

**The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)
Eco Village Transitional Housing Architectural Design Idea Competition
to take place in January – March 2021**

Video of the Online Press Briefing (11 Jan 2021) (in Cantonese):-

<https://www.hkia.net/UserFiles/file/eDM/2021/20210111/ETTFraw4tq3w4r/SDGEcovillage.mp4>

Details of the Competition:- www.hkpgbc.org



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Environmental and professional organizations in Hong Kong are to stage a design competition aiming to incorporate sustainable development into a Transitional Housing project that helps alleviate the difficulties of the needy due to the housing shortage.

The Government had increased the target of the provision of Transitional Housing to 15,000 units in the coming 3 years in January 2020, subsequent to the commitment in the 2019 Policy Address to alleviate the difficulties of those waiting for Public Housing for some time and living in inadequate dwellings. The Government had also identified a site of around 3 hectares at Tsat Sing Kong, Pat Heung, Kam Tin, New Territories for the development of Transitional Housing units. It is planned to provide about 900 units with buildings not more than 4-storey high alongside the provision of communal farming spaces in this site by the end of 2022. With innovative and creative design through this Competition, a livable residential community with harmonization and connectivity with the surrounding environment can be expected.

The SDG Eco Village (SDGEV) Transitional Housing Architectural Design Idea Competition is organized by the Professional Green Building Council (PGBC). The Co-organizers are The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) and Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA). The Competition is also supported by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service (HKLSS), the Transport and Housing Bureau and the Environment Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

SDG refers to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals¹ which represent the aspiration of the people on Earth to address the global problems we face together, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. They are closely relevant to the aforesaid Transitional Housing development. The planning, architecture and design of built environment can manifest these SDG concepts. On top of this, this project emphasizes more the development of neighborhood relationship, the promotion of healthy living and the poverty reduction. It is expected that such objectives can be achieved through the integration of transitional housing and community farm. It is therefore intended to feature this Transitional Housing project with the theme of SDG Eco Village.

¹ Please refer to the official website of the United Nations for details:-

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

The Competition invites members of the five founding professional institutes of PGBC² to contribute innovative and creative proposals. The Competition aims to recognize good architectural design that can contribute to the implementation of the concepts of the UNSDG. To cope with this vision, the Organizer is looking forward to have passionate and visionary designers to develop functional and innovative ideas for the SDG Eco Village Transitional Housing Project.

Renowned jury members would be invited for the Competition, with jury's adjudication scheduled for April/May 2021. The award-winning and shortlisted projects will be showcased to the public in July 2021.

Important Dates of the Competition

- Commencement of Registration 16 January 2021, Saturday
- Briefing and Virtual Site Tour 18 January 2021, Monday
- Competition Enquiry closes 5 March 2021, Friday
- Registration closes 12 March 2021, Friday
- Submission Entry closes 19 March 2021, Friday

For details, please refer to the competition website - www.hkpgbc.org

SDG Eco Village Webinar Series

To facilitate Competition participants to have better understanding of UNSDG and to exchange ideas, a series of SDG Eco Village webinars will be arranged. Members of the Media and general public are welcomed to join. The initial ones scheduled are:

- **11 January 2021, Monday, 6:00pm to 8:00pm**
Theme: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- **16 January 2021, Saturday, 10:00am to 1:00pm**
Themes: Modular Integrated Construction
Healthy Living
Community Farming

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About The Professional Green Building Council

The Professional Green Building Council (PGBC) was formed in 2002, now comprised of five professional institutes related to the built environment. They are The Hong Kong Institute of Architects, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, and The Hong Kong Institute of Planners. The PGBC is a non-profit making research and education institute to promote a better sustainable built environment through professional involvement. Its objectives are to conduct collaborative research and publish research results on local and global developments of green buildings; to organize research seminars and training courses in green building design and technology; and to advise the government on the formulation, setting up and monitoring of local green building labelling scheme.

² The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA), The Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP)

About The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) was established in 1956 (named Hong Kong Society of Architects before 1972). The main objectives of the Institute are: (i) to promote the general advancement of architecture and to promote and facilitate the acquisition of the knowledge of the various arts and sciences connected therewith; and (ii) to raise the standard of architecture in Hong Kong and the standard of professional architectural services offered by members of the Institute. The Institute takes Hong Kong to the fore in international circles through its active participation in the International Union of Architects, the Commonwealth Association of Architects, the Architects Regional Council of Asia, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, etc to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas in relation to all aspects of architecture and matters in connection with the architectural profession.

About The Hong Kong Construction Association

The Hong Kong Construction Association, Limited (HKCA) was established in 1920 aimed at improving the construction industry's standard in Hong Kong. Members of HKCA, currently over 300, are registered construction companies in Hong Kong. The Association is the recognized and leading voice for Hong Kong main contractors and over the years established a trusted working relationship with the HKSAR Government, the Construction Industry Council, other professional institutions and labour unions. The views of HKCA are being solicited in the formulation of legislation and policies related to the construction industry; and the association ensure that Members' needs on industrial, contractual and technical matters are well looked after.

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