

Ecosperity Young Leaders' Dialogue 2015

(18-19 September)

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The NUS School of Design and Environment (SDE) and the NUS Institute of Real Estate Studies (IRES) jointly collaborated in organizing the Young Leaders' Dialogue (YLD). The YLD is a track organised under the broad umbrella of Ecosperity 2015, a global forum on 'Urbanisation: Developing Cities for a Sustainable Future'. Ecosperity 2015 is organised by Temasek, who is also the sponsor of the YLD event.

The YLD event, held from 18-19 September 2015, is an annual forum that aims to connect leaders of tomorrow with industry experts to dissect, discuss, and discover sustainable urban planning strategies. This event saw an overwhelming participation of 140 students from over 15 countries.

Foreign participating universities included New York University, Tsinghua University, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Peking University, the University of Hong Kong, Keio University, Thammasat University, University Of Malaya and Yokohama City University,

amongst many others. Aside from NUS, the event also drew wide participation from other local universities such as the Singapore Management University, Nanyang Technological University and the Singapore University of Technology and Design.



Prof. Deng Yongheng, Director, NUS-Institute of Real Estate Studies, Head, Department of Real Estate, delivering an opening address to welcome all participants of YLD.

Topics of Discussion

Industry leaders were invited as panel speakers to share their thoughts and insights. A student moderator facilitated the discussion with the panelists, raising topics to engage opinions from both the panelists and participants. The industry speakers invited to the YLD as follows:

- Mr Khoo Teng Chye (Executive Director, Centre for Liveable Cities, Singapore)
- Mr Jordan Schwartz (Head of Global Infrastructure Facility, World Bank Group)
- Dr Chris Luebkehan (Global Director, Arup)



From left: Mr Khoo Teng Chye, Dr Chris Luebkehan, and Mr Jordan Schwartz

Discussions and presentations by students centred around the following topics:

- Are developing countries equally responsible for sustainable development as developed countries?
- Should sustainable urban planning prioritise society over the natural environment?
- Moving forward, what are some sustainable urban planning strategies and technologies that should be explored further?

Site Visits

Site visits were conducted on the second day of the YLD event. The delegates visited the URA Centre where the evolution of Singapore's landscape and the thought process behind the city's urban planning were elaborated on. The other site visited by the delegates was Gardens by the Bay.



YLD delegates visiting the URA Centre