




## *Towards a New Horizon of Sustainable Urban Renewal*

The mechanism and solutions we rely on to tackle Hong Kong's pressing urban decay problems were mainly built at a time when the world was different.

They have done their best in the face of daunting challenges. But the fit between the existing mechanism and emergent new problems is increasingly strained, even as part of the old problems continues.

In order to ensure the sustainability of urban renewal, we have to find ways to transform the mechanisms to deal with today's realities.

The success of this process will depend on how we can combine the collective capacities and innovations of our stakeholders in joint problem-solving initiatives.



The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) was established under the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance (URAO) in May 2001 to replace the Land Development Corporation as the statutory body to undertake, encourage, promote and facilitate the regeneration of the older urban areas of Hong Kong.

**The URA is committed to:**

- Addressing Hong Kong's acute **urban decay** problem and improving the living conditions of residents in dilapidated urban areas
- Adopting a **“people first, district-based, public participatory”** approach in its work
- Adopting **‘Redevelopment and Rehabilitation’ as its core activities**, preserving buildings with heritage value, and revitalising areas which are within URA's project sites
- Implementing best-practices with regard to **sustainable development; and building a quality city** through appropriate development density, land use planning, urban design, greening, heritage preservation and revitalisation