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# CIC – Zero Carbon Building Microclimate – Building Design Considerations and Future Development

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# CIC – Zero Carbon Building



PLATINUM  
NB 新建築獎  
鉑金級 V1.1 2014

HKGC  
BEAM Plus  
綠建環評

**Location: Kowloon Bay**  
**Completion: 2012**  
**Site area: 14,800m<sup>2</sup>**  
**Gross Floor Area: 3305m<sup>2</sup>**  
**Building Type: Institutional**  
**BEAM Plus NB v1.1 Platinum**

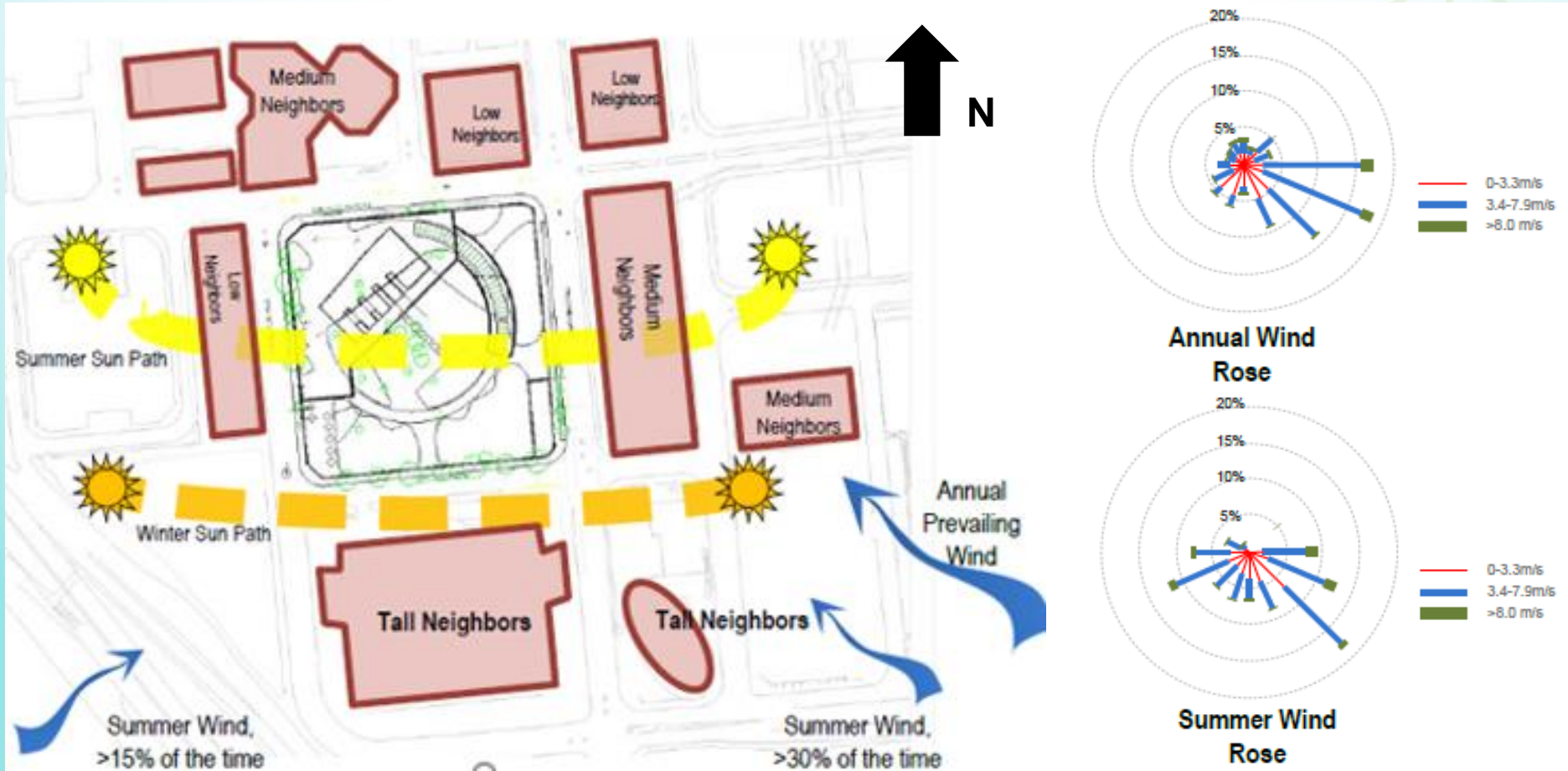






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# Microclimate Assessment for Site Planning



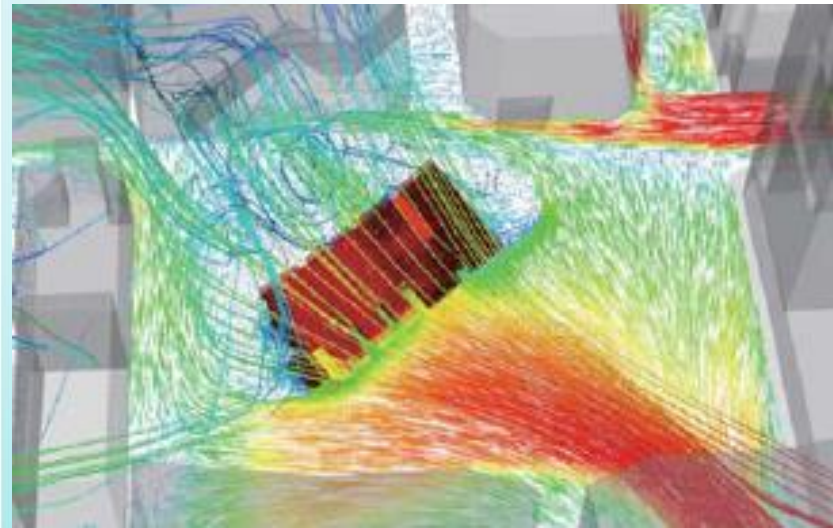
Microclimate positive site planning maximizes the use of wind and solar resources



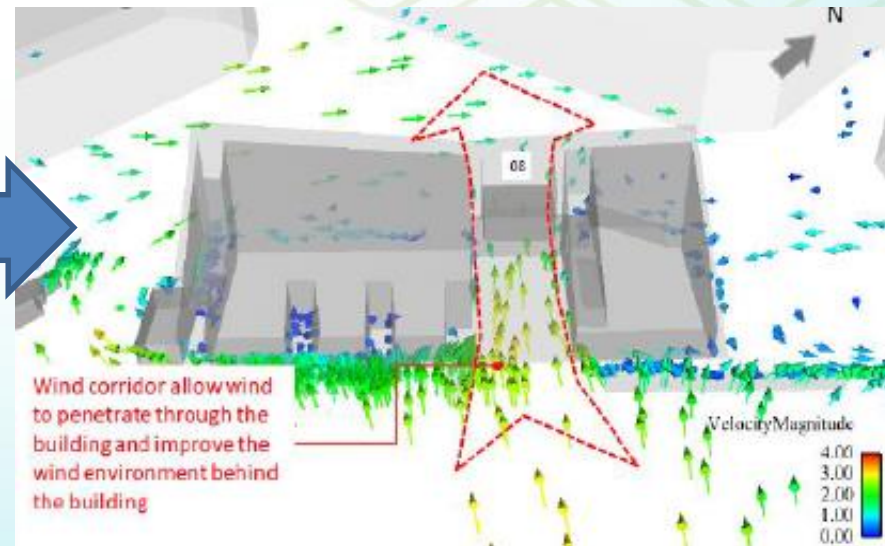
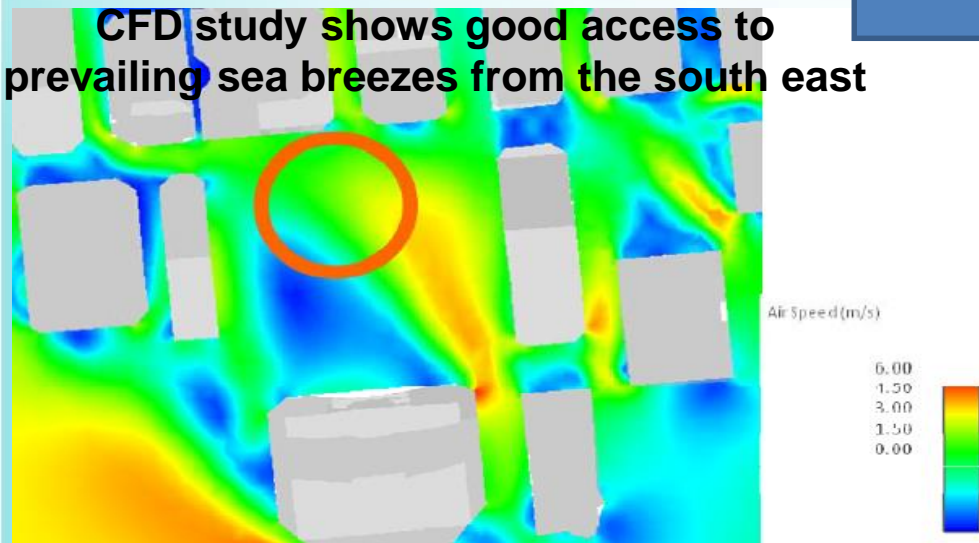
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# Air Ventilation Assessment for Site Planning

- Understand local wind environment
- Identify general ventilation performance
- Identify important factors for conceptual design



CFD study shows good access to prevailing sea breezes from the south east



Wind corridor allow wind to penetrate through the building and improve the wind environment behind the building

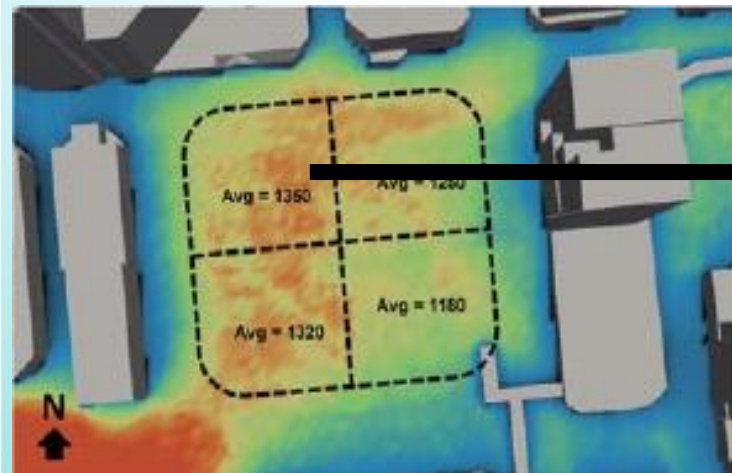
Wind corridor aligns with prevailing wind maximizing ventilation





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# Solar Irradiance Study to Maximise Solar Access

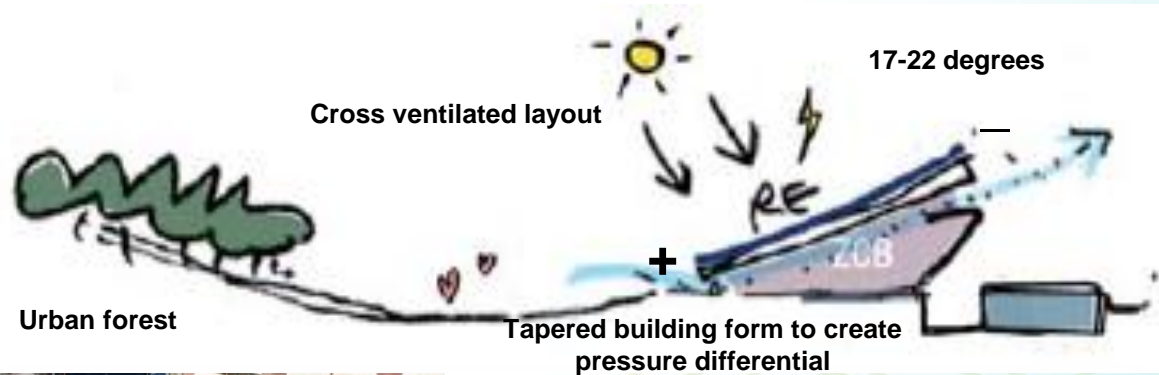


- With maximum solar radiation and the constraint of the drainage reserve, optimal building position is towards the north west of the site



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# Integrate Microclimate and Building Passive Design



Building setback



- Building massing creates pressure difference that drives natural ventilation
- Building setback from boundary enhances wind environment of surrounding areas





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# Building Permeability Enhances Ventilation



Building permeability enhances cross ventilation and urban climate in terms of air ventilation in the surroundings



Ventilation voids channel breezes through the building





Thermal  
Radiation

# Reduce Direct Solar Radiation through Landscape Design



- Existing Retained & Transplanted Trees
- Canopy Trees
- Small Trees on Drainage Reserve
- Ornamental Trees
- Woodland Trees



- Extensive greenery in the landscape area (approximately 49% of the site) contributes to improvement of the microclimate and thermal comfort of the open space.





Thermal  
Radiation

# Reduce Surface Temperature with Green Walls



Greenery and shading reduce thermal mass heat storage of building materials



Reduce anthropogenic heat discharge near pedestrian area



Green walls at various locations reduce façade surface temperatures and increase evapotranspiration. Rise in ambient temperature near the green wall from the UHI effect can be reduced

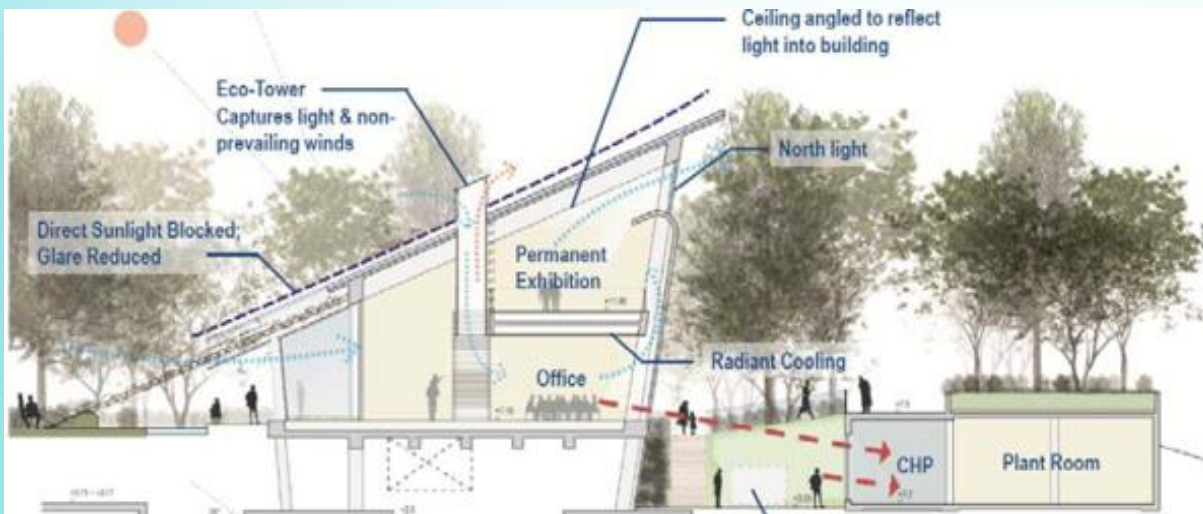
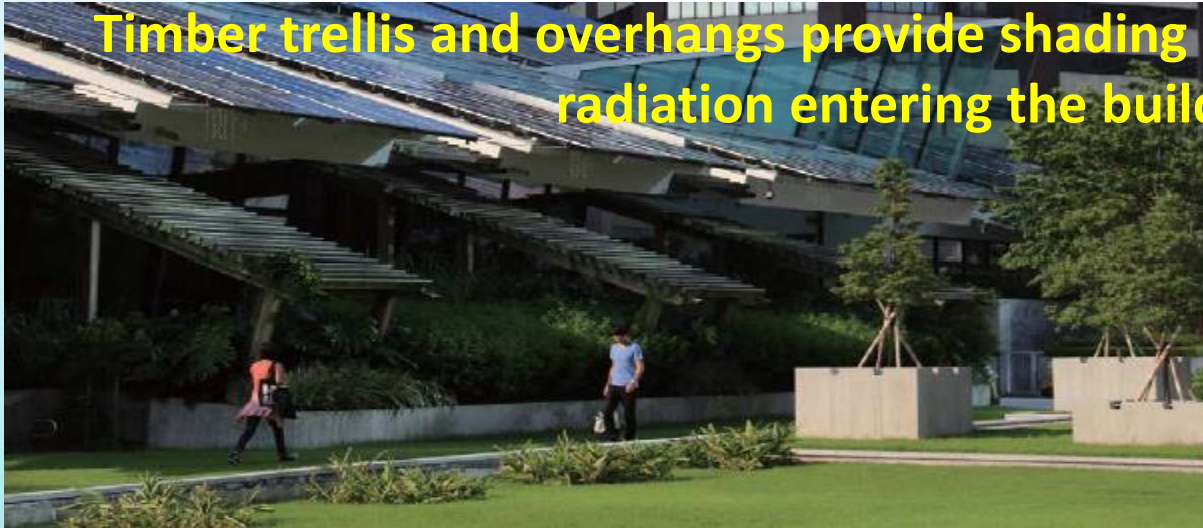




Thermal  
Radiation

# Manipulating the Building Façade to Reduce Direct Solar Radiation into the Building

Timber trellis and overhangs provide shading and reduce direct solar radiation entering the building







Thermal  
Radiation

# Increase Albedo of Building Surface

**White colour used on building façade reduces heat absorption**



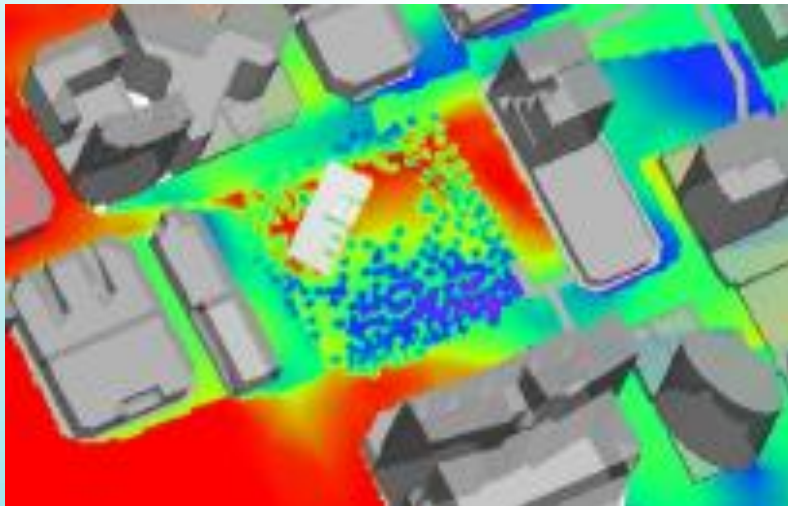


Temperature



# Thermal Comfort Assessment of the Outdoor Environment

## Physiological Equivalent Temperature (PET) Analysis



Psychological Equivalent Temperature PET (DegC)

35.0  
30.2  
26.8  
24.7  
24.0





Temperature



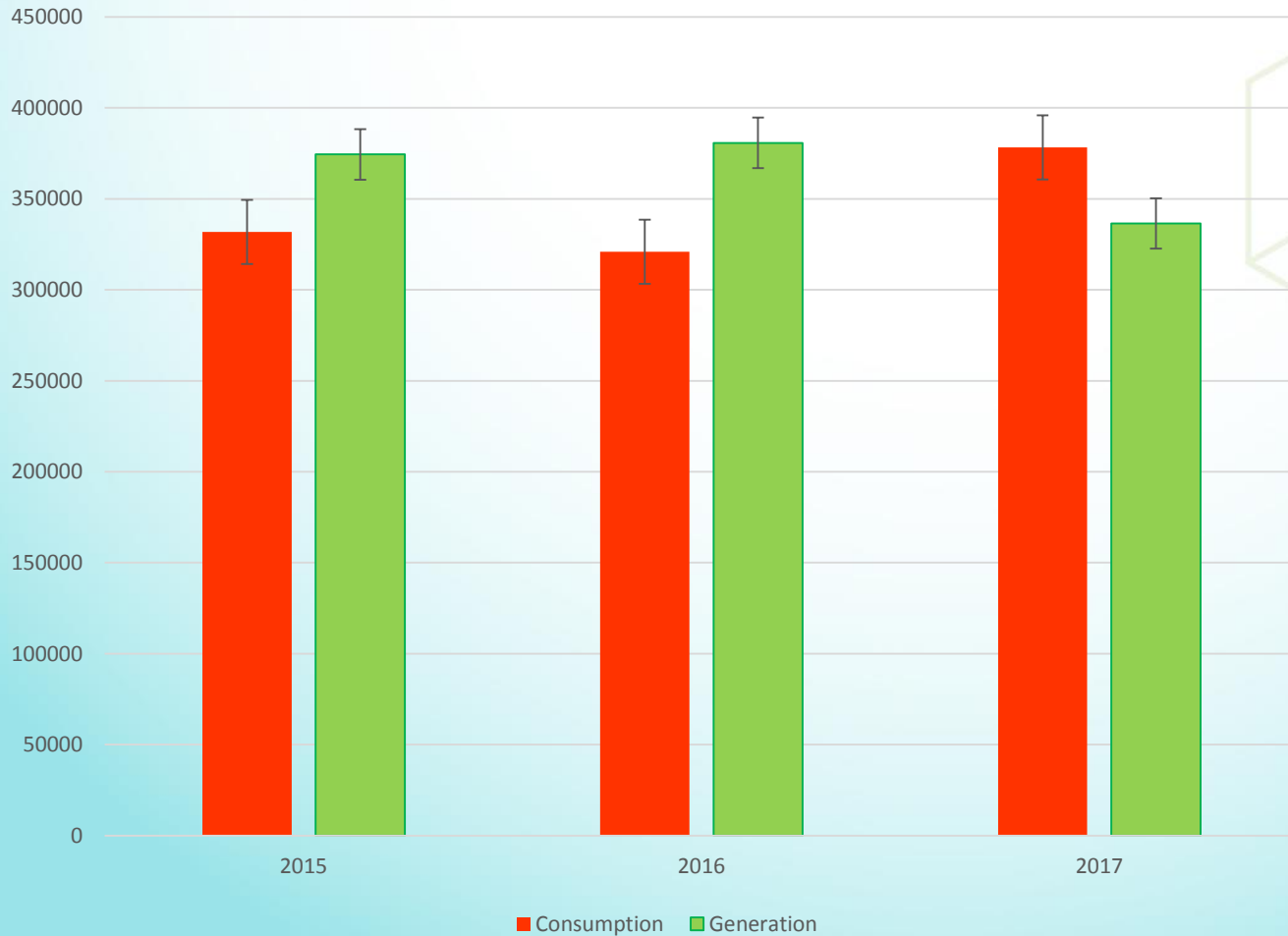
# Permeable Paving to Enhance Evaporative Cooling



Permeable paving reduces stormwater runoff by retaining water in the pavement and increases evaporative cooling



# Energy Consumption & Generation (kWh)



**ZCB Carbon Footprint  
as at 31 December 2017**

**Energy generation >  
Energy consumption**

**= -12 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e**



# Landscape Area Usage

Outdoor landscape area more heavily utilised from September to May.  
The area is less utilised from June to August.





# Further Improvements

- **ZCB Micro Climate Project:**
  - Collect & share climate data under various site conditions with the community to enable better building designs
  - Engage public to understand impacts of Micro Climate on their health & living style
- **ZCB Tree Management Project:**
  - Smart technologies to monitor tree health
  - Public education on tree information & interesting stories



# ZCB Microclimate Project

## MICRO-CLIMATE STATION AT ZCB

2017-10-26 05:35:34pm



**Location A**  
Wind speed: 15.0 km/h  
Wind direction: SSE  
Temperature: 27.7 °C  
Humidity: 61.7%  
Pressure: 1005.4 Pa

**Location B**  
UV Index: 6.0  
Temperature: 27.8 °C  
Humidity: 61.7%

**Location C**  
HK Heat Index: 28.8°C

**Location D**  
Temperature: 27.7 °C  
Humidity: 61.9%

**Location E**  
Wind speed: 15.0 km/h  
Wind direction: SSE  
Temperature: 27.7 °C  
Humidity: 61.8%  
Pressure: 1005.7 Pa



# ZCB Microclimate Project

- Install sensors on grass surface, under trees and above concrete surface
  - To measure temperature, relative humidity, wind direction, wind speed, pressure, UV and heat stress, rainfall, critical pollutants (No<sub>x</sub>, Ozone, PM2.5, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, CO)
- Share the data with architects & other engineering professionals to enable more effective building designs

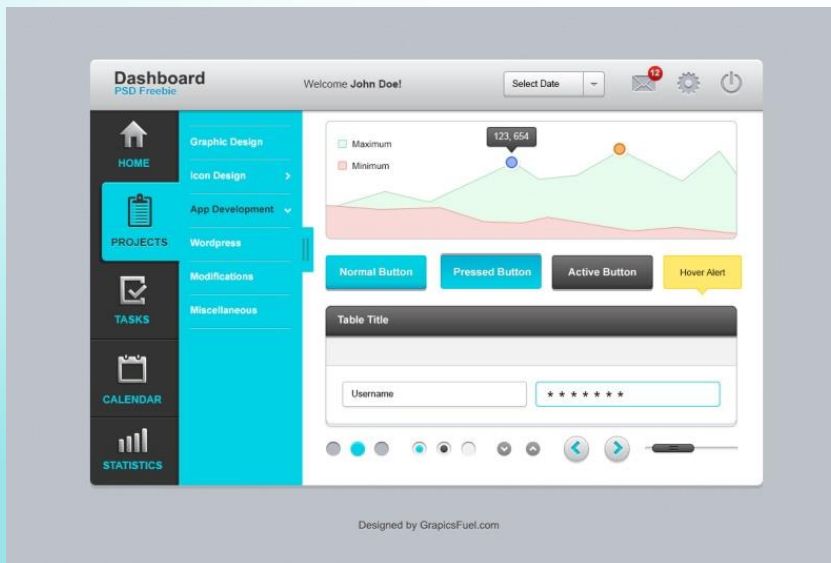


**Location A - A set of sensors for measuring wind, temperature and humidity**



# ZCB Microclimate Project

- Data prediction and weather forecast
  - Partner up with HKO & Microsoft
- Engage public by delivering lifestyle messages and advice related to HEALTH, SPORTS and SKIN CARE to via a dashboard



Location B – Measure UV Index, temperature and humidity



Location C – HKO's Heat Stress Monitoring System



# ZCB Smart Tree Management System

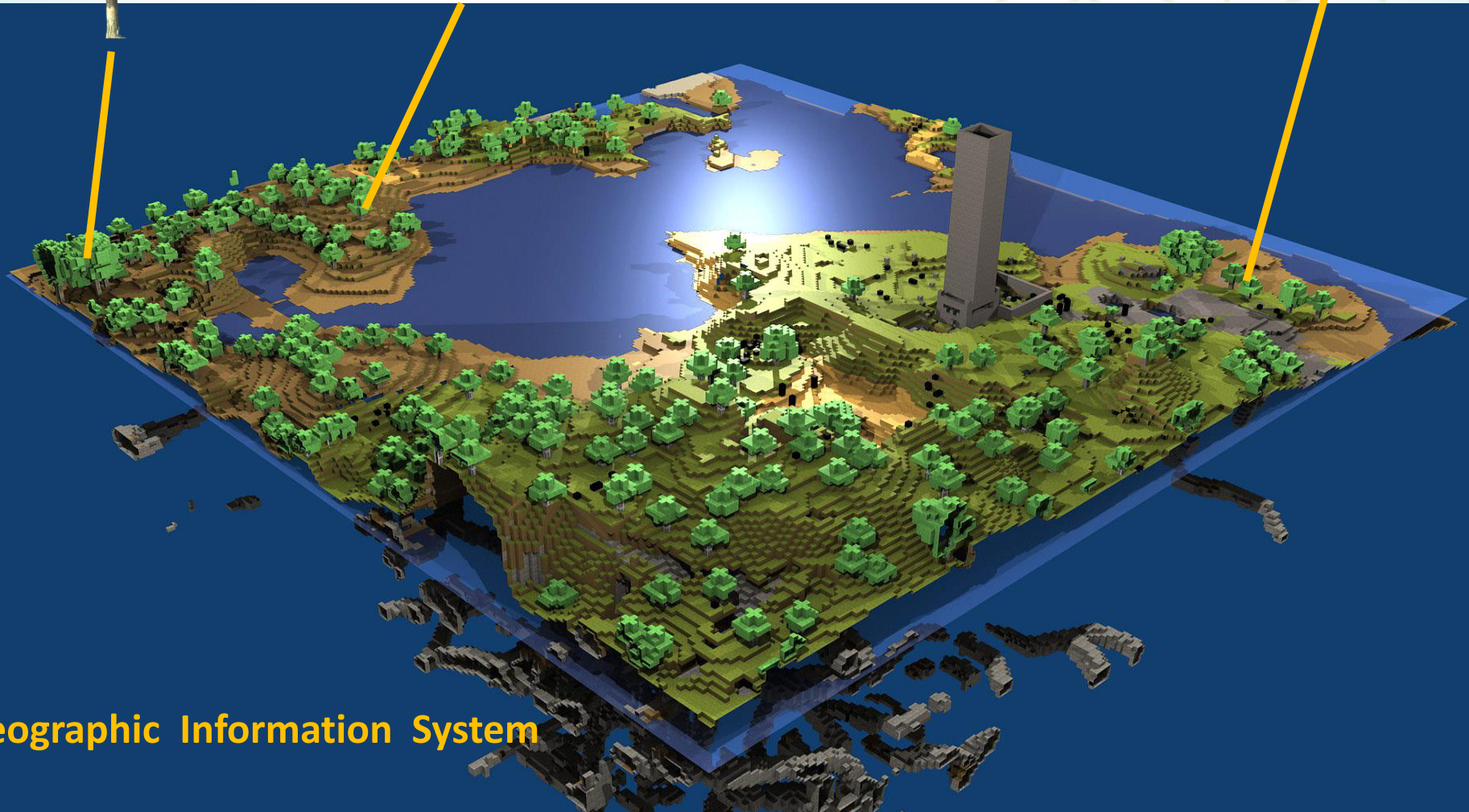




# ZCB Smart Tree Management System



To monitor tree health



Geographic Information System

# ZCB Smart Tree Management System

- Geographic information system with interesting tree /vegetation stories
- Quarterly drone flying to monitor tree health
- Install iot to monitor tree conditions
- Enrich ZCB open yard with more trees (with flowers), rest areas with shading, memorable landmarks (e.g. statue)
- Share a better garden with the public
- Educate & inspire the public to take more green actions



***Hope you like and support  
these new green initiatives***



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