RECONCILING HERITAGE, PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract

The architecture as condition of MEN on EARTH, promoting the HUMAN ADVENTURE.

The creation of men through generations.

The protection of world heritage as men’s creation – its management in a dynamic society.

Homogeneity and diversity: cultural pluralism, spontaneity, and chaos.

Exchanges, liaisons, influences.

The everyday life / people’s needs / economic values / new technologies / ecological values.

Conservation and renewal

Old and new – tradition and innovation – integration

Place and memory – transition in urban identity – the future of the past – the past of present – the present for the future

Conservation of resources – recycling – reuse

Regeneration – urban governance – quality of life

Planning against risks – mitigation of disaster damages

The tragic incapacity for regulating the “ voracity “ of real-estate development - rural areas turning into urban ones, the wild destruction of heritage, and what can we do to avoid it.

I will focus my paper; on everyday problems and how to deal with them.

I know the reality of far eastern Asian development in a dynamic and rapid grow society, as I have worked in Macao for six years in the Urban Planning Department of Public Works of Macao Govern, and will present some examples of what was decided in terms of preserving heritage / integration in new urban development / liveability and quality / old and new living in perfect harmony.