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Green Roofs Thursday 08 January 2009

Hong Kong has numerous bare building roofs without any vegetation covering. Many cities in Europe, North America and Japan have buildings covered by well designed and vegetated roof tops. In Japan, Germany and China, there are laws and regulations which require certain percentage of green roofs to be installed in new buildings.

The idea of green roofs is beginning to influence Asian cities. Singapore has recently been paying a lot of attention to raise the quality and quantity of green roofs. Other major Asian cities such as Tokyo, Beijing and Shanghai, are also actively promoting green roofs. Hong Kong can catch up by adopting a more proactive approach to encourage the installation of green roofs. New buildings can include green roofs as an integral part of the design. Existing roofs can be treated with vegetation covers.

Green roofs can bring many environmental benefits which are often neglected or misunderstood. Making use of the numerous vacant roof tops in Hong Kong will significantly increase the green space stock of the city which will have positive effects on the environment, especially in ameliorating the harsh urban climate. The methods of green roof construction and maintenance are not too well grasped by local developers and professionals. Developing an exemplary green roof will demonstrate its feasibility and the associated methodology.

The extensive green roof seminar will mainly focus on green roof maintenance, which is always the main concern for designers. The audience will be amazed to know how minimal maintenance is required if the correct methods and vegetation are used.

John Yau

Mr. John Yau: Project Director of Hong Kong Greenlink Kusters Co. Ltd

Mr. Yau is a Qualified Civil Engineer. In 2001 Mr. Yau went to Germany where he gained his green roof knowledge. Since then, Mr. Yau has been promoting green roof concept to both private and government sectors in Hong Kong. Over the years, Mr. Yau has been invited from time to time by Governments, Institutions, Landscape Architects, Architects and Engineering firms to share his green roof knowledge and related experience.

Mr. Yau is one of the few Green Roof experts in Hong Kong who focuses on Extensive Green Roof System. This system uses a special succulent green roof plant, "Sedum", which survives with low water in-take and hence, minimal maintenance is required.

Mr. Yau is currently working on several government projects on soil-less Vertical Green Wall and road-side Green Noise Barrier. In particular, a soil-less Vertical Green Wall with a total area of 2600m² is considered to be used for the 10-storey high building for the new Hong Kong Government Headquarters' Tamar Development project; while 5000m² of Green Noise Barrier will be installed for the Tuen Mun Widening project.



EVENT DETAILS

DATE: 08 January 2009 (Thursday)

TIME: 18:30 - 19:30

VENUE: **EL CID Spanish Restaurant, Shop C, G/F, Florida Mansion, 9-11 Cleveland Street, Causeway Bay**

LANGUAGE: English

CHARGE: HK\$ 140 for (Member)
HK\$ 150 for (Non-Member)
Cost Includes: one drink and canapés

ENQUIRIES: Joanne Ng
Chapter Administrator
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CONDITIONS: 1) Places for the events are limited and you are recommended to make an advance booking.
2) Payment make by cheque only and please make crossed cheque payable to "International Facility Management Association Hong Kong Chapter".
3) Cancellations must be made a minimum of 48 hours prior to the event. Full price will be charged for late cancellation.

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