

## Presented Sustainable Initiatives at the Conference of Housing and Urban Public Corporations in Asia

From November 11 to 13, the 27th Conference of Housing and Urban Public Corporations in Asia (A-HUC) was hosted by Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) in Hong Kong with participations from Singapore Housing Development Board (HDB), Korea Land & Housing Corporation (LH) and Urban Renaissance Agency. That was the first time in five years that A-HUC was held face-to-face due to the impact of COVID-19, etc.

The conference has been held since 1995 to exchange technology and knowledge in housing and urban development.



Group photo (front row middle: Secretary for Housing, HKHA Ms Winnie Ho)

Under the overall theme of “Sustainable Public Housing,” four agencies presented their respective initiatives in two sessions and exchanged opinions.

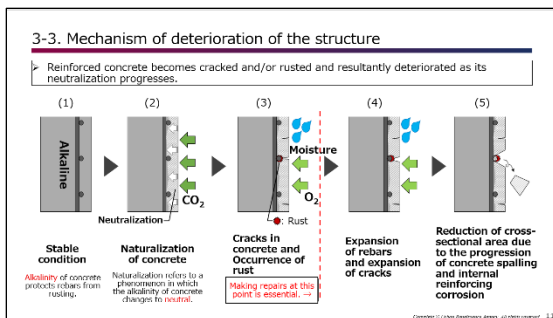
In Session 1, Mr. Yamazaki Takuto from Department of Engineering Administration gave a presentation on “Sustainable Initiatives for RC Housing Complex”, explaining the initiatives for seismic retrofitting, mid-rise elevators installation, and building life extension in existing UR housing complexes, as well as introducing the inheritance of the green space in the reconstruction.

In Session 2, Ms. Sato Misaki from Department of Stock Operation Promotion and Ms. Ishigaki Yoko from Department of Stock Operation Promotion of the East Japan Rental Housing Branch Office, gave a presentation on “Toward the Realization of Well-Being Lifestyles,” introducing the direction of utilizing and revitalizing UR rental housing stock and the efforts toward creating a sustainable

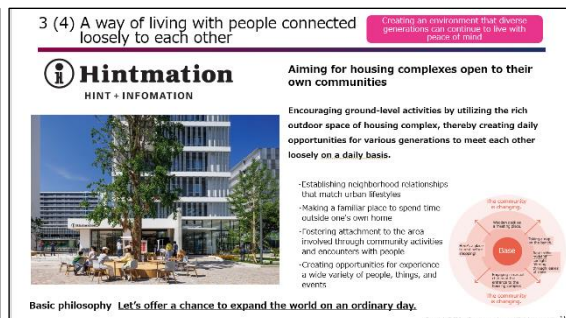
society and establishing 'Hintmation', which is a multi-generation's community base in the Nouvelle Akabane-dai.



Giving presentations from left, Mr. Yamazaki, Ms. Sato, and Ms. Ishigaki



A slide of "Sustainable Initiatives for RC Housing Complex"



A slide of "Toward the Realization of Well-Being Lifestyles,"

UR's presentations greatly captured participants' attention and we received a lot of questions and the following comments.

"The presentation was inspiring in its strategies for dealing with the two Aging (Aging of the UR rental housing and Aging of its residents)."

"I am interested in hearing more about the reconstruction of the UR housing complexes, including how to create common spaces for the elderly and other residents, and how to build consensus among residents (e.g. temporary housing)."

"Singapore has been working on creating a place for the elderly (Ibasho), and Hintmation was very helpful in building a multi-generational place where children can also gather."

In the wrap-up session, Ms. Akasaka Kaori, UR head of delegation, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to learn about the advanced initiatives of the other agencies and phrased her hope that we will continue to interact as colleagues facing the common challenges of sustainable public housing.

Four agencies reaffirmed that the conference is significant for exchanging professional housing technology, knowledge and developing human resources. Each head of delegation signed the agreement that the next conference will be hosted by LH in 2025.



Signing ceremony of the Agreement

On the second day, we visited the Hoi Tat Estate with the guidance of HKHA. The Estate is a mixed-use development of more than 3,000 units in four buildings, contains commercial and public facilities, and the long-span footbridge (145 meters long and 6 meters wide) connecting two housing complexes built by HKHA.



Exploring Hoi Tat Estate area

HKHA summed up the conference is a valuable platform for professional. We will share and solve each issue of housing and urban through the friendships fostered in more than a quarter of a century.

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