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International Symposium on Advances in Steel and Composite Structures 2017

On 24 November 2017, the International Symposium on Advances in Steel and Composite Structures was held at PolyU to disseminate the latest research findings on advanced construction technology of steel and composite structures as well as modular construction for residential buildings, with special emphasis on practical applications.

Jointly organized by the Chinese National Engineering Research Centre (CNERC) for Steel Construction (Hong Kong branch) of PolyU and the Hong Kong Constructional Metal Structures Association (HKCMSA), the event was also supported by the Construction Industry Council. Officiating at the opening ceremony was Prof. Alex Wai, Vice President (Research and Development) of PolyU. As the Master of Ceremony, Ir Prof. Michael Yam, Deputy Director and General Secretary of CNERC, introduced the guest of honour, Ir C.K. Hon JP, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) of the government's Development Bureau. Together with Ir Prof. You-lin Xu, Dean of the Faculty of Construction and Environment (FCE), Ir K.T. Leung of Architectural Services Department, and Mr Y.K. Pang of HKCMSA, they witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for research collaboration in the area of steel construction engineering amongst the CNERC at PolyU, the Steel Construction Institute in the UK, and the China Construction Steel Structure Corporation Ltd (CCSSC). This was followed by 8 presentations from several practitioners and engineers, including Prof. Wang Hong of CCSSC; Mr James Law JP of Cybertecture; Ir Naeem Hussain of ARUP; Ir K.H. Mok of Hip Hing Construction; Prof. Mark Lawson of the Steel Construction Institute; Prof. H.H. Lau of Curtin University in Malaysia; Dr Aaron Wang of CapitalLand Shanghai; and Ir Prof. Kwok-Fai Chung,



At the symposium

Director of CNERC at PolyU, who also delivered the closing remarks. In attendance were Ir Dr Paul Lam, Chairman of the Education and Training Committee at HKCMSA, Dr T.M. Chan, Deputy General Secretary of CNERC at PolyU, and Ir Prof. Joseph Mak, Chief Engineer at CNERC. Attracting more than 130 researchers and scholars, the symposium was well received by all.

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The 1st International Conference on Urban Informatics

From 13 to 15 November 2017, about 100 people gathered at PolyU for the 1st International Conference on Urban Informatics. Chaired by Prof. Wen-zhong Shi, Head of the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics (LSGI), the conference promoted research and development of urban informatics, with topics ranging from urban systems to urban sensing and spatiotemporal big data to urban computing and urban solutions. After welcoming remarks from Ir Prof. Alex Wai, Vice President (Research Development), Mr Paul Ng, Deputy Director of Survey and Mapping in the government's Lands Department delivered an opening address.

Amongst the keynote speakers were Prof. Michael Goodchild of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Distinguished Chair Professor of LSGI and member of the United States National Academy of Sciences; Prof. Anthony Yeh of the University of Hong Kong and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences; Prof. Jianya Gong, Dean of the School of Remote Sensing Information Engineering at Wuhan University and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences; and Prof. Michael Batty of University College London, also Distinguished Chair Professor of LSGI and Fellow of the British Academy. The session speakers included Dr Shih-Lung Shaw of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and editorial board member of the *International Journal of Geographical Information Science* and the *Journal of Transport Geography*; Prof. Mei-Po Kwan of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Distinguished Chair Professor of LSGI and Editor of *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*; and Prof. May Yuan of the University of Texas at Dallas and Chief Editor of the *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*. The conference concluded with a panel discussion on research initiatives in urban informatics moderated by Prof. Wen-zhong Shi. Papers from the conference will be published in the *International Journal of Urban Informatics* and a book.