

Guest Speaker Brief Introduction

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Speech Topic:

“Collaboration for Opportunities”

Opportunities of collaboration amongst architects, other professionals and ArchSD for a better built environment in Hong Kong

Born and educated in Hong Kong, Sylvia graduated from the Faculty of Architecture in The University of Hong Kong and was elected as a Full Member of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects before joining the Architectural Services Department in 1996. She is now the Director of the Department with business area covering the development, construction and maintenance of government buildings and facilities. The Department has about 2,000 staff, with an annual project expenditure of about \$16 Billion. The maintenance portfolio consists of 8,000 government premises amounting to 32,000,000 m² floor area.

In the past 30 years of her services in the Department, Sylvia has been involved in a wide spectrum of projects. The most memorable ones are the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Museum, Tamar Development Project and the Hong Kong Children’s Hospital.

Sylvia has special interest in the application of innovation and technology (I&T) such as big data, IoT, BIM to rejuvenate various construction and design processes for continuous improvement. The Department started a ‘Corporate Intelligence’ initiative to comprehensively review how I&T applications can further improve the working efficiency, thus enhancing a better services to the public.

In 2019, Sylvia was elected as a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects. She is actively involving in the Institute as a Member of the Board of External Affairs.