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To whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of Invitation for Nankai University

The International Association of Natural Resources (iAONR), in collaboration with the Urban Systems Institute (USI) of The University of Hong Kong (HKU) and the Department of Urban Planning and Design (DUPAD) under the Faculty of Architecture at HKU, is pleased to co-host the "2026 International Conference on Natural Resources and Planning" in March 2026. This conference also celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Faculty of Architecture and the 45th anniversary of DUPAD at HKU.

We are honored to issue this Letter of Invitation to the following delegate from Nankai University:

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The delegate will give the presentation, *Research on the Synergistic Benefits of Pollution Reduction and Carbon Mitigation in the Process of the Zero-Waste City Management*, and discussions in the **Session S8 in the conference**. Please find the details of the conference below:

Date: 27 – 29 March 2026 (Friday to Sunday)
Venue: Hall II (CPD-LG,07-10), LG/F, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong (Pok Fu Lam Road, Central and Western District, Hong Kong SAR, China)
Conference Theme: "Natural Resources, Urban Future, and Architectural Heritage"

Main Fields and Topics:

| Main Field | Key Content | Session or forums Topics |
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| Resource Governance and Sustainable Future | Exploring governance models, practices, and frontier challenges in energy and resource management. | S1. Energy Transition and Critical Minerals S2. Spatiotemporal Intelligence and Digital Watershed S3. Pattern and Driving Mechanism of Land Resource Change S4. Grassland Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Utilization S5. Food System Transformation and Resource Efficiency |



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| | | <p>S6. Material Cycle and Carbon Neutrality S7. Pollution Control and Ecological Restoration of Resource and Environment S8. Climate Governance and Green Low-Carbon Transition S9. Good Governance and Rule of Law of Natural Resources S10. Remote Sensing of Resources and Environment and Spatial Intelligence Technology</p> |
| Technology Empowerment and Urban Development | Focusing on how emerging technologies drive cities to become more resilient, smarter, and of higher-quality development. | <p>S11. Remote Sensing, GIS Technologies, and Future Cities S12. Resilient Cities and Spatial Governance S13. Innovations in Urban and Regional Planning S14. Human Settlements and High-Quality Development S15. Urban Regeneration and Vibrant Cities</p> |
| Architectural Heritage and Spatial Creation | Research on how to inherit cultural heritage and shape space through architectural design, cultural revitalization, and rural practices. | <p>S16. Architectural Character and Urban Design S17. Industrial Revitalization and Historic Districts S18. Cultural-Tourism Integration and Rural Revitalization S19. Public Art and Cultural Cities</p> |
| Youth Scientists | Encourage young scientists to engage in original innovation to adapt to global climate change and digital transformation | <p>S20. Resource Sustainability and Global Youth Innovation</p> |

Conference Programme (Tentative):

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| 27 March 2026 (Friday) | Pre-conference field visits and exchange activities | |
| | Guest roundtable exchange meeting | |
| 28 March 2026 (Saturday) | Morning | Afternoon |
| | Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speeches | Parallel Sessions, Thematic Forums, and Roundtable Discussions |
| 29 March 2026 (Sunday) | Morning | Afternoon |
| | Parallel Sessions and Thematic Forums | Master Lectures and Dialogue Sessions |
| | | Closing Ceremony |



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We sincerely hope you will accept this invitation and share your insights with our community. Please confirm your participation by email to info@iaonr.org by **31 January 2026**.

Thank you for your kind consideration. We look forward to your favorable reply and to welcoming you to the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

Secretariat

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On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 2026 International Conference on Natural Resources and Planning



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