New Excitement

Building a Pedestrian Friendly Campus

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On March 14, 2009, for the first time in almost three weeks of gloomy weather, the warm sunshine and gentle breeze finally visited us. On that day, the "CU Culture Trail/ A Pedestrian Friendly Campus" Tour Escorts introduced to some students, staff members and alumni the concept of "Pedestrian Friendly Campus" and presented them with the planning principles of the Campus Master Plan (CMP).

As a collaborative effort of the Steering Committee on Campus Master Planning and the Office of the Arts Administrator, the Guided Tour was designed to take University stakeholders to the sites for potential development, the cultural facilities and picturesque spots on campus. Led by the CMP consultant and student docents, the tour introduced CMP's objective – to create a pedestrian friendly and low carbon campus as well as highlighted the campus's places of value.

According to the CMP consultant, a senior architect of Aedas Ltd., Mr. Tony Yeung, a pedestrian friendly campus can be achieved through providing more vertical elevation points (e.g. similar to the design of the express lift in the Engineering Building) on campus. Currently, there are proposed vertical connections facilities between the Chung Chi College and the Central Campus, as well as some between the Shaw College and the United College. A low carbon campus can be created by encouraging walking and cycling. Cycling path between the train station and the proposed research facilities and hostels (Area 39) parallel to the Campus Circuit East is suggested. Additional vertical connection facilities will bring walking convenience and reduction of school bus usage by students. Less school bus running on campus will eventually reduce the vehicles' emission of carbon.

Apart from environmental issues, the places of value were introduced throughout the tour. Unavoidably, some buildings may give way to the new developments for academic and recreational facilities for the benefits of students. But that does not necessarily mean that conservation of many culturally significant places and monuments will be overlooked. According to the CMP consultant, the University has been placing a lot of efforts in striking a balance between development and conservation, and the CMP report to be released soon will give the University recommendation in this aspect.

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