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# SIP Newsletter

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# Welcome Note from SIP President

Dear SIP members and supporters,

From 26 Feb to 1 March 2025, 26 SIP members visited Hong Kong for our first study trip in a very long while. The trip was organised in collaboration with the Hong Kong Institute of Planners and Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (Planning & Development Division). The study trip was very insightful, with members visiting planning agencies, exhibits and projects that provided an in depth understanding, how Hongkong is dealing with its urban challenges and looking into the future. You can read all about it in this edition of the newsletter.

The Young Planners Committee has been working very hard this quarter. Young Planner's Video Challenge 2025 has been concluded, and the Young Planners Mentorship Programme will kick off in May 2025. Preparation works are on track, and we look forward to more interesting exchanges.

Lastly, Our AGM will take place on the 24th April 2025. I believe you would have already received notification about it. Looking forward to seeing you in person in the SIP AGM 2025.

Djoko Prihanto  
President  
Singapore Institute of Planners 2024-2026

## SIP Hong Kong Study Trip 2025

The Study Trip was held between 26 Feb and 1 March 2025. A total of 26 SIP members, including 5 council members and 2 fellow members joined the tour. It was jointly organised by the Hong Kong Institute of Planners and Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Planning & Development Division. The two Hong Kong institutions generously assisted SIP in organising the visits, as well as arranged for excellent speakers and presenters to accompany us on the trip.

The study trip started off with a welcome dinner hosted by HKIP and HKIS PDD. It was a great opportunity for the professional institutes to come together to exchange notes about our works in Singapore and Hong Kong. This was also the first time many of the SIP members met each other! Exchanges was lively and the dinner was well received.



The visits and meetings officially kicked off on Day 2 with a visit to the City Gallery. The Hong Kong Planning Department shared with the delegates the strategic plans for the Northern Metropolis in Hong Kong. The delegates proceeded to visit the Long Valley Nature Park in the New Territories in the afternoon. The Long Valley Nature Park is located very near to Shenzhen, and it is part of the wider area of the Northern Metropolis. Dr Angela Au conducted a presentation and a tour for the delegates to understand the conservation works undertaken at the Nature Park. The day ended with a free and easy evening at Lee Tung Avenue, an urban rejuvenation project by the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong.

## Day 2

Item 1: Meeting with the Planning Department, followed by a guided tour of the City Gallery and sharing of Northern Metropolis

Presenters:

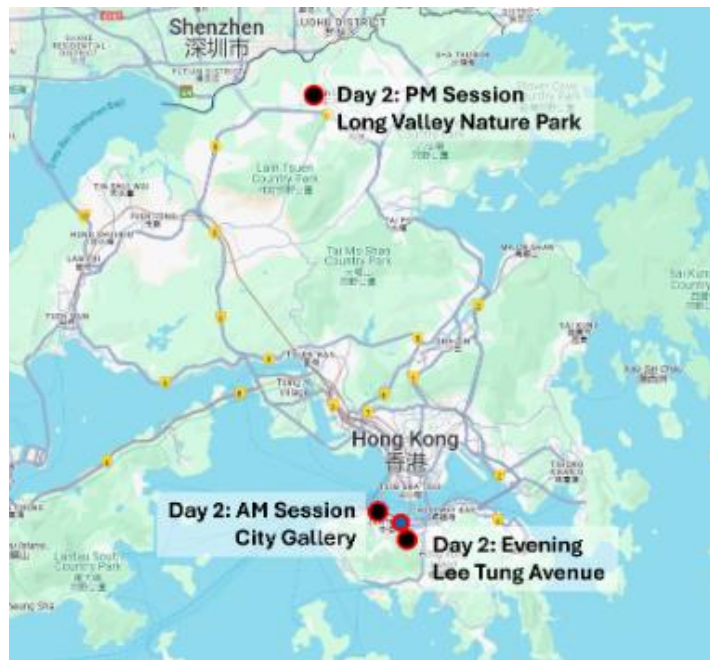
Mr Anthony Luk, Assistant Director of Planning, Hong Kong Planning Department

Ms. Ivy Chu, Senior Town Planner/Studies and Research Section, Hong Kong Planning Department

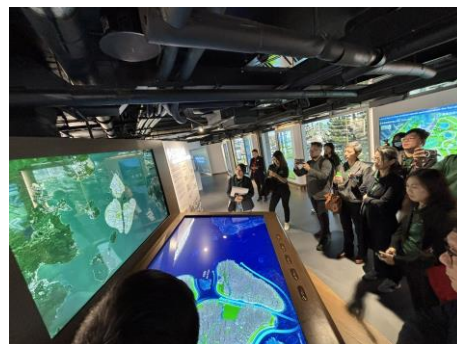
Item 2: Guided Tour of Long Valley Nature Park

Presenters

Dr. Angel Au, Nature Park Officer (Education), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Dept



## City Gallery



# Long Valley Nature Park



***“The program offered all round exposure, and the site visits and tours were very informative”  
~ Participants feedback***

Day 3 was an action-packed day with the delegates started the day with a tour of Ming Wah Dai Ha Redevelopment. This project was one of the 8<sup>th</sup> SIP Award winners. Ms Grace Siu briefed the delegates on the history of the estate and the plans for redevelopment. When completed, the estate will provide 3,919 residential units, adding 700 flats to the estate.

The delegates then travelled to Go Park, a newly completed project by Sun Hung Kai Properties. The mixed-use development is the first of its kind in Hong Kong, combining sports facilities, retail and F&B offerings, as well as residential developments. After a scrumptious lunch hosted by Sun Hung Kai Properties, Ms Rebecca Wong shared with the delegates the development history of the Go Park, as well as took the delegates to visit the facilities.

The last stop of the day was Staunton Street/ Shing Wong Street Revitalisation Project by the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong. Mr Mike Kwan, who grew up in the area, gave a lively briefing of the history of the project, and shared with the delegates insights on the lives of residents in the area.

### Day 3

Item 1: Guided visit to the Ming Wah Dai Ha Redevelopment

Presenter:

Ms. Grace Siu, Senior Manager, Hong Kong Housing Society

Item 2: Guided tour of Go Park

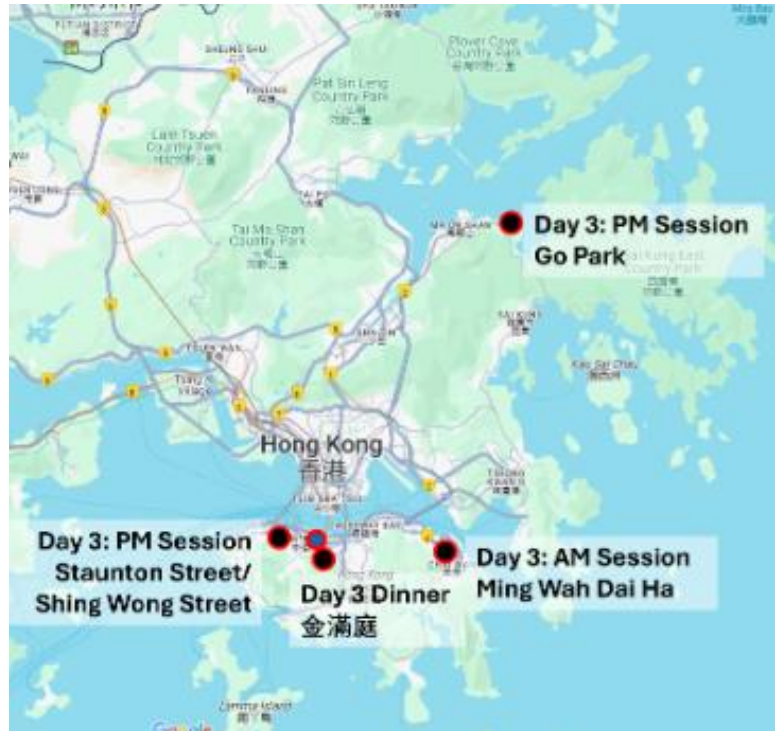
Presenter:

Ms. Rebecca Wong, Planning Director, Sun Hung Kai Properties

Item 3: Guided visit to the Staunton Street/Shing Wong Street Revitalisation Project

Presenter:

Mr Mike Kwan, General Manager, Urban Renewal Authority (URA), Planning and Design



### Ming Wah Tai Ha



# Go Park



# Staunton Street/Shing Wong Street Revitalisation Project



Day 4 morning was spent in the brand new HKIS office. SIP was honoured to be the first professional institution to be invited to visit the new HKIS office. Mr Jasmine Kong, Assistant General Manager of Hong Kong Airport Authority, as well as council member of HKIS, shared with the delegates the planning of the Hong Kong Airport City's Skytopia.



We ended the study tour with a thank you dinner hosted by SIP for HKIP and HKIS PDD for their generous hosting and help in ensuring the success of the trip.



***“I appreciate the opportunities to meet fellow planners and professionals from both Singapore and Hong Kong for knowledge exchange”  
~ Participants feedback***

## SIP Hong Kong Study Trip 2025 – Delegate Lists

Name	Title
Djoko Prihanto	SIP President, Director at DP Architects
Nina Yang	SIP Vice President, Board member at Urban Redevelopment Authority Singapore, Group Chief Development Officer at CPG Corporation
Wilfred Loo	SIP Immediate Past President, SIP Certification Chair
Constance Leung	SIP Marcom Chair, Head of Consulting Singapore, Valuation & Advisory Services at CBRE
Irwan Soetikno	SIP CPD Chair, Principal Urban Designer at Surbana Jurong
Diana Chin	Director (Planning Policies), Strategic Planning Group at URA
Ms Claire Chong	Senior Planner, Physical Planning (North) at URA
Mr Aloysius Iwan Handono	Deputy Director, Urban Planning and Architecture Div. at JTC
Mr Tan Shao Xuan	Planner, Urban Planning and Design at JTC
Tan Cheng Siong	Founder/Director/Principal at Archurban Architects Planners
Tham Chern Mei, Karen	Adjunct Professor at National University of Singapore (NUS)
Andre Yusak	Principal (Urban Planning and Design) at Surbana Jurong
Athula Amarasekera	Director at Design Team 3

Name	Title
Chan Huey Fang	Senior Urban Planner (Freelance)
Chen Hong	Planning Advisor at RSP Architects Planners & Engineers
Chen Shu	Senior Associate (Urban Planner) at DP Architects
Derick Seek	Senior Planner at DP Architects
Leong Huey Miin	Director at Polycoda
Wang Maolin	Senior Consultant at DP Architects
Wutt Yee Khin	Senior Executive Urban Designer at Surbana Jurong
Yang Kah Ho Eddie	Senior Consultant at Sembcorp Architects & Engiennes
Yumon Kyaw	Urban Planner at Surbana Jurong
Vivienne Kang Min	Senior Urban Designer at CPG Corporation
Tran Thi Thu Tram	Senior Principal Urban Planner at CPG Signature
Koh Sze Ann Sean	Master of Urban Planning at NUS
Grace Tan Sharmane	Planner at HDB, Winner of the SIP Young Planners Video Challenge 2025



## SIP Young Planners Update

### SIP Young Planners Mentorship Programme 2025: Shaping the Next Generation of Urban Planners

The Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP), through its Young Planners Committee (SIP-YPC), is proud to kick off the second edition of the SIP Young Planners Mentorship Programme - an initiative dedicated to nurturing the next generation of planning professionals through guidance, support, and community.

**SIP YOUNG PLANNER MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME 2025**

Running from April to September 2025, this six-month programme pairs early-career planners and students with seasoned mentors, creating an invaluable opportunity for growth and learning.

**Learning Opportunities**  
**Guidance From Experienced Mentor**  
**Skill Enhancement**  
**Networking Opportunities**  
**Career Development**

**SIP Young Planners Mentorship Programme is Back!**

Launched by SIP Young Planners Committee (SIP-YPC), this programme is all about connecting early-career planners and students with experienced mentors for a journey of knowledge-sharing, professional growth, and networking in the planning industry.

**Programme Duration:** April - September 2025  
**Who's it for?:** Motivated young planners and students eager to learn from seasoned professionals

**Interested in joining?**  
**Mentees:** SIP Young Planners Members or students pursuing a related degree.  
**Mentors:** Experienced professionals with over 5 years in the field, ready to share their expertise.

Limited slots available! Don't miss out—register by 31st January 2025.

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**SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS**

### Empowering Tomorrow's Planners

Launched as a strategic platform to bridge the gap between experienced professionals and young planners, the mentorship programme aims to enhance career readiness, build stronger industry connections, and cultivate leadership among emerging talents in Singapore's urban planning field. Targeted at students and early-career professionals from both public and private sectors, this initiative is more than just mentorship - it's about inspiring a shared vision for a more thoughtful, inclusive, and sustainable urban future.

To ensure each participant gains meaningful value, SIP-YPC has crafted a clear framework that includes:

- Thoughtful mentor-mentee matching based on interests and experience
- Mentoring guides and support tools to guide the 6-month journey
- Defined roles, responsibilities, and milestones to ensure mutual growth

From discussions on planning practices to navigating career pathways, the programme is designed to offer mentees valuable exposure while giving mentors a chance to give back and shape the future of the profession.

Following the success of the inaugural 2023 programme, the 2025 edition opened applications in November 2024, closing in January 2025. The response was overwhelmingly positive - with 19 mentees and 10 mentors stepping forward to be part of this meaningful journey.

## SIP Young Planners Update

### Meet the 2025 Mentors: Leading by Example

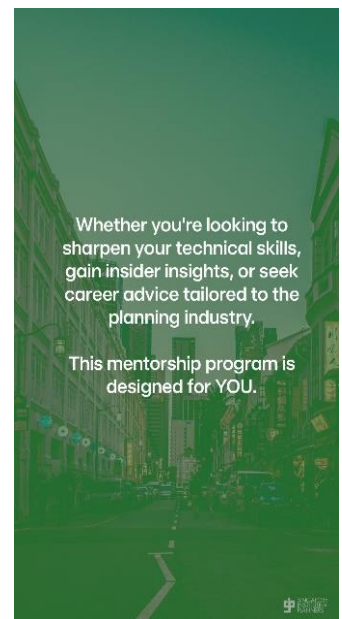
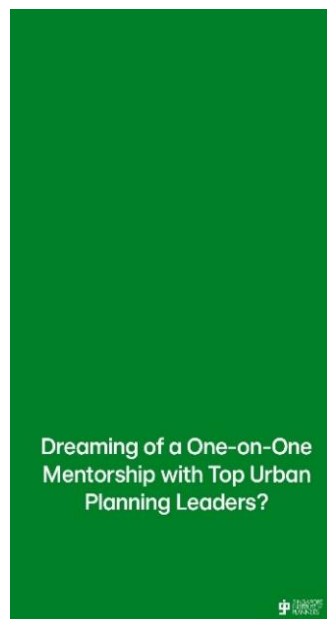
This year's mentors represent a diverse and distinguished group of industry leaders, including:

- Siew Leng Fun – Chief Urban Designer, URA
- Scott Dunn – Chief Strategy Officer, AECOM
- Djoko Prihanto – Director of Master Planning, DPA
- Tony Chan – Planning Leader, Southeast Asia, ARUP
- Constance Leung – Head of Consulting, Valuation & Advisory, CBRE
- Karen Tham – Adjunct Professor, NUS
- Shi Liang – Project Director, CPG
- Zulkiflee Mohd Zaki – Former Director, SportSG / URA
- Jingyao Wang – Practice Lead, Master Planning Asia, Worley Singapore
- Goh Wee Heng – Senior Urban Planner, Henning Larsen

These individuals bring a wealth of experience across public and private sectors, and their willingness to mentor reflects a deep commitment to advancing the profession.

### What's Next?

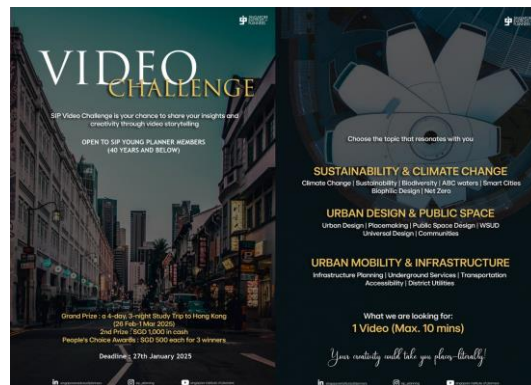
The official launch event will be held on Thursday, 8 May 2025, where mentors and mentees will meet for the first time to kickstart their 6-month mentorship journey. The programme will culminate in November 2025 with a closing ceremony celebrating growth, connection, and shared experiences. Through initiatives like this, SIP reaffirms its mission to empower, inspire, and uplift the planning profession - one mentorship at a time.



## SIP Young Planners Update

### SIP Young Planners Video Challenge 2025: Amplifying Youth Voices in Urban Planning

In a bid to spark creativity and elevate the voices of the next generation of city-shapers, the SIP Young Planners Committee proudly launched the inaugural SIP Young Planners Video Challenge in December 2024 - a competition that invited young professional to articulate their bold ideas and planning visions through the power of video storytelling.



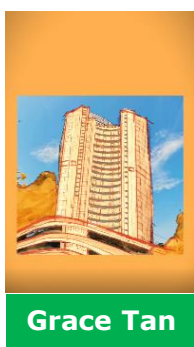
Themed around pressing urban planning topics, It offered participants the freedom to explore one of the following themes:

- **Sustainability & Climate Change**  
Tackling urban resilience, smart cities, net-zero strategies, biophilic design, and biodiversity.
- **Urban Design & Public Space**  
Exploring placemaking, universal design, WSUD, and inclusive, community-driven spaces.
- **Urban Mobility & Infrastructure**  
Focusing on integrated transport, accessibility, underground utilities, and future-ready mobility.

Participants were invited to submit a video of up to 10 minutes, presenting their research, reflections, or innovative case studies linked to their chosen theme.

The judging and voting phase took place from **3–7 February 2025**, with the final results reflecting both quality of ideas and creative storytelling:

- **Winner: Grace Tan**  
*Awarded Sponsored Study Trip to Hong Kong + SGD 500 cash*
- **Runners-Up: Sophia Rita & Zhang Dong Li**  
*Awarded SGD 1,000 cash each*



Grace Tan's submission titled **Urban Identity** was recognized for its strong personal storytelling, clarity of message, and thoughtful execution. Her video demonstrated a compelling and relatable narrative that resonated with viewers. Showcasing effort in framing, sequencing, and engagement. A clear and insightful message, effectively communicating the relevance of the chosen theme. Impactful visuals, making her submission both informative and engaging.

All winners were notified on **11 February 2025**, and formal recognition will take place at the upcoming SIP Annual General Meeting, where the winning video will also be screened.

The SIP Young Planners Video Challenge is a reflection of SIP's ongoing commitment to empowering young voices and fostering innovation within the planning community. As Singapore continues to evolve, it is initiatives like these that ensure the future of planning is in good hands and bold minds. Stay tuned as we continue to champion fresh ideas and shape the future, together.

## SIP Events Updates

We have some exciting events being planned for the rest the year. We will share details of the events via email and on our social media. Do keep an eye out for them to find out more!

Proposed Events	Date	Format/ Venue	Duration / CPD points
Planning Awards Sharing Session - 4	23 May	In-person session	2.5 - 3 hour / 5 CPD
Curated Sharing Session	18 July	In-person	2.5 hour/ 5 CPD
Mandai Park 	22 August	In-person	2.5 hour/ 5 CPD
HKIP / CPIJ joint session 	20 Nov	ZOOM	1.5 hour / 3 CPD
CPD Talk 	18 Dec	ZOOM	1.5 hour / 3 CPD

In the coming months, we are planning more exciting events and programmes. Do check your emails, SIP LinkedIn and our Website for updates!

## SIP Membership Updates

We welcome the following SIP Members joining the Institute between 1 Jan and 30 March 2025.

Name	Membership Type	WorkPlace	Joint Date
Chin Yee Lo	Affiliate	Urban Redevelopment Authority	1/27/2025
Chong Shijie Claire	Affiliate	Urban Redevelopment Authority	2/19/2025
Ho Kah Chuen	Affiliate	Riyadh Investment and Development Company	1/2/2025
Ng Kah Yee	Affiliate	Mandai Global Pte Ltd	3/7/2025
Xiao Wenlong Erwan	Affiliate	Ramboll	2/12/2025
Tan Shiao Ling Adele	Fellow	Ministry of National Development	3/7/2025
Cherie Lynne Capulong Gomintong	Student		1/21/2025
Jayaraman Sophia Rita	Student		1/2/2025
Nur Dini Binti Mahmud	Student		2/14/2025
Ravi Prudhvi Naga Sai Kumar	Student		2/5/2025



The Singapore institute of Planners (SIP) is a professional organisation established in 1971 which is dedicated to the advancement of sustainable urban and regional planning with a view to create better communities and environments.

### Be part of SIP:

- Engage in professional development and networking within the planning community
- Support community-focused urban and regional planning & development
- Participate in events such as webinars, workshops, projects and site visits
- Share and contribute ideas and professional knowledge

### Membership categories:

- Honorary Fellow
- Fellow
- Certified Planners
- Full Members
- Recognised Planning Firm / Practice
- Affiliate Members
- Overseas Members
- Graduate Members
- Student Members

Please visit SIP website for details:



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You can see highlights of the PlanEx Asia 2024 and SICP Award on our YouTube Channel! Do subscribe to keep updated with the happenings and behind the scenes contents!



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