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World Town Planning Day 2013

World Town Planning Day was started more than 40 years ago by Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera at the University of Buenos Aires, to advance public and professional interest in planning. Now celebrated in more than 30 countries around the world, the day is geared toward a gathering to share lessons, experiences and opportunities for innovations in engaging people and their communities in making cities resilient and livable in a global age. A different topic is chosen each year with the concept being to promote dialogue on an issue

In recognition of World Town Planning Day 2013, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii at Manoa adopted a local planning issue to be the topic of discussion. The event was co-hosted with the APA Hawaii Chapter and was titled 'Whither Kaka`ako?' to discuss the May 2013 draft of the Kaka`ako Community Development District TOD Overlay Plan. The discussion included a panel with Anthony Ching, Executive Director of HCDA, Tom Fee, AICP, of Helber Hastert and Fee, and John Whalen, FAICP of PlanPacific discussing the plan and Dr. Dan Boylan moderating.

The development of the Kaka`ako District is a critical planning issue for Honolulu County. The Kaka`ako District occupies just over 600 acres between downtown Honolulu and the Ala Moana Center near Waikiki, and many consider it to be substantially underdeveloped and underutilized relative to its central location in urban Honolulu. The Kaka`ako Community Development District TOD Overlay Plan was prepared by several planners and architects who served as consultants to the Hawai`i Community Development Authority (HCDA). Anthony Ching said that the position that the TOD Overlay Plan will create a vibrant urban neighborhood for Honolulu using smart growth principles and that smart development in Kaka`ako and could substantially reduce per capita demands on fossil fuel energy, land, and other

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valuable resources and thereby reduce the overall cost and impact of living in the heart of urban Honolulu. He said that smart development also has the potential to create affordable housing opportunities in the urban core, while simultaneously building a culturally rich and vital urban neighborhood. Opponents believe that that the plan will not result in the goal of affordable housing. There was a lively discussion from the panelists and the audience. The program included an awards ceremony, to recognize current student achievement, alumni contributions and scholarship awards.

Each year APAHI awards graduate students for their academic achievement and service to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

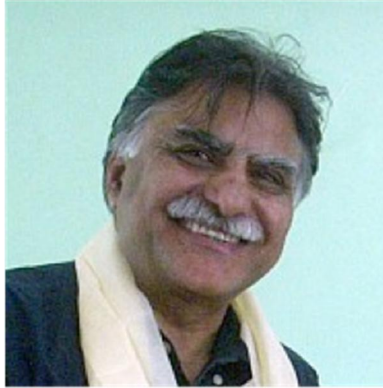
APA Student Scholarship awards

- Ayane Ishigaki
- Sayaka Sakuma
- Poya Hairichi



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Dinell Outstanding Alumni Award: Dr. Jagadish C. Pokharel



Dr. Pokharel has been a member as well as Vice-Chair of the National Planning Commission of Nepal. He led the design of the national plan for post conflict reconstruction and development. As a Commission member he was instrumental in developing and implementing devolution and decentralization policies. He has always been concerned with serving people in remote areas, disadvantaged groups, and indigenous populations.

Planner Who Made A Difference Award: Anthony Ching



Anthony Ching was our 2013 Planner Who Made a Difference. Anthony received his Masters in Urban and Regional Planning in 1985. He has extensive public service experience in Hawai`i over a 20-year period. At the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) he served as: Deputy Director of Health, environmental ombudsman and small

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business advocate, Felix Decree Intra-Departmental Coordinator, Health Care Reform Project Manager, legislative coordinator, and health planner. In the course of his public service, Mr. Ching has also held other positions at the State level. These include the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning and Business and Economic Development and Tourism and the Land Use Commission where he was Executive Director for six and half years. He has served as the Director of HCDA since 2008.

- Michael Matsumoto, President/CEO at SSFM International, Inc. announced a new scholarship for graduate students in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. This full scholarship for the Spring Semester was awarded to Marisa Valenciano.

If you are interested in being on a committee to work on the program for World Town Planning Day 2014 please contact Dolores Foley at Dolores@hawaii.edu.

PS - thank you from DURP to APA members that assisted in the recent review by Planning Accreditation Board which has resulted in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning being accredited by the national organization for a four year period from January 2014 to December 2017

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