BIM and blockchain-enabled Logistics and Supply Chain Management for Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) 「基於BIM和區塊鏈技術的組裝合成建築物流和供應鏈

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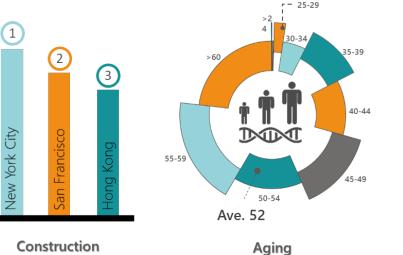
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- MiC LSCM digitalization
- The pilot project HKU WCH student hostel project
- Introduction of *e-InStar*, *e-TranStar*, and *e-InstalStar*
- Prospects and challenges

Part I

Logistic and supply chain management (LSCM) for Modular integrated Construction (MiC)

Challenges faced by HK's construction industry





Construction Cost

The Construction cost in HK is the third highest in the world Average age of skilled construction workers is 52

Construction Techniques

There is a decrease in construction techniques

Slide courtesy: Estates Office, HKU



Why MiC?

BIM integration

MiC facilitates the use of BIM within the design and construction phase.



Improved site safety

Some procedures can be carried out in a controlled factory environment.

Less waste and reduced carbon footprint Factory construction facilitates a

reducing in waste and carbon footprint also.

A reduction in external variables leads to improved supply chain management.





Shortened construction period Due to controlled nature, tasks can

Due to controlled nature, tasks can be run parallel reducing the construction timeframe.

Improved quality control

Factory automation leads to improved quality control.

Less potential for contractual claim

A more controlled work environment leads to less potential for contractual claim.





The importance of LSCM to MiC **1** Designed in HK Transported cross the border 3 **5** Assembly Manufactured in the PRD 4 Storage 2 Inventory, location Cross-border Motion during **Progress** monitoring of components logistic control Raw material Design Production and assembly

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Quality inspection

New challenges



Quality inspections required at Mainland factories



Infeasible to dispatch now due to 14 + 14 days quarantines

(Photo source: Authors, SCMP)

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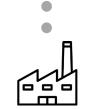
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Digitalization of MiC Off-Site Fabrication



Compliance with BD's Statutory Requirements Credibility of workmanship & inspection records



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Mobile Platform



Digitalised Management Control

Part III

The pilot project

Project Information

Extensive site formation and lateral support

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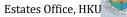
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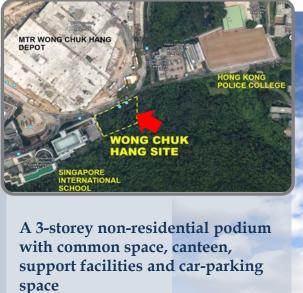
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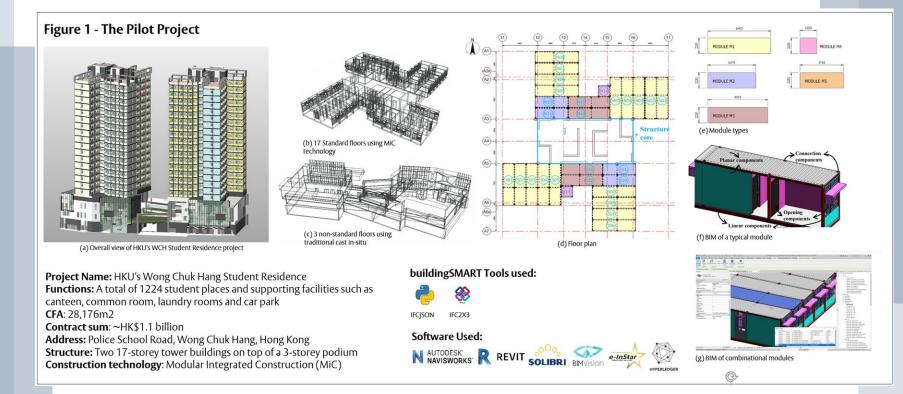
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Project Information



- Two 17-floor towers of student residences and staff accommodation
- 1,224 hostel places
- Site Area: 4306 m²
- NOFA: 14,277 m²
- CFA: 28,176 m²





Part IV

Introduction of e-InStar, e-TranStar, e-InstalStar

Mobile Platforms for MiC



Production

- **Digitalized** workflow procedures
- Detailed record of inspection records carried out by AP/RSE/RC streams
- Test reports uploads
- Production progress status



Cross Boarder Logistics

- Real time tracking of modules during transportation
- **Pin point** exact location of module
- Estimated **arrival time**

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- Real time update of installation progress
- **Positioning checking** for installed modules
- Recording of installation time

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Module ID and naming

- Each Module is given a unique ID using a naming convention system
 - A **QR code is** generated from the ID
 - The QR code is created as soon as the 3D module is formed and applied to the structure.

Create a Naming Convention System Standard for all future MiC Module projects

The **Naming Convention System** created for the modules allows us to identify the following information;



- Block

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- Floor
- Module Sequence
- High / Middle / Low Zone
- Module Type

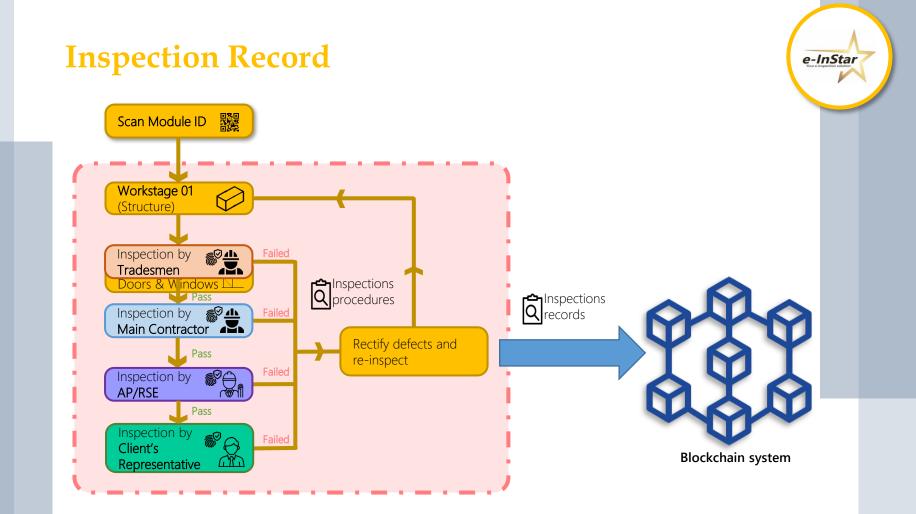
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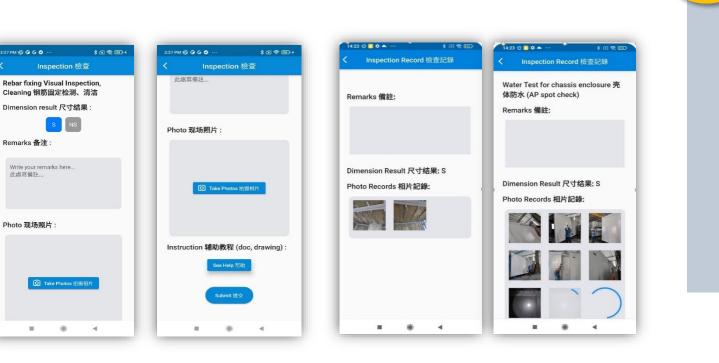


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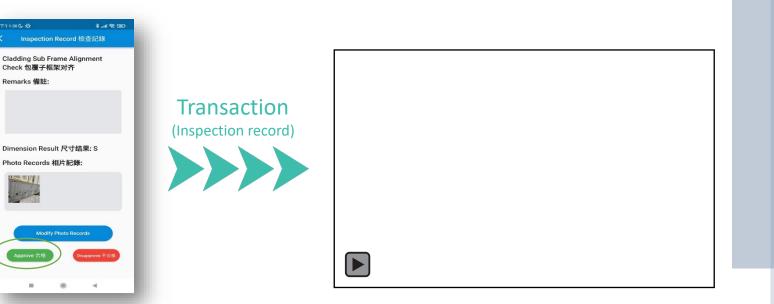
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Publication and publicity

A press conference on e-inspection 2.0 and MiC held on 6 June 2022.



Photo credit: HKU Media Team

As per the preus release, the technology, dubbed E-Inspection 2.0, aids in managing construction quality inspection papers by ensuring that construction site images and back-and-forth approved inspection files are all "accountable, traceable, and immutable."

How does the system work?

"The core of the e-inspection 2.0 system is the blockchain technology which can ensure the accountability, immutability, and traceability of all the inspection information collected from the APP; loTs, and GIS, said Professor Wilson Lu from the Department of Real Estate and Construction who led the study.

Professor Lu said that "This e-inspection 2.0 system is the world's first. It has set new standards and will serve as a prototype for the industry,"

The article announced more details of the system:



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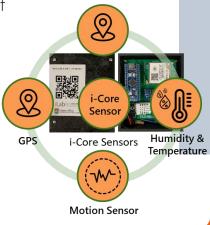
i-Core sensors are installed in the MiC modules





The **i-Core sensors** are one of the development tools with multi-functions to monitor the logistics of MiC modules







Logistics: i-core and blockchain oracle



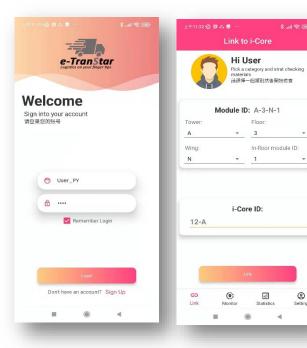
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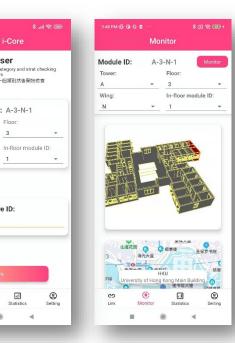
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[•] All awardees with judges and the then chief executive Leung Chun-ying (Hong Kong Government House, December, 2015)

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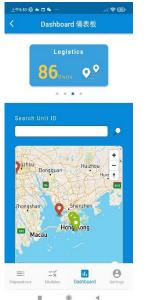


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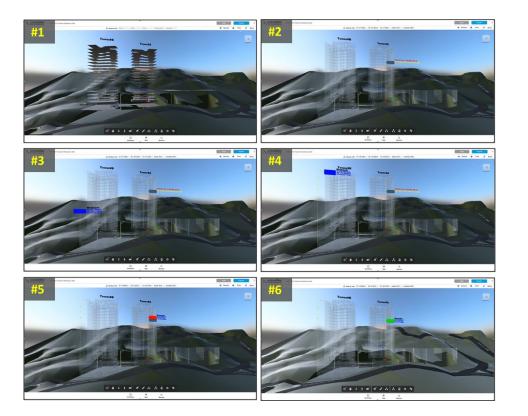






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E-InstalStar: Web-base dashboard





Part V

Prospects and challenges

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FSD visited on 16 Nov 2021

WSD visited on 14 Dec 2021

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CEDD visited on 06 Dec 2021



HKU Project Group on 08 Dec 2021





DevB visited on 04 Jan 2022

ASD visited on 24 Nov 2021



CIC Innovator Awards 2015

A team formed by Dr Nina Niu, Dr Leo Chen, Dr Megan Ye, Dr Diandian Liu, and Dr Kevin Wang led by Prof Wilson Lu, won the Hong Kong <u>Construction Industry Council (CIC) Young</u> <u>Innovator Award 2015</u>. The winning idea is an "*i-Core*" developed in Dr Wilson Lu's team to encapsulate smart construction objects (SCOs) properties. Similar to a CPU to a computer, this '*i-Core*" can be understood as the 'heart' of smart construction. With this '*i-Core*', it is possible to develop scalable and customizable smart construction, which is perceived as a promising direction of future construction. The Award Presentation Ceremony was held in the Government House on 15 December 2015 hosted by the Chief Executive, Hon Mr. LEUNG Chun-ying.





buildingSmart International Awards 2021

A team led by Professor Wilson Lu, and Dr Frank Xue (Assistant Professor) at iLab, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) won the **buildingSMART International (bSI) Awards 2021** in the "Professional Research" category. Their project is called "OpenBIM: Opening the gate for BIM and blockchain integration (OBBi)".

The bSI Award is a prestigious international award programme initiated since 2018 with an aim to promote OpenBIM for project design, construction, operation, research, and technology. In this year, there were 133 submissions entering the eight categories of the Award. The submissions were predominantly from developed, BIM-advanced countries/regions. A highly selective jury was formed to shortlist 3 finalists in each category, deliberating their presentations, and finally selecting a single winner from each category. The OBBi submitted by iLab is the sole winner in the **Professional Research category**. It is also the sole winner from **Hong Kong** across all the 24 finalists. Press Releases:









About the Project

There is great enthusiasm within the AEC industry for the potential for blockhain and BIM integration to overcome challenges arising from multiple parties working concurrently on collaborative BIM programs (e.g. cybersecurity risks, lack of single source of truth), as well as the information redundarcy and massive data volume that result from file-based data exchange.

However, the integration of BIM and blockchain faces challenges such as lack of interoperability, information redundancy, and resemblance and swiftness of retriving data. The project team, from the University of Hong Kong, harnessed openBIM to solve the informediation (SDT) method to solve the information redundancy problem.

Core Objectives

This research project aimed to take advantage of BIM and blockchain integration to solve challenges in building projects, such as communication, provenance and quality assurance, installation, traceability, lifecycle management and more.

Project Description

A prototype system integrating BIM and blockchain (called **OBB**, openBIM and Blockchain Integration) was developed for managing AEC processes in a real-life building project in Hong Kong called the WCH project. In particular, it looked to manage

design changes, offshore production, cross-border logistics and supply chain, and on-site assembly.

This research adopted a threefold approach. Firstly, the in-house research team developed the OBBI system architecture, its major components, and interlinks. Secondly, the system was contextualized in bSTs openBIM ecosystem for implementation, with the core input-output format being IFC. Lastly, the prototype was tested and validated in the WCH protect.

The OBBi system was designed to meet the demands of BIM users for the WCH project. Four vital layers were designed: (1) Commercial BIM as the base model designed in

Revit (2) Web openBIM interface for the visualization of nD BIM in IFC;

(3) openBIM semantics-based server back-end for minimization of changed BIM components as SDT records; and





1/2 Show caption A team led by Professor Wilson Lu, Dr Frank Xue and Dr Jinying Xu at iLab of the Faculty of Architecture at the

University of Hong Kong (HKU) is the sole winner in the "Professional Research" category of the buildingSMART International (bSI) Awards 2021, with the project "OpenBIM: Opening the gate for BIM and blockchain integration (OBBI)". The results have been announced on October 7.

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- Two 19 storey towers on a single storey podium providing 938 student places
- 670 MiC Modules
 Staff Quarters
- Two 20-storey towers providing a variety of 2 Bedroom, small 3 bedroom and Large 3 bedroom units
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The readiness of the industry



Are the technologies robust enough for MiC cross-border inspection during the pandemic?

Are the institutional arrangements (e.g., inspection related regulations, norms, or common practices) ready for this e-inspection 2.0?

Shall we go back to "business as usual" or embrace a 'lighter' einspection future?







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