

## Questions/Comments raised during Preliminary Master Plan Proposal Presentation

Date: September 24, 2007

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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### Campus Organisation

1. How do the University and the consultants ensure that the proposals can cater to the needs for the next 15 years, 20 or 30 years?
2. With 4 new colleges to be built and 50% increase in student population, has CUHK tried to apply for additional land? If there is additional land, CUHK would be better positioned to maintain its beautiful campus with natural scenery and might not need to put new buildings here and then that might not blend with existing buildings.
3. How do the pedestrian walkways work? Are they stairways or electronic escalators? Are they built in-between buildings, or would there be new buildings built to connect the pathways etc?
4. The University is planning to build 4 more new colleges. Your plan, however, is based on the existing number of colleges. When the 4 new colleges are built, what further effects do you expect there will be on the natural environment?
5. Would the University succeed in its application for area 39?
6. Would the insertion of new architecture in New Asia College and United College affect the integrity of the colleges (Dennis Lau's proposal)? They are areas that we would like to retain their current characters. Please elaborate.
7. Would the Jockey Club Postgraduate Hostel be demolished (P & T's proposal)? The University borrowed \$106 million to build it and we still have a mortgage to repay. I don't think it is feasible to demolish it and build a new building there.
8. I don't think a vehicle-free campus is feasible. For work, I have to travel between Chung Chi College and New Asia College every day. If I have to walk, it will take much longer time. Also, many staff members need to travel within the campus and outside the campus.
9. There are 3 areas in the proposal (Aedas' proposal). Which part of the University would provide the largest area of new space?
10. I see a lot of new buildings in the designs. How would the new buildings be designed? Would they blend with existing buildings? I have concerns because the latest buildings of the University have invited criticisms due to inconsistencies with the rest of the campus.

## Transportation

1. (Andrew Lee **建議書**) 假若將中文大學變成沒有交通工具的校園，我作為於校園居住的員工是否不能駕車到居住的員工宿舍？
2. How are the pedestrian walkways designed? Are they open-air or underground?
3. When we talk about a vehicle-free campus, do we cater for the physically handicapped?
4. I like your idea of putting different parts of the campus together. However, would the proposals solve the problem of large number of students needing transportation during the 15-minute periods between classes, e.g. at precisely 2.30pm when there is need for mass transit of people? Are escalators and pedestrian walkways adequate to solve the problem?
5. The problem we have now is that the number of escalators is not enough. Would you have better ways to solve the problem such as having lifts skipping certain floors?
6. I like the idea of escalators. However, what is the expected capacity of the escalators in terms of number of people they can cater to? Also, would the humid and hot weather in Hong Kong deter the University community from making full use of the pedestrian walkways?
7. Would the proposals meet staff members' needs to travel from one place to another in a short time? Would there be traffic jam along the pedestrian walkways?
8. Are the vertical links enabled by new buildings (Dennis Lau's proposal) efficient? Would they have adequate capacity?

## Greeneries/Heritages

1. What would happen to current vegetation?
2. Does your plan include green zones?
3. How do you define heritage buildings? Different groups have different emotional attachment.

## Consultation Process

1. 諮詢環節為何只以英文進行，而非以中文大學注重的中英雙語進行?大會提供的設計圖並非一般人所能理解，亦缺乏更有用易明的資訊。為何中大不能像港大一樣，於網上提供中英並用的資料、充足的短片與 powerpoint、校方制定 master plan 的標準等？
2. 大學現時用作諮詢的只為初步設計書，那麼我們憑什麼提供意見？大學何時才有進一步的定案？