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Conference Date: 11th-14th Sept 2005

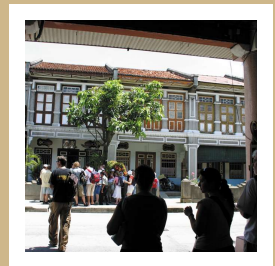
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## 8th International Asian Planning Schools Association Congress

### Cities for People

Obvious as the caption may be, the people's place in the city is now questionable. The city has now grown into an entrapment of sky-scrapers populated by electronic gadgets, swept by roads which are menaced by cars. City planning has been sidelining people for a long time, preferring the provision of "parks" for cars rather than for people. Now, the effects of this trend in city planning have produced a unique brand of urban "humanity"; one that is forced into the contention that traffic jams and individualism are "natural" to city living. The city is as responsible for creating the wealthy bourgeoisies as it is catalytic in producing the urban poor. Many urban dwellers are not only financially poor, but also socially and ethically deprived. Street and youth crimes, racism, domestic violence, drug abuse, dirty environments, and urban misgovernance are some of the unattractive contents of the urban package. City planners need to reevaluate their philosophy and approach in city planning so that the civility and gentrification that made cities wholesomely attractive can be recreated for a modern, caring humanity.



### Suggested Sub-Themes

Urban Governance  
Children in the City  
Safety in the City  
Non-motorised Mobility in City Centres  
Public Transportation  
Public Spaces

Neighbourliness in Neighbourhoods  
Gender Issues  
Bio-Diversity for Healthy Cities  
Local Initiatives in Public Projects  
Identity of Cities: Promoting Localism  
Building Real Communities Through IT

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- Planning Education
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- Computer Applications for Planning
- Urban Design and Conservation
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