

# Dean's Roundup

Friday, 20 December, 2013

**Roundup:** *Ceiling function*, the mathematical operation of rounding a number up to the next higher integer.

**Roundup:** a term in American English referring to the process of gathering animals into an area, known as a "Muster" in Australia.

**Rounding up:** when a helmsman cannot control a boat and it heads into the wind

**Roundup:** the plan for an invasion of northern France by Allied forces during World War II (Wikipedia)

**Dean's Roundup:** part blog, part bulletin; part honour roll, part curatorial [**cu**'**ra**-**to**'**ri**-**al** (ky<sup>oo</sup>'r<sup>ee</sup>-t<sup>oh</sup>'**ee**-**al**, -t<sup>oh</sup>'-)] n. nounised by the Dean from curator + editorial]

Dear all,

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

The only thing to say today is to report back that the Christmas charity tea initiative succeeded in selling all 35 tins of Tieconnoisseur 888 spring-summer Fujian collection. As promised, 100% of the proceeds, which totaled 7,000 HKD, will go directly to providing material relief (food, water and clothing) to displaced and destitute victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. If you weren't at the faculty's Christmas lunch party and want a Tieguanyin 888 leaflet to explain, there are some left in the Faculty Office.

Some great achievements are listed below. Very many thanks to all Faculty colleagues – technical, administration, academics and research students – for all your many and varied contributions to making the Faculty of Architecture such a great place to study and work. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas break and successful 2014.

No Dean's Roundup next week.

Chris

## Department of Architecture

### 1. Ms. Juan Du

- exhibited at the Shenzhen Exhibition site of the 2013 Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism/Architecture. The exhibition is based on research and design works by students in Juan's MArch design studio, in collaborating with Columbia University's Urban Landscape Lab and MTWTF. For more information on the research and project, please visit the project's website.

<http://www.safariszhk.org/>

- invited as guest speaker for Symposium -Lets Meet in Writing, a cross-cultural debate on written language as public space in the European Union and in China. Project and event curated by Teun van der Ende and Monnik.
- invited as respondent for workshop presentation of Uneven Growth: Tactical Urbanisms for Expanding Megacities, to be exhibited at New York's Museum of Modern Art in 2014.

### 2. Mr. Yan Gao

- exhibited the research outputs Village China – The Qian Dongnan Project in 013 Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism \ Architecture (Shenzhen) and was invited to give a shop talk in the UABB Forum: Exploring The Social Boundary, Part A: Designing Urban And Rural Interaction. The project was based on the summer program, i.e. New Rural Houses in China - Architectural Design Summer Program, in collaboration with Tsinghua University and funded under the 1000 HK-Mainland Exchange scheme 2013 by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

### 3. Dr. B S Jia

- with his firm Baumschlager Eberle Hong Kong, won the First Prize in the International Competition of Master Plan Yinjiang, Ningbo China on December 10 2013. The project covers an area of 67 square kilometers including 3 square kilometers city center. The project investigates the management of 6 aspects of resources: forest, agriculture, architecture, quarry, culture and transportation.
- as a panel speaker participated in the First International Architects Forum: Architecture and Townization of China, Dec 9, 2013 in Ningbo.



4. Ms. Tris Kee

- was invited to exhibit her work “Adaptive Reuse of Industrial Buildings in HK for Housing” at the Architectural Exhibition “REVEAL”, organized by HKIA.

Her exhibition is featured in Arts Promotional News at the following link, starting from 2'29”:

<http://www.arts-news.net/content/%E5%BE%9E%E5%BB%BA%E7%AF%89%E5%B0%8B%E6%89%BE%E7%A9%BA%E9%96%93%E2%80%94%E7%AF%89%E8%87%AA%E5%AE%A4>

## Department of Real Estate and Construction

I. Professor Steve Rowlinson and Dr. Koh Tas Yong

- representing the Department of Real Estate and Construction’s Centre of Construct IT, Prof Steve Rowlinson, together with our collaborators Associate Professor Sid Newton and Mr. Russell Lowe, both from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, and Dr Koh Tas Yong have been invited to present and demonstrate the prototype of computer gaming engine to improve construction work processes and safety to the Chief Assistant Secretary of Works and other senior officials of the HKSAR Development Bureau. The event took place on 13 Dec 2013 at the Central Government Offices. Gaming technology makes BIM&GIS readily accessible to a multitude of users and is rapidly becoming an essential communication and collaboration mechanism underpinning these two technologies. The demonstration had aroused immense interest and support from the Chief Assistant Secretary. As a way forward, the Chief Assistant Secretary promised to push the technology for its adoption and further research and development in the Hong Kong construction industry.
- on a related quest to introduce the technology to the Hong Kong construction industry stakeholders, the same team had also been invited to demonstrate the prototype to a major local contractor. Similarly impressed, the contractor had explored the possibilities of further collaboration to further develop the technology for use. The event also took place on 13 Dec 2013.

2. Dr. Shen Yuzhong (Research Assistant, Class of 2013 PhD graduate)

- The PhD dissertation of Dr. SHEN Yuzhong under the supervision of Professor Steve Rowlinson was awarded as the Runner-up of the HKIE-SSC Student Project Competition 2013 in the Postgraduate – PhD category. The winning dissertation, titled "An Investigation of Safety Climate on Hong Kong Construction Sites," focused on improving practitioners' perceptions and appraisals of safety measures on construction sites. The winner and his supervisor are invited to the Award Presentation Ceremony to be held during the HKIE-SSC Annual Dinner on 10 January 2014.

This dissertation has also received one of the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Best Project Award 2013 under the category of Postgraduate Degree Programme earlier in November. The winner and his supervisor are invited to the Award Presentation Ceremony to be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 18 February 2014.

## Department of Urban Planning and Design

Professors Chris Webster, Anthony Yeh, Rebecca Chiu, and Bosin Tang, and Drs. Roger Chan, Weifeng Li, Fiona Yang, and PhD students Huiwei Chen, Lingyue Li, Jianzheng Liu, Zhuojun Liu, Yiguan Ma, Yi Sun, Jiejing Wang, Xi Wang, Zongcai Wei, and Xiaoxia Xu attended the *International Conference on China's Urban Transformation and Restructuring* jointly organized by the Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning of HKU and the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies of Sun Yat-sen (Zhongshan) University from 14-15 December 2013 in Guangzhou. This conference was to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the decennial Seminar on Urban Planning Education in China held in 1983 and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Urban Geography Research Committee (UGRC) of the Chinese Geographical Society.

In the Opening Ceremony, Prof. Rebecca Chiu gave a welcoming address and Prof. Anthony Yeh read out the congratulatory message from Prof. Reginald Kwok, Founding Director (1980-1991) of the Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning of HKU who initiated the 1<sup>st</sup> Seminar on Urban Planning Education in China with Prof. Xu Xueqiang of Sun Yat-sen (Zhongshan) University 30 years ago. Prof. Yeh also chaired the Keynote Speeches after the Opening Ceremony.



The following staff and students have presented papers in the Conference:

	Name of Presenter	Name of Paper
a.	Prof Rebecca Chiu	Urban Sustainability and the Urban Forms of China's Leading Mega cities: Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou
b.	Dr. Weifeng Li (jointly authored with Qian Lin and Jiansheng Wu from Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School)	Vegetation Cover Dynamics associated with Rapid Urbanization in China's Metropolitan Areas
c.	Prof Anthony Yeh, Dr. Fiona Yang and Mr. Jiejing Wang	Producer Service Linkages and City Connectivity in the Mega-City Region of China – A Case Study of the Pearl River Delta
d.	Dr. Roger Chan, Miss Huiwei Chen and Mr. Yi Sun	Incorporating Place-based Education in Teaching Urbanism
e.	Mr. Zhoujun Liu (co-authored with Prof Bosin Tang)	Community Building and Social Welfare in Urbanizing Rural China

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f.	Miss Xiaoxia Xu	China's Socialist Market Economy as Hybrid Process? Multi-scalar State Spatial Selectivity and Variegated Spatiality
		Best Paper Awards under the theme "Urban Governance and the Making of Chinese State" of the conference
g.	Miss Yiguan Ma and Prof Rebecca Chiu	Understanding Governance in the Process of Urbanization of China: Rural Land Development Schemes from the Central to the Local Governments
h.	Dr. Xian Shi (The Hong Kong Institute of Education) Miss Huiwei Chen and	An Examination of the Policy on the Regeneration of Industrial Buildings in Hong Kong.
i.	Mr. Kaizhi Liu (Hong Kong Baptist University) and Prof Anthony Yeh	Street Vendors in Contemporary Chinese cities: Growth Mechanisms, Typologies and its Implication to China's Urbanization

## 2. Ms. Christina Lo

- DUPAD was invited to exhibit the Conceptual Master Plan (CMP) for the Western Harbourfront at the Western Wholesale Food Market Carnival 2013 (西區副食品批發市場墟日嘉年華 2013) to brief the community about the Plan. A questionnaire survey was also conducted by DUPAD during the event to collect the public's view on the CMP as input to its further development. The event was organized by the Central and Western District Council (C & W DC) and DUPAD was a supporting organization. Staff and students participated in the two-day event from 14-15 December 2013 include:

Christina Lo	Kenneth Tang	Loreen Chui
Wong Sau Yin	Yeung Wing Yee	Chan Chi Hang, Ronald
Wong Hon Yip	Mary Cheung	Chun Wan In
Yeung Kin Ho, Kenneth	Kau Tin Chak	Kwok In Wai, Victoria
Theodora Chan	Chan Lok Hei, Patricia	Tai Long Him
Cheng Ka Yan, Aileen	Li Sui Fung	Hau Yat Long
Li Moonfier	Wong Cheuk Man	Li Jiayi

Despite the weather, the exhibition was well attended and the public showed support for the CMP. The C & W DC has already agreed to implement part of Phase I of the CMP as the District's Signature Project.

