

A Draft Comprehensive Plan to Tackle Road Traffic Noise in Hong Kong (Jointly Organized by HKIOA, HKIEIA and BSE Dept of HKPolyU)

Speaker:	Dr Au Hom
Venue:	EF 311, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
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Hong Kong is one of the densest cities in the world with most of the 6.9 million people being housed in 225 square kilometers of development. Similar to other metropolitan cities, Hong Kong is facing significant road traffic noise problems. Excessive road traffic noise detracts from the quality of life.

The Government is committed to addressing the road traffic noise problems and has adopted proactive actions through a 4-pronged approach: prevention of traffic noise problems through planning and environmental impact assessment, legislative control of individual vehicles, abatement of noise from existing roads, and education, public engagement and partnership. The existing measures have benefited many people. Nonetheless, many residents are still exposed to high levels of road traffic noise because of the continuous growth in the economy, population and transport. Actions are needed on all fronts by all sectors in the community.

HKIOA and HKIEIA have invited Dr. Au Hom of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to brief members on the draft comprehensive plan to tackle road traffic noise, which touches on the problems, the actions taken so far, the challenges that we face and the proposed enhanced measures to tackle road traffic noise.

Dr. Au joined the EPD in since the early 1990s and has worked on the control of environmental noise through enforcing the relevant provisions of the Noise Control Ordinance. His present work involves reviewing legislative provisions and conducting legislative amendments under the Noise Control Ordinance, formulation of noise policies, implementation of noise programmes and overseeing noise policy related studies.

Registration and Enquiries:

This seminar is co-organized by HKIOA, HKIEIA and BSE Dept of HKPolyU. For registration, please send a blank e-mail to: reg5@wal.hk. A confirmation of the registration will be returned within 3 working days. Enquiries please send to the undersigned at who@wal.hk.

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