



## HKIP Award Organising Committee Theme Visit to the Netherlands

The HKIP Award 2010 (the Award) will be launched in March this year. In addition to the regular categories, "Creative and Sustainable Community Planning and Development" will be this year's Special Theme.

To allow prospective participants and members to have a wider and more global exposure on this topic, the Organising Committee is currently planning a theme visit to the Netherlands, which is famous for the implementation of cultural creativity in community development and also being a pioneer in environmental sustainability design and technology.



The visit would primarily focus on (i) how cultural creativity can be applied to revitalize community development; and (ii) sustainability design and practice in community development and personal lifestyle, e.g. waste management; renewable energy, urban design for a better urban climate, low carbon living etc.



We are indeed very pleased that the Consulate General of the Netherlands has agreed to be our co-organiser for this activity. They have the experience of co-organising a similar tour for the HKI A Young Architects a few years ago.



While details of the programme and itinerary are being finalized at the moment, the Consulate General has proposed to help us arrange (i) Company Visits: Architectural firms/Institutes with special projects on this topic (e.g. Waterstudio NL which specializes in

architecture and city planning related to living, working and recreation on water; OVG, a developer in Rotterdam, who has developed the first 100% CO<sup>2</sup> neutral green office building in the Netherlands) ; and (ii) Site Visits : such as the Red Light Fashion District (a kind of open-air shop windows by transforming several former prostitutes' cubicles/rooms into exhibition spaces for talented clothes, shoes and streetwear designers) and the NDSM Wharf (an art and cultural community converted from a former shipyard for the established and less known individual artists and craft-people) etc.



Through these visits and direct dialogue with the relevant personnel, participants would be able to understand the implementation mechanism, how an integrated approach of cultural creativity can be applied to revitalize a community as well as the latest design and technology in environmental sustainability.

The trip would be about a week in length between 1 to 10 April 2010, making use of the



5 days' public holiday span. The exact dates would be announced as soon as the fine tuning of the itinerary is finalized. The estimated cost of the trip would be around \$13,000 on shared room basis (to be confirmed), excluding meals. We will notify members of the final confirmed details once available. Whilst priority will of course be given to HKIP members, we

may reserve some places for HKIA members, professionals with focus on community development and environmental scientists. We believe that experience sharing and knowledge transfer with participants from these related fields can encourage "cross-professional" interaction and synergy building.

Since the planned schedule covers the Easter holiday which requires advance booking of flights and hotel accommodation, please indicate your interest to join on or before 4 February 2010 (by e-mail to Monique at [hkiplann@netvigator.com](mailto:hkiplann@netvigator.com) or to Ms Y.Y. Pong at [pong.yy@gmail.com](mailto:pong.yy@gmail.com) ) . A deposit would be required once we have confirmed the group size, itinerary and cost of the tour.

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