

The ABC of Town Planning in Hong Kong

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- (A) Hong Kong Institute of Town Planners (HKIP) was found in 1979. The members include town planners, architects and civil engineers, etc.
- (B) Town Planners – what do they do? The following is the work of town planners:-
 - (i) Land use planners – residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, institutional or community, government use and heritage
 - (ii) Statutory and non-statutory plans
 - (iii) Setting standards and guidelines
 - (iv) Development proposals
 - (v) Enforcement of rules and regulations
 - (vi) Studies on development
 - (vii) Information and public engagement
- (C) Studies:-
 - (i) Planning studies like the Tung Chung New Town
 - (ii) Extension study involving the Planning Department and Civil Engineers
 - (iii) Kai Tak Development
- (D) Town Planners – Competencies
 - (i) Critical
 - (ii) Analytical
 - (iii) Collaboration
 - (iv) Communicative
 - (v) Problem solving
 - (vi) Knowledge across social, economic and cultural
 - (vii) Environmental fields
- (E) Town Planners Employers
 - (i) Government
 - (ii) Consultants
 - (iii) Property developers
 - (iv) Engineers/Architects
- (F) How to become a Town Planner
 - (i) Local – a 2-year course full time Master of Science (urban planning) degree by Hong Kong University and Department of Urban Planning
 - (ii) Recognized overseas degrees
 - (iii) Qualifying examinations before registration
- (G) Town Planning (Career Path/Salary)
 - (i) Civil servant in town planning department

(H) HKIP organizes:-

- (i) Annual events
- (ii) Seminars
- (iii) Overseas trips