director, Hong Kong and Managing Director, Asia Valuation and Advisory Services, Colliers International (Hong Kong) Limited

Ar. Donald Choi Wun Hing, BBS, JP, Managing Director and Deputy Chairman, Urban Renewal Authority

Prof Ling Kar-kan, SBS, Chairman, HK Housing Society; Senior Advisor, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Tony Tse Wai-chuen, SBS, JP, Director, Brand Star Limited

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Networking Break

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Keynote / AI and the Future of Hong Kong's Built Environment

This keynote will examine the strategic role of artificial intelligence in shaping the future of Hong Kong's construction and built environment sector, with a focus on project delivery and governance. Drawing on Development Bureau's role in overseeing major infrastructure projects, the session will highlight how AI can enhance planning, risk management and delivery efficiency. It will also explore pathways to scale adoption and strengthen Hong Kong's position as a leading hub for innovation, productivity and sustainable development.

Ir Joseph Lo, JP, Head of Project Strategy and Governance Office, Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government

15:40

Panel / Navigating the AI Era: Transforming the Built Environment

Artificial intelligence and advanced analytics are reshaping the built environment, requiring surveyors to evolve beyond traditional roles and adopt AI to drive productivity, smarter decision-making, and seamless project delivery. This expert panel of industry practitioners will explore real-world AI applications and adoption challenges, while offering insights on future developments, standards, and innovation pathways to support wider implementation across the sector.

Moderator: **Patrick Wong FRICS,** Head of Bloomberg Intelligence Hong Kong & Global Real Estate Industry Leader
Panellists:
Damien Wu, Chief Innovation Officer, Urban Renewal Authority
Harry Chik, Regional Account Director, JLL
Jennifer Tan, Senior Advisor, Ant Digital Technologies
Sherry Wong, General Manager, Building Operations, Hongkong Land Limited

16:40

Closing address

Delivering confidence

We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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