The CIB Programme Committee has appointed Dr. Tatsuo Akashi as the new Coordinator of CIB W101 on Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Development.

**Dr. Tatsuo Akashi**

Tatsuo is Director of the City Planning Research Division of the National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management (NILIM), Japan - Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Ibaraki-ken, Japan.

His previous educational accomplishments include:
- Doctor of Engineering, of the University of Tokyo
- Graduate of the Faculty of Urban Engineering, the University of Tokyo

His academic experience includes: Professor of Urban Planning, the University of Tokyo.

His professional experiences include:
- Senior Officer on Land Use Planning, MLIT
- Deputy Director on Building Disaster Prevention, MOC
- Deputy Director on Community Development Projects, MOC
- Director on District Planning, Yokohama City Gov

**Personal Statement**

Urban space and land use are built and formed by activities of many various players such as land owners and private developers who have their own intentions. Therefore, smart and skilful administrative framework is required as rule of the game, which motivates players to make their decision toward making or preserving good external environment. This is the essential role of planning system, I suppose.

W101 is the working commission on spatial planning and infrastructure development mainly for urban designers and planning experts as well as legal, administrative or civil engineering experts. The issues that we discuss can be described as drawing scale from $1,500 to $150,000, or more, which might be rare among CIB commissions and task groups. This is one of unique characteristics of W101.

New focus issues for W101 for the next three years were adopted in the latest annual meeting on May 2010. They include but are not limited to:
- Cities and Built Environment for Social Inclusion
- Informal Cities
- Theoretical Approach for Planning and Development
- Spatial Survey and Assessment for Sustainable Development

W101 welcomes participation of CIB members who have interest in spatial planning and/or infrastructure development, at any time.
Additional Information

Recent activities of W101 have been focused on member's personal presentation and discussion through annual sessions, because the situations and circumstances around planning issues are much diverse from country to country, but understanding such differences are much important and fruitful with each other. Those papers are available on the W101 website here.

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You can find more information on the activities of CIB W101 in the CIB online Database "Commissions": see here. In the shown search engine type "W101" in the field "Commission number" and press "Find".