

Hong Kong – Barcelona Urban Exchange

Symposium on 10 March 2015

Secretary for Development



Development Bureau
The Government of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region

Two Memoranda of Understanding

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design

Hong Kong Institute of Planners

Hong Kong Green Building Council

and

Barcelona Regional

In the city of Hong Kong, on July 17, 2012.

BETWEEN

On one side, Professor Bernard V. LIM, JP, President of the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design, Dr. Peter Cookson-Smith, President of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners and Conrad T C Wong, JP, Chairman of the Hong Kong Green Building Council, and on the other side, Mr. Willy Müller, General Director of Barcelona Regional.

DECLARE

All parties, in recognition of their level of expertise and their many years of experience in their respective cities and with the full awareness of both cities, wish to put in place a common collaboration tool that becomes a vehicle for both thought, reflection and action in the areas of planning, urban design and sustainable development.

And upon agreement from all parties, the present document states the following

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BARCELONA

In the city of Barcelona, on 16 November 2012,

on one side, Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-Ngor, Chief Secretary for Administration of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China meets,

on the other side, Xavier Trias i Vidal de Llobatera, Mayor of Barcelona, assisted during the signing ceremony by Mr. Jordi Cases i Pallarès, Secretary General of the Municipal Corporation of Barcelona, in accordance with Article 92.3 of Law 7/85 of April 2, 1985, of the Local Government Act.

The current complexity of urban development processes is a major concern for the development of cities. Environmental quality, social cohesion, sustainable mobility or energy efficiency in a city are essential elements that guarantee the social and economic prosperity of the cities and, moreover, their competitiveness in a globalized world.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Government of the City of Barcelona (hereinafter referred to as the "Governments") recognise each other's level of expertise and longstanding experience in project management developed in the spheres of urban planning and urban design.

The Governments, after friendly consultation with each other, hereby decide the following:

FIRST

The Governments believe that this Memorandum of Understanding represents the beginning of a lasting and fruitful cooperation between both cities, and state that the goal of this collaboration is to exchange expertise and experiences in urban planning and urban design, waterfront development and urban regeneration, as a means to improve the quality of life and prosperity of its citizens.

SECOND

The Government of the City of Barcelona wishes to cooperate with the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and learn from its knowledge and experience in urban and environmental planning, as well as infrastructure development.

THIRD

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region wishes to cooperate with the Government of the City of Barcelona and learn from its knowledge and experience in waterfront design, for their application in projects defined by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

FOURTH

This Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for three years up to 15 November 2015. It will automatically be extended to an additional three years if neither of the Governments notifies the other in writing on or before 15 May 2015 of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding. Any modifications to this Memorandum of Understanding will be made in writing and subject to the consent of the two Governments.

In addition, if any of the following occurs, this Memorandum of Understanding will terminate: (a) mutual consent of the Governments or (b) the law of either of the Governments prevents or disallows the continuation of this Memorandum of Understanding or its implementation.

In the event of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Governments will take all necessary action as may be required to promptly and orderly terminate any joint activity carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in duplicate, in Catalan and English, both texts being equally valid, in the city of Barcelona on 16 November 2012.

For the Government of the City of
Barcelona:

Xavier Trias i Vidal de Llobatera
Mayor of Barcelona

For the Government of the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region:

Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet Ngor
Chief Secretary for Administration
The Government of the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region of the People's Republic
of China

Jordi Cases i Pallarès
Secretary General
Municipal Corporation of Barcelona

MoU signed between Barcelona Regional and HKIUD, HKIP and HKGBC



MoU signed between the two governments



Exchange between the two cities



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