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BCA’s International Panel of Experts (IPE) is here for the second time from 26 to 27 October 2009 to review Singapore’s report card on sustainable built environment.

2. This year’s IPE, is themed “Greening the Existing Building Stock and Beyond 2nd Green Building Masterplan”, and discussions will centre on Singapore’s proposed approach to achieving the 2030 vision of greening 80% of Singapore’s built environment. Panel experts will be sharing their knowledge on greening new and existing building stock, as well as the energy policies in the UK, US, Germany, Japan and Australia, applicable to Singapore’s landscape.

3. Part of the discussions will also focus on the progress of at least half of the recommendations that had been implemented from the first IPE meeting, in September 2008. These recommendations are closely linked to BCA’s Second Green Building Masterplan, such as striving for higher Green Mark ratings for public buildings, providing green gross floor area (GFA) bonus and developing a programme to improve the performance of existing buildings, especially on energy efficiency.

4. Since its formation last year, the five-member IPE, together with two local experts from BCA’s Green Mark Advisory Committee, have been lending their wealth of knowledge and experience to enhance Singapore’s green building movement. The IPE members include:
- Maria Atkinson, co-founder of the Green Building Council of Australia and Global Head of Sustainability, Lend Lease, Australia
- Mr Peter Head, Director, Arup, UK
- Kevin Hydes, Immediate Past Chair of World Green Building Council and President and CEO, Integral Group, USA
- Professor Kazuo, Iwamura Ateliers Co Ltd, Japan
- Professor Joachim Luther, CEO, Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore
- Dr Nirmal Krishnani, NUS
- Assistant Professor Raymond Wong, NTU

The foreign green building experts will also be speaking at BCA’s inaugural International Green Building Conference which starts tomorrow.

5. Dr John Keung, Chief Executive Officer of BCA said, “BCA mooted the formation of the IPE so that we could look at the next phase of development for our built environment and accelerate the adoption of green buildings in Singapore. The experts’ commitment and passion to see Singapore take on the challenge of greening our built environment has been inspiring, and is a symbiotic relationship that will position us favourably on the green map. Since the first IPE, much progress has been through the Second Green Building Masterplan. Today, Singapore boasts 319 green building projects, with another 125 awaiting assessment. This represents a total of 12.5 million square metres of floor space certified under the Green Mark scheme. The masterplan will propel us as one of the cities with the highest concentration of green buildings in the world and the progressive approach will see Singapore through its journey towards a first class sustainable built environment”.

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BCA’s mission is to shape a safe, high quality, sustainable and friendly built environment, as these are four key elements where BCA has a significant influence. In doing so, it aims to differentiate Singapore’s built environment from those of other cities and contribute to a better quality of life for everyone in Singapore. Hence, its vision is to have "the best built environment for Singapore, our distinctive global city".

Together with its education and research arm, the BCA Academy of the Built Environment, BCA works closely with its industry partners to develop skills and expertise that help shape the best built environment for Singapore.

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