

Joint Global Summer School

Imprints Twin Cities

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July 16–29, 2026

Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, P.R. China



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Programme Overview

The “Imprints Twin Cities” HIT-HKU Joint Global Summer School explores responses to the dual challenges of globalization and climate change by establishing an international platform for teaching and research. Jointly hosted by Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) and The University of Hong Kong (HKU), with support from the University of Nottingham (UK), Politecnico di Torino (Italy), and The University of Adelaide (Australia), this programme adopts the theme “Ice-Harbor Future+”. It takes the “Ice City” of Harbin and the global “Harbor Metropolis” of Hong Kong as its primary focus, guiding students through expert lectures, field trips, and innovative workshops to conduct comparative studies of urban form and explore future urban scenarios. This is a unique opportunity to engage in deep dialogue with world-renowned scholars and outstanding peers, stimulate creative thinking, and collaboratively shape the future of cities.

General Information

Programme Dates: July 16–29, 2026 (14 days in total)

- **Venue:** Harbin, China (July 16–24) / Hong Kong, China (July 25–29)
- **Language of Instruction:** English (Chinese interpretation available for selected lectures)
- **Organizers:**
 - **Host:** Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), The University of Hong Kong (HKU)
 - **Co-organizers:** University of Nottingham (UK), Politecnico di Torino (Italy), The University of Adelaide (Australia)

Featured Faculty

- Prof. Anthony G.O. YEH, Academician, The University of Hong Kong
- Prof. SUN Cheng, Harbin Institute of Technology
- Prof. HUANG Bo, The University of Hong Kong
- Prof. HE Shenjing, The University of Hong Kong
- Prof. LENG Hong, Harbin Institute of Technology
- Senior Lecturer Miguel Paredes Maldonado, The University of Edinburgh, UK
- Prof. Michele BONINO, Politecnico di Torino, Italy
- Assoc. Prof. YANG Tianren, The University of Hong Kong

Attendance Requirements

- **Target Participants:** Outstanding undergraduate (sophomore level and above) and postgraduate students worldwide majoring in Architecture, Urban and Rural Planning, Landscape Architecture, Geographic Information Science, Urban Studies, and related fields.
- **Language Proficiency:** A good command of English (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) is required to fully participate in lectures, seminars, and group work conducted in English.
- **Academic Interest:** Strong interest in urban studies, sustainable development, and cross-cultural communication, with a collaborative spirit.

Programme Schedule

Date	Venue	Key Activities
July 16	Harbin	Arrival & Registration
July 17	Harbin	Opening Ceremony, Keynote Lectures, Lab Visits
July 18	Harbin	Harbin Urban Field Study I
July 19	Harbin	Harbin Urban Field Study II
July 20	Harbin	Innovation Workshop I: Problem Definition & Concept Generation
July 21	Harbin	Innovation Workshop II: Scheme Development & Technical Support
July 22	Harbin	Mid-term Review: Progress Presentation & Cross-city Comparison
July 23	Harbin	Innovation Workshop III: Project Optimization & Presentation
July 24	Harbin	Innovation Workshop IV: Integration & Rehearsal
July 25	Harbin → Hong Kong	Travel to Hong Kong
July 26	Hong Kong	Keynote Lectures, Lab Visits
July 27	Hong Kong	Hong Kong Urban Field Study
July 28	Hong Kong	Final Exhibition Setup, Final Presentations & Defense, Closing Ceremony
July 29	Hong Kong	Departure

Note: The detailed schedule is subject to minor adjustments based on actual circumstances.)

Fees & Funding

- **Tuition Fee:** No tuition fee is required.
- **What Is Covered:** The programme will provide shared accommodation in Harbin (July 16–24) and basic medical insurance for the duration of the programme in China.
- **What Participants Cover:** Participants are responsible for their own:
 - Round-trip travel to Harbin and from Hong Kong
 - Accommodation in Hong Kong (July 25–29)
 - All meals throughout the programme
 - Local transportation for field visits and site investigations
 - Personal expenses

We look forward to meeting you in Harbin to explore urban development and shape the future of cities!