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## WHY THE APNHR?

### FROM THE FOUNDER CHAIRPERSON

Within the Asia-Pacific region, variations in housing policies, housing conditions, the structure of housing systems, the relationships between housing and other socio-political and economic sectors are seemingly more varied than those in other regions of the world. There are perhaps also wider gaps in terms of housing conditions among the socio-economic groups within the same country. Also, while a few countries have reached a stable level of housing development and achieved favorable standards of livability, there are more countries and cities in the region struggling to solve the basic shortage and affordability problems. The diversity of the housing policy and practice in the Asia-Pacific countries and cities have, nonetheless, been inadequately investigated and analyzed as reflected in the meager extant literature. Theories and models to explain and compare the rich housing experience in the region are scanty.

It is not for academic interest alone that housing research in the region should escalate and excel. Like in other societies, housing in the Asia-Pacific countries is integral to the respective socio-political and economic policies and developments. The intricacies cannot be better illustrated by the chain effects of the recent Asian Financial Crisis on the housing sector. Because of the interconnectedness of housing with the other arenas of society and because of its primary importance to the physical quality of life, housing research helps improve the well being of the people. The promotion of housing research is therefore not only the concerns of the academics, but should also be those of the governments and other stakeholders.



*The Hong Kong Housing Research Network presenting the idea of APNHR to conference delegates in July 2000.*

It was with these ideas in mind that in July 2000 the Hong Kong Housing Research Network (HKHRN) held the first international housing conference to discuss the convergence and divergence among the housing policies and practices of the Asia-Pacific countries and cities. At the time, a majority of the Asian housing markets had been badly hit by the region-wide financial turmoil. The role of housing in the economy was being re-defined in the economic restructuring and recovery processes. The conference was considered opportune and the big turn-up by both the overseas and local housing academics and practitioners testified to the strong interest in 'knowing what the neighbors are doing'. The Hong Kong Housing Research Network thus went on to propose the formation of a regional housing research association to foster linkages and promote housing research.



*At a plenary session in the July conference.*

The proposal was well-received, and the Chairman of the European Network for Housing Research, Professor Bengt Turner, who was present in the conference, shared generously the experience of his Network. A Founding Committee, comprised of key housing academics in and on the region, was subsequently formed, and the Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management of The University of Hong Kong, which is also the home of the Hong Kong Housing Research Network, took up the lead to execute the idea. Eventually, the Asia-Pacific Network

for Housing Research (APNHR) was founded and its inauguration was held in April 2001 when another international housing conference was held by the City University of Hong Kong.

As the founder of the APNHR, I of course would wish that as many people as possible would share the vision and mission of the APNHR and that as many people as possible would participate in the Network activities so that its vision and mission can be realized. It is after all the search for a better world to live and the enrichment of human knowledge that underline the purposes of housing and social research. It is based on this common goal that I appeal to your support and participation in APNHR.

Rebecca L.H. Chiu

11 September 2001

## THE MISSION

Being the first of its kind in the region, the mission of APNHR is to:

- Promote and enhance housing research in the Asia-Pacific, particularly comparative studies and theory/model construction;
- Strengthen networking among housing researchers, policy makers and practitioners in the region;
- Enhance the exchange and dissemination of research findings and publications; and
- Facilitate housing education and training in the region.

## THE STRUCTURE

To help achieve the mission, a **Steering Committee** comprised of members from ten countries/cities is set up to decide on the policy, directions and major activities of the Network. Members in the Steering Committee are: Mohd Razali Agus (Malaysia), Terry Burke (Australia), Chang Chin-oh (Taiwan), Rebecca L.H. Chiu (Hong Kong), Ray Forrest (Bristol/Hong Kong), Yosuke Hirayama (Japan), Hua Chang-I (Taiwan), Kim Jeong-Ho (South Korea), James K.C. Lee (Hong Kong), Lu Wei (China), David Thorns (New Zealand), Nipan Vichiennoi (Thailand), Yu Shi Ming (Singapore).

The **Secretariat** is located in the Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management, The University of Hong Kong. The **Chairperson** of APNHR is **R.L.H. Chiu** and **T. Burke** is the **Vice-Chairperson**.

To assist the co-ordination of Network activities in the countries/cities and to facilitate participation, a **Country/City Sub-Committee**, which is made up of three to five members, is set up in each member country/city.

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Other Country/City sub-committees are being formed.

Six themes of common interest in the Asia-Pacific region are identified and accordingly *six workshop groups* are formed, each under the leadership of one or two co-ordinators. The workshops are instrumental to the work of APNHR and will enhance the exchange of ideas.

The *workshop groups* are:

- Social Housing Reform in Asia-Pacific (T. Burke and Wang Ya Ping);
- Sustainable Development and Housing (D. Thorns and R. Chiu);
- Housing Markets and Housing Finance (Chang Chin-oh and M. Ho);
- Comparative Housing Studies in Asia-Pacific (J. Lee and Yu Shi Ming);
- Housing Policy and Social Diversity (Y. Hirayama and N. Vichiennioui);
- Housing, City and Social Change (R. Forrest);

The workshop co-ordinators will organize academic activities to facilitate exchange of views and building of insights. The workshop groups may also initiate conferences/seminars or propose themes for Network conferences. There is no preset number of workshops and members are encouraged to propose new workshops.

## ACTIVITIES

The major activities organized by APNHR are workshop meetings and conferences. The secretariat also publishes newsletter periodically and provides housing information in the region via the Network's website.

### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

One Network conference will be organized every two years by one of the member countries/cities. The Network may also jointly organize or sponsor local and international housing conferences. *The first Network conference will take place in June/July 2003 in Kuala Lumpur.*

### WEBSITE

The Internet offers unprecedented convenience for researchers to tap into tremendous amount of data on the information highway. Not just for the purpose of making a trendy move, but to utilize the most efficient and effective way of communication, APNHR offers its members as well as interested individuals the access to the most up-to-date knowledge and news about housing research and related activities, and housing policy in the Asia-Pacific region through its website at <http://www.hku.hk/apnhr>.

Apart from providing general information about the Network, viewers can enter the page of a particular member country/city that they are interested in. The page of each local chapter provides *background information, useful sites for housing research in the member country/city, upcoming events, information of local APNHR members, their publications and etc.* The Network website is not only intended to provide more information and connections to facilitate housing research and policy making, it also helps the dissemination of research findings and publications in the region.

The master website and the Hong Kong Chapter are now in operation.



## THE INAUGURATION

On April 17, the *inauguration ceremony of APNHR* was held at The University of Hong Kong with Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Ian Davies, as the officiating guest. Leading figures in the local housing sector were also present at the ceremony, Professor Christine Whitehead represented the European Network for Housing Research and she delivered a very interesting and encouraging congratulatory remark at the ceremony.



*Rebecca Chiu introducing the mission and vision of APNHR.*



*Christine Whitehead delivering congratulatory remarks on behalf of ENHR.*

## WORKSHOP GROUPS

### SOCIAL HOUSING REFORM IN ASIA-PACIFIC

Co-ordinators:

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The last decade has seen remarkable reforms to the social housing sector in the region. Social housing, i.e. any form of housing provided by government, or the community, for not-for-profit purpose, has seen reforms of marketization such as privatization, contracting out and commercialization and new forms of management designed to achieve greater effectiveness and accountability of housing services. After more than a decade of reform, it is necessary to evaluate whether the promise of reform has been realized, what have been the successes and the failures, what have been the drivers of reform, and what is the institutional environment within countries of the region that have produced a different pace and direction of reform along with different outcomes.

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Co-ordinators:

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The workshop group will be built around the questions of sustainable housing and urban development. This would include theoretical discussion as to what constitutes “sustainable housing and urban development” - including the need to think through how social-economic and environmental aspects can be integrated into theory, models and policy development. It will also engage with the debates about neighbourhood and urban design - such as “new urbanism and smart growth”, and assess their applicability to the Asia-Pacific region. It is expected that the research agenda will be developed as a co-operative task with workshop members.



## **HOUSING MARKETS AND HOUSING FINANCE**

Co-ordinators:

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The workshop will focus on the demand as well as the supply side of the housing market from both the micro and macroeconomic perspectives, and theories and empirical studies on market equilibrium analysis. Investigation on boom-bust cycles in the housing market and the volatility of different market segments with emphases on implications of these phenomena to market participants and the aggregate economy. Another theme of the workshop is to examine how globalization and innovations in financial markets affect the housing market with respect to returns on housing investment and development of new mortgage instruments.

## **COMPARATIVE HOUSING STUDIES IN ASIA-PACIFIC**

Co-ordinators:

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Housing policy development in the Asia-Pacific region has been characterized by two significant developments. First, there is an increasing trend towards more home ownership in the past two decades. Second, many Asian-Pacific governments are seen as placing great importance on the promotion of home ownership as a crucial part of the overall economic policy. These have all changed tremendously since 1997, particularly for East Asian countries, where home ownership is now seen as a more risky tenure. Housing policies are being questioned and scrutinized more rigorously. It is time to exchange and collate more information on housing policy development, and to identify similarities and differences in policy practices. Studies of a comparative nature will be very valuable to policy formulation and evaluation.

## **HOUSING POLICY AND SOCIAL DIVERSITY**

Co-ordinators:

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Social structure of each country in Asia-Pacific area is on the way to a drastic turnabout by demographic changes (especially the aging problem), restructuring of the labor market, increase in immigrant population and changes in women's roles. How does housing policy respond to social diversification? How does housing integrate with the policy for the elderly? Who will be placed in advantageous/disadvantageous positions in relation to housing? How can the state maintain social cohesion through housing policy measures? What is the effect of the modern housing system on traditional society? The workshop is to examine these contemporary issues through exchange of experience from different countries in Asia-Pacific.

## **HOUSING, CITY AND SOCIAL CHANGE**

Co-ordinator:

Ray Forrest <R.Forrest@bristol.ac.uk>

This workshop's main concern is to set housing issues and debates in the broader context of contemporary urban change. This includes reference to migration, multiculturalism and demographic change; power, conflict and residential space; housing and citizenship; new forms of urban living; housing and urban inequalities; housing and urban governance; housing and neighbourhood regeneration. The workshop is particularly concerned to link housing discussions in the Asia-Pacific region with broader debates on social, economic and cultural change in the mainstream social science disciplines.

## MEMBERSHIP

Currently there are *two membership categories*: full members and student members. We intend to introduce a third type of membership, institutional membership, in about one year's time. Housing researchers in the academia, the government and private sector, and housing policy makers, who either work or have an interest in Asia-Pacific, are welcome to join the Network as full members. Research students in the housing or related field are also welcome to join the Network as student members.

The Network will endeavor to provide the following services to members:

- Receive newsletters that contain the latest housing news in the region;
- Enjoy the opportunity of putting information in the newsletter about their research, publications and academic activities of their institutions;
- Enjoy special registration rates for conferences organized by the Network;
- Enjoy referral services for housing contacts in the member countries/cities;
- Be invited to join collaborative research projects when the opportunity arises;
- May enjoy discounted subscription rates on some housing journals. (To be confirmed)

Moderate *membership fees* are charged:

Full members: HK\$300 (or US\$40) for two years.

Student members: HK\$80 (or US\$10) for two years.

## UPCOMING HOUSING EVENTS IN ASIA-PACIFIC

The following are what we can gather so far through our contacts. We welcome contributions to this column from readers in future newsletters.

### HONG KONG

***Conference on Housing for the Elderly in the 21st Century: New Horizons*** - it is organized by the Hong Kong Housing Society and Hong Kong Housing Research Network on elderly, and will take place on 12-13 October with focus on: (i) housing needs of and housing services for the elderly; (ii) housing-related services for the elderly; and (iii) financial innovations for elderly housing.

***Conference on Professional Housing Management in the Asian Pacific Region*** - it is organized by the Chartered Institute of Housing (Hong Kong Branch), and will take place on 9 November 2001. Registration fee is HK\$200 including lunch. Interested parties may contact Ms Queenie Ho of the Branch Office on Tel No. (852) 2356 8680 or Fax No. (852) 2356 7332 for details.

### AUSTRALIA

The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) and the Queensland Department of Housing are jointly hosting a national housing conference on 24-26 October 2001. The title of the conference is ***Our Homes, Our communities, and Our Future*** and reflects the importance of housing for individuals and the community. The conference will show case the research of AHURI as well as provide an outlet for papers from international and Australian speakers. There will be numerous workshops giving opportunities for government, community, and industry interaction. The conference has seven themes:

- Impact of Housing on People lives;
- Our Housing Futures;
- Innovation and Integration in Housing Provision;
- Achieving Sustainable Communities;

- Managing our Cities and Regions;
- Indigenous Housing;
- Homelessness and Marginal housing;

The conference is held in Brisbane. More information can be found at <<http://www.housing.qld.gov.au/nhc2001/about.htm>>.

## **APNHR WORKSHOPS IN THE CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR HOUSING RESEARCH, 2002**

### **Vienna Conference**

The Network will form workshop sessions for the *International Conference “Housing Cultures - Convergence and Diversity”*, which is the biannual conference of the European Network for Housing Research, to be held in Vienna on 1 July - 5 July, 2002.

The conference will explore the newly evolved housing cultures along the following subjects:

- *Housing from a historic and cultural perspective;*
- *Housing, economics and finance;*
- *Housing cultures and societal developments;*
- *Housing cultures as a matter of urban planning; and*
- *Policy implications of housing cultures.*

*APNHR members or intending members*, who are interested to present papers at the conference under the APNHR sessions or to organize a panel for APNHR, please indicate your interest by e-mail to the pertinent workshop co-ordinators (as mentioned in the WORKSHOP GROUPS section of this newsletter) or *Rebecca Chiu* <rlhchiu@hkucc.hku.hk> or *Michael Ho* <drhcho@hkucc.hku.hk>.

*This is the first APNHR activities in international events. We hope that there will be more than sufficient participation to make the presence of APNHR felt.*

## **HOUSING NEWS FROM THE REGION**

### **JAPAN**

The new administration led by the new prime minister, Junichiro Koizumi has launched a series of new policies. Since the ‘bubble economy’ collapsed in the early 1990s, a serious recession has been continuing for a long time. The unemployment rate has risen to a historical record level, a chain reaction of the collapse of major corporations has been occurring, and a huge amount of bad debts is still growing. What the new government is undertaking are the deregulation of the economy and the downsizing of the government sector.

Regarding housing policy, the government has just announced a radical direction. Japanese housing policy has consisted of the so called ‘three pillars’: home ownership promotion through low-interest loans provided by the HLC (Housing Loan Corporation), public rental housing for low income people which is constructed by local governments receiving heavy subsidy from the central government, and housing by the HC (Housing Corporation) for middle-income workers. The new administration, however, is to withdraw from the traditional housing measures. It has just been decided that the HC will construct almost no new units, that the new construction of public housing will soon stop almost completely, and that the HLC will stop providing new loans in the very near future. The privatizing or abolishment of the state agencies (the HLC and the HC) is now under examination. The new direction of housing policy is oriented toward the liberalization of the housing market and the history of the state housing is to come to an end. (*Yosuke Hirayama*)

## HONG KONG

The continued supply of subsidised housing for purchase by the lower-income families is considered by the government as a cause of the further drops in housing prices in the market. The Chief Secretary of the government, bypassing the Hong Kong Housing Authority which has been making and implementing public housing policies, announced on 4 September 2001 the moratorium of the sale of subsidized housing for ten months from September 2001. After the sanction period, the supply of subsidised housing for sale purposes will be halved but there will be a corresponding increase in the supply of interest-free home purchase loans to help eligible households to buy flats from the market. In the coming ten months, the housing authorities will review the relative use of the cash and the brick-and-mortar approaches in helping the lower-income families to acquire their own homes.

The announcement is considered to have at least two implications: the downplay of the role of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in housing matters, and the signalling of a heavier shift to the cash subsidy approach in the future. The Housing Authority is a statutory body tasked to take charge of public housing policies and their implementations, providing housing to half of the population in the city. The board of the Authority is comprised of members from different sectors of the community, and therefore allows a certain degree of community participation in public housing affairs. The way that the newly appointed Chief Secretary, who is heading a review on the subsidized housing providers, handled the moratorium on the sale may signify his intention to revert the decision-making power to the government. The shift to the cash subsidy method is regarded by many as the government giving in to the pressure from the developers. The lower-income families criticized that the affordability issues involved in the shift have not been adequately addressed by the government. (Rebecca Chiu)

## EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR HOUSING RESEARCH (ENHR)

ENHR is our sister organization - a big sister indeed. We are grateful for the generous support that ENHR has rendered to us. A reciprocal working relationship has been established between APNHR and ENHR. The co-operation of the two Networks certainly helps to widen the international horizon of housing research. We are glad to provide an 'autobiography' of ENHR below to the readers of APNHR.

Since its inauguration 13 years ago, the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) has become a particularly successful *meeting place for scholars and practitioners representing a wider number of social science disciplines and fields of interest*. This has been accomplished through a wider number of working groups, large international conferences, and a comprehensive Newsletter, published quarterly.

The focus of ENHR has shifted over time, from pure housing topics such as housing policy or housing finance, to wider issues related to infrastructure, sustainability, and other urban topics. The participation from a variety of academic disciplines, however, remains the same. As far as the formal aims are concerned, ENHR seeks to *enhance the quality and relevance of European housing research* by:

- stimulating the extension and evaluation of methods for describing and analysing the housing situation and for measuring housing problems;
- promoting the assessment and development of theories concerning the linkages between institutional patterns, individual and collective actions, and housing developments; and
- directing more research attention to the complex interplay between market development and state intervention, both across time and among nations.

The *Working Groups* have been the center of ENHR since its start; nearly 35 have been active in one form or another. Include among the 16 currently active groups are "Housing Finance", "Migration, Residential Mobility, and Housing Policy", "Housing and Health", "Urban Renewal and Rehabilitation of Dwellings in the Older

Housing Stock”, and “Housing for Minority Ethnic Groups”. Researchers interested in these or other topics are encouraged to contact the specific coordinators, listed in the Newsletter.

An ENHR sponsored conference is held nearly every year, somewhere in Europe. The major ENHR conferences, which attract substantial international participation, however, are held every two years. Major cities such as Amsterdam, Paris, Budapest, Glasgow, Copenhagen, and Cardiff have been hosts as well as a number of smaller cities. One of the largest conferences (nearly 400 participants) was recently held in Gävle, Sweden. The latest conference (June 2001) was held in Pultusk, just outside of Warsaw, Poland. ***The next major ENHR conference will take place in Vienna, Austria during the first week of July 2002.*** Generally, these conferences include a number of plenary speakers and a large number of workshops where scientific papers are presented and critically discussed.

The ***ENHR Newsletter*** is published four times a year and includes a wide variety of notices and announcements, concerning events occurring within ENHR as well as happenings within the wider field of housing research. A ***calendarium*** of forth-coming international conferences is printed in every issue as well as a comprehensive list of current publications in the research field. Members of ENHR are encouraged to submit news items for publication in the Newsletter.

A thirteen-member Coordination Committee, democratically elected by the members directs the activities of ENHR. The members of the Committee come from many different countries in Europe and reflect the many disciplines, which are present in the wider membership. The present ***Chairman*** of ENHR is ***Bengt Turner*** (Uppsala) while the ***two Vice-Chairmen***, ***Liliana Padovani*** and ***Ronald van Kempen***, are from Venice and Utrecht respectively.

Although most of the members of the ENHR come from Europe, ENHR does have a number of international members who generally have a special interest in housing issues on this continent. In addition to individual members who are social science researchers most often employed at some university or research centre, ENHR obtains members through the more than 100 institutions who apply for membership as an organization. This includes Full Institutional members (research centres, university departments, etc.) who are directly involved in the conduct of research as well as Associate Institutional Members (governmental organs, banks, etc) who support research in other ways. The membership fee for an individual researcher is 400 SEK a year (currently about 40 US dollars). PhD students receive discounts and lower rates are available for individuals and institutes from some countries in Eastern Europe.

Applications for membership are available at the ENHR webpage <<http://www.enhr.ibf.uu.se>> which includes a more thorough presentation about ENHR. Information is also available from the ***ENHR Secretariat***, Institute for Housing and Urban Research, Uppsala University, P.O. Box 785, SE-801 29 Gävle, Sweden. Phone + 46 26 420 65 24. Fax +46 26 420 65 01. E-mail: <[enhr@ibf.uu.se](mailto:enhr@ibf.uu.se)>.

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