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Hong Kong's Changing Urban Landscape as a Catalyst against Official Decision-making

Through a slide presentation and commentary, Hong Kong's older urban areas and its unique visual streetscape of architectural detail, handmade signage, neon signs, advertising, and older buildings will be explored in relationship to Hong Kong people's growing awareness, disenchantment of and mounting social and political action against a changing urban landscape, high air pollution levels, and the continued construction of fortress-like high-rise buildings by a government that is advocating and forcing through these changes with little public discussion. This disenchantment with Hong Kong's changing urban landscape is an extension of deeper levels of public dissatisfaction with a lack of universal suffrage and disingenuous official decision-making processes allied with a growing appreciation of Hong Kong's ambience, way of life, built and intangible heritage and its particular colonial and historical background.