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## CPD Talk

### **Environmental Impact Assessment - Towards a New Era through Continuous Public Involvement**

By

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Date : Thursday 9 Feb 2006  
Time : 5:30-7:00p.m.  
Venue : Room CF305,  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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## Brief of the Speaker and the Talk

Mr. Terence Tsang, Senior Environmental Protection Officer in the Environmental Assessment Division of the Environmental Protection Department, is responsible for the environmental planning and assessment of the North Lantau, and Information Technology developments.

Experience in operating the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) system has demonstrated that once the public understand more about the likely impacts of a development, they are better able to give more constructive views. Engaging the public as partners throughout the EIA process is therefore EPD's next direction in enhancing the Hong Kong EIA system. A "Continuous Public Involvement (CPI)" concept is therefore to be introduced into the EIA system. This concept represents "a continuous, dynamic, interactive, multi-stakeholder and inclusive process in which the public is truly informed and involved at all stages of development planning and implementation, with a view to facilitating informed decision making, enhancing public understanding and consensus, and deriving better solutions to problems."

To implement this CPI policy, it is essential to release the EIA project data broadly, precisely and continuously in a user-friendly ICT mode to the public. In the upcoming presentation, the benefits from CPI implementation and new ICT application will be discussed in detail.