Mission and Objectives

The Institute of Transport Studies is a university centre at the University of Hong Kong. It seeks to identify research programmes as mission-oriented activities as opposed to traditional academic disciplines alone. In doing so, it aims to:

1) Establish a database of all academic staff and research students in the University engaged in transport related research, their areas of special expertise, and the titles of projects in which they are engaged.

2) Promote via its collaborative activities within the University on multi- and inter-disciplinary transport research and the application of research grants.

3) Promote inter-institutional, regional, and international cooperation in transport studies.

4) Publicize locally and internationally the image of the University as an institution committed to transport studies in Hong Kong, the region, and worldwide.

5) Organize seminars, conferences, and workshops on transport studies.

Organization Structure

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Institute Fellows

Our Fellows come from 11 Departments and seven Faculties, including the following:

Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Engineering
Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of History, Faculty of Arts
Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine
Department of Professional Legal Education, Faculty of Law
Department of Urban Planning and Design, Faculty of Architecture
School of Economics and Finance, Faculty of Business and Economics

We have more than 40 Fellows across four fellowship categories of Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Student Fellows, and Affiliate Fellows. For full details, please visit https://www.institute-of-transport-studies.hku.hk/fellow.
Publications and Major Research Grants

Publications by our Fellows are frequently published in top-tier journals in transportation, transportation science, and other related categories. Our Fellows have also obtained major transport-related research grants from various prestigious funding agencies. For the lists of selected publications and major research grants, please visit https://www.institute-of-transport-studies.hku.hk/publications and https://www.institute-of-transport-studies.hku.hk/research-grants.

Global Research Network and Strategic Academic-Industry-Government Partnerships

The Institute of Transport Studies has greatly expanded its networks over the years by forming strategic partnerships with other institutions and organizations. In October 2018, the Institute organized a three-day international conference on Smart Mobility and Logistics in Future Cities with the Transport Department and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong. The Conference was an informative event, and succeeded in sensitizing issues related to smart mobility and logistics. Additionally, as one of the top global research hubs, the Institute has collaborated on multiple projects with world-class universities such as the University of California, Davis and University College London. Some prime examples include the “UC-Davis – HKU Collaborations in Research Scheme”, and the “HKU-UCL Strategic Partnership Fund”.

Distinguished Transport Lecture Series

The Distinguished Transport Lecture Series (DTLS) was launched in 2009. Each year, we invite internationally renowned and distinguished scholars to visit Hong Kong to deliver public lectures in the transport field, with the aim of promoting excellence in transport research and development in Hong Kong, as well as providing a platform for discussions and the exchange of views between international experts, scholars, local researchers, and professionals. Photos of some DTLS speakers are shown below. For our upcoming events, please visit https://www.institute-of-transport-studies.hku.hk/other-activities.

Our Distinguished Transport Lecture Speakers since 2009*

*The speakers shown in the map are sorted in surname alphabetical order. Their affiliations refer to the time the Institute invited them as speakers.

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