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## German and PolyU Scholars Join Force in Pearl River Delta Research

Prof. Bo-sin Tang of the Department of Building and Real Estate, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, is participating in a German-funded research project entitled 'Governance over Time: Spatial Differentiation & Temporal Change of Urban Development and Redevelopment Strategies in the Pearl River Delta'. The project is led by Dr. Michael Waibel of the University of Hamburg, Germany and is part of a major research programme funded by the German Research Foundation on 'Megacities - Megachallenge: Informal Dynamics of Global Change' involving researchers from Germany, Bangladesh and mainland China. The whole programme is designed to last for six years, with three phases each running for two years. In the first phase, nine inter-disciplinary projects will be carried out conducting research on the Pearl River Delta (China) and Dhaka (Bangladesh). The key research areas are the process dynamics of global change, mega-urbanisation, informal phenomena and their relationships and interactions.

The "Governance over Time" project is in its second phase of the programme. The main objective is to explore the relationship between multiple transitions,

governance of urban development, redevelopment and informality in the mega-urban region of the Pearl River Delta. This project covers a study period from April 2009 to March 2011 and has received funding support of over 125,000 Euros from the German Research Foundation.

### 理大學者與德國專家攜手研究珠三角都市發展

建築及房地產學系鄧寶善教授正參與一項由德國資助、名為「基於時序的管治：珠江三角洲城市發展及重建策略的時間變異及空間區別」的大型研究計劃。這個計劃由德國研究基金會資助，是該會「大城市 – 大挑戰：全球變化中的非正式動態」大型研究計劃的一部分。項目由漢堡大學Dr. Michael Waibel主理，動員德國、孟加拉和中國內地學者參與。整項研究計劃預計為期六年，分三期進行，每期歷時兩年。在首階段，工作人員會在珠江三角洲和孟加拉首都達卡市展開九項跨領域研究，重點探討促成全球化和特大都市化的動態過程中出現的非正規現象，以及它們之間的關係與互動情況。

鄧教授參與的「時序管治」研究屬於上述大型計劃的第二期項目，目標是探討在珠江三角洲特大城市區域內的地區轉型、城市發展、重建策略，以及非正規現象之間的關係，研究期為2009年四月至2011年三月。這項目現時已獲德國研究基金會發放逾十二萬五千歐羅的經費。

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