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The HKIE Veneree Club Monthly Talk

“Northern Metropolis Development – Opportunities for a Sustainable Hong Kong 北部都會區發展－香港永續發展的機遇”

20 May 2026

You are cordially invited to join the Monthly Talk to be held on 20 May 2026. Members could join the Talk either face to face at the HKIE Headquarters or through on online webinar. Members are required to select the platform in the online registration form. Details of the Talk are listed as below:

Date:	Wednesday, 20 May 2026
Time:	10:00am – 12:00nn
Platforms:	<p>(a) Face-to-Face (Chan Yat Mei Sophie Room, 9/F, The HKIE Headquarters) (Limited number of seats on first-come first-served basis)</p> <p>(b) Online (The ZOOM webinar link and information will be sent through email upon successful registration.)</p>
Talk:	<p>“Northern Metropolis Development – Opportunities for a Sustainable Hong Kong 北部都會區發展－香港永續發展的機遇”</p>
Speaker:	<p>Prof LING Kar Kan, SBS BSSc, MSc, FHKIP, RPP, MHKIUD, PRC Registered Urban Planner Qualification Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society Senior Advisor of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Adjunct Professor of HKU, CUHK and PolyU</p> <p>Prof LING Kar Kan is a professional town planner. He was the Director of Planning of the HKSAR Government (2012-2016), President of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (2007-2009), Director of the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited (2017-2023), Chairman of the Country and Marine Parks Board (2019-2025) and Interim Vice President (Campus and Facilities) (2024-2025) and Director of Jockey Club Design Institute for Social Innovation (2017-2025) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). He was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star and InnoStars Award 2021. He served HKSAR Government as the Strategic Planning Advisor for Hong Kong/Shenzhen Cooperation (June 2021 - February 2022) for the formulation of the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy.</p> <p>He is now the Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society and Senior Advisor to the President of PolyU. He is appointed as a member of the Historic Buildings Assessment Panel of the Development Bureau, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Chung Chi College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He is also Adjunct Professor of the University of Hong Kong, CUHK and PolyU, Associate Fellow of the University of the Built Environment, UK, and Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.</p>

	<p>Prof LING is also appointed as an expert member of a number of planning and development related consultation committees for Shenzhen, Nansha, Hengqin and Qianhai in the Chinese Mainland.</p>
<p>Highlights:</p>	<p>The Northern Metropolis Development Strategy (NMDS) is a groundbreaking and visionary strategic plan and action agenda. For the first time in the city development history of HK, the northern part of the New Territories (NT) is accorded with the same importance as the Victoria Harbour. With the strategic “dual metropolis” (Northern Metropolis & Harbour Metropolis) spatial structure of HK clearly established under HK2030+, the NM development will completely change the city’s inherent development pattern of “focusing on the south neglecting over the north “. The unbalanced distribution of public resources and intensity of development will be fundamentally adjusted.</p> <p>It is also for the first time that HK has linked spatial development planning and industry development planning, aiming to make the mega urbanisation programme and the innovation & technology industry development in NM to become HK’s second economic engine. This will strategically rebalance the spatial distribution of our jobs and homes, enhancing HK’s overall competitiveness and sustainable development.</p> <p>NMDS advocates "the integration of urban and rural areas, the coexistence of development and conservation" as overarching planning principles, and "implementing active conservation policies that create environmental capacity" as one of the key action directions. This provides HK with unprecedented opportunities for sustainable development to integrate siloed policies and overcome inefficiency of the regulatory regime.</p> <p>Envisioning, innovation, imagination and creativity should be provoked not only for technological adoption, perhaps more importantly, for triggering mindset and institutional breakthroughs. All development-related professionals should work shoulder-to-shoulder with our collective wisdom to derive “out of the box” solutions for advancing the NM development. This will enable and empower all of us to create a metropolis that balances social, economic and environmental needs through effective collaboration of the community and the Government.</p>
<p>Language:</p>	<p>Cantonese</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior online registration is required. • The webinar link and information will be sent through email at least three days before the event upon successful registration. • Coffee and tea will be provided to face-to-face participants before start of the talk and during the break. <p>Notes for Face-to-Face participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited number of participants at Chan Yat Mei Sophie Room on first-come first-served basis.

Should you wish to join the talk, please register via the link below **on or before Wednesday, 13 May 2026.**

<https://forms.gle/4v7ys4KqbmLd91wk6>

More information about Veneree Club could be viewed at http://www.hkie.org.hk/en/membership/club_detail/3/. Should you have any questions, please contact Veneree Club via email to venereeclub@gmail.com.

Kind regards

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