**Discussing alternative perspectives (2)**

This is the final class of Unit 2. In this lesson, try to apply the feedback you have received so far on the key competencies of the course, in order to participate constructively in today’s discussions. Use what you have learned from the reflection quiz you have completed before class, to consider what role you will play in each discussion today. At the end of the class, you can reflect on how effectively you played this role.

1. **Discussion – What makes a successful, sustainable urban community?**

Before class, you prepared notes on successful, sustainable urban communities*.* Use your notes to discuss:

*What makes a successful, sustainable urban community? What are the most important factors to consider?*

In your discussion, analyse and evaluate different factors. Prioritize your suggestions. Try to agree as a group on the most important factors.

1. **Discussion – Urban community initiatives**

Imagine you attend HKUST’s university-based *World Urban Campaign* conference discussion forum. This showcases examples of urban community initiatives around the world, to discuss them in the context of Hong Kong.

The discussion forum addresses 4 key questions. Use your ideas from the discussion above and your prepared notes to discuss:

1. Which factors for successful, sustainable urban communities are best demonstrated in HK?
2. What initiatives in HK help contribute to a successful, sustainable urban community?
3. Which community initiatives around the world do you think are the best examples of initiatives that help create successful, sustainable urban communities?
4. Which of these initiatives would be most desirable and feasible in HK?

In your discussion, analyse and evaluate the options. Try to agree as a group on your decisions.

1. **Reflection - Homework**

Consider the roles below that you learned about before class. Which role(s) do you think you played in the discussion today, to demonstrate effective interaction (IN)?

1. Focuser
2. Appreciator
3. Questioner
4. Devil’s Advocate
5. Initiator
6. Something else?

Now take the survey on canvas called “Reflect on discussion skills – Effective Interaction”.