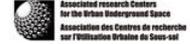




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The 16th World Conference of the Associated Research Centers for the Urban Underground Space held in Hong Kong

The 16th World Conference of the Associated Research Centers for the Urban Underground Space (ACUUS) was held in Hong Kong from November 5-7, 2018. Over 350 leading industry experts, members of academia, and distinguished professionals in the field of underground space development shared their experiences on the sustainable use of underground space toward integrated solutions for effective urban development. The conference was jointly organized by ACUUS, the Geotechnical Division of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) and the Hong Kong Geotechnical Society.

ACUUS is an international organization with a focus on research on urban underground space development. A world conference is held every two years to maintain and advance ACCUS platform for knowledge exchange and share experiences related to sustainable use of underground space and other related technical subjects. This year's conference in Hong Kong had a theme "Integrated Underground Solutions for Compact Metropolitan Cities".

At the Opening Ceremony, the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) of The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Ir S H LAM, extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests and speakers from all over the world. He noted that the conference theme this year is of particular relevance to Hong Kong, which is a world-class city well-known for its compactness with embedded efficiency and effectiveness. He emphasized importance and quality of over 110 technical papers that had been received by the Conference's organizing committee, from 24 countries. Also, he pointed out depth of the insights, views, expert knowledge and experience shared at the Conference that could help Hong Kong formalize its vision for the future and move forward to accomplish important objectives toward sustainable urban development-- especially in terms of smart and innovative use of the underground space.

The conference's opening ceremony was led by the President of ACUUS, Professor

Dimitris KALIAMPAKOS; Vice President of the HKIE, Ir Edwin CHUNG; and the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr Mark WALLACE.

The three-day conference comprised six keynote lectures, eight theme presentations, an expert panel session, and a series of parallel sessions, covering the past, present and future of underground space development in various dense urban cities. It also included a number of multi-disciplinary subjects such as integrated planning, design and construction, innovation and technologies, risk and safety, human factors and communication. Many internationally renowned experts, scholars and stakeholders have been invited as speakers, including Professor Qihu QIAN, Academician, Chinese Academy of Engineering, China; Mr Raymond LEE, Director of Planning, The Government of the HKSAR; Mr Eng Hwee LIM, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore; Professor David MANGIN, Co-partner, SEURA Architects, France; Mr Ilkka VÄ HÄ AHO, Chairman of the Finnish Tunnelling Association International Activity Group, Finland; Ms Sanja ZLATANIC, Senior Vice President, HNTB Corporation, the US; Ir W K PUN, Head of the Geotechnical Engineering Office, The Government of the HKSAR; and Mr Han ADMIRAAL, Co-Chair of ITACUS.

For more information on the conference, please visit www.acuus2018.hk or contact the ACUUS 2018 Conference Secretariat at (852) 2852 2333.



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Officiating guests (L to R) Mr Mark WALLACE, Chairman of the Organising Committee; Professor Dimitris KALIAMPAKOS, President of ACUUS; Ir S H LAM, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) of The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), and Ir Edwin CHUNG, Vice President of the HKIE.