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Local Stakeholders Contributed to the New Go Vap Cultural Park Concept



EVENT DETAILS

Thursday - Friday, 20 - 21 February
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Speakers:

- **Satoshi Ishii**, Principal Urban Development Specialist, ADB
- **Leonard Ng Keok Po**, Partner and Singapore Country Director, Ramboll Studio Dreiseitl
- **Phi Bang Do**, Urban Hydrology and Climate Adaptation Sr Associate, Ramboll Studio Dreiseitl

WATER-SENSITIVE URBAN DESIGN FOR RESILIENT AND LIVABLE CITIES

ADB, with TA financing from the Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund (UCCRTF), is supporting Ho Chi Minh City to improve wastewater and drainage collection and treatment capacity in key catchments.

This support which will feed into the Climate Resilient Urban Services 1 and 2 Projects that are under preparation have a unique component on water-sensitive urban design (WSUD), particularly for Go Vap Cultural Park, a 37ha government property.

Consultation meetings with various city departments and the district government, and the Stakeholders Workshop with wider audience including researchers and academia, enabled the ADB team to discover the Park's technical, social and cultural values.

ADB with TA Consultants from Ramboll Studio Dreiseitl shared WSUD approaches and case studies, and opened the dialogues on the Park's history, cultural values, potential for environmental conservation, and the communities' needs such as recreation.

Discussion on technical opportunities and challenges of applying WSUD unlocked Park's potential as retention basin for flood risk reduction. WSUD promotes the integration of water cycle management with the built environment through urban planning and design.

ADB tries to mainstream participatory development approaches in Viet Nam, and this first activity with local stakeholders for the Go Vap Cultural Park Concept will be followed by continued stakeholder engagement.

URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE LESSONS

Engaging stakeholders in concept design for green spaces creates the enabling environment to share ideas, experiences and recommendations that help shape a project. A unique park that integrates cultural values, environmental protection, and water sensitive urban design (WSUD) could also be a tool

for placemaking, and could serve as inspiration for replication.

WSUD could enhance livability values for city dwellers and improve urban biodiversity. Additionally, urban parks have the potential to function as retention ponds acting as flood risk reduction feature

while at the same time enhancing people's interaction with the ecosystem.

Showcasing innovation and ensuring long-term sustainability of green spaces would require strong partnerships with government, communities, researchers, academe and the private sector.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Satoshi Ishii, SEUW. Email: sishii@adb.org
- Viet Nam: Ho Chi Minh City Wastewater and Drainage System Improvement Project: <https://www.adb.org/projects/50107-001/main>

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