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The Hong Kong Chapter of AIIB has been invited by APIGBA (Asia Pacific Intelligent Green Building Alliance) and TIBA (Taiwan Intelligent Building Association) to Taipei on March 20-21, 2024.

Our two-day trip to Taipei kicked off on March 20, 2024, with a visit to the Smart City Summit & EXPO-Intelligent Building Expo, Asia's biggest hybrid smart city tradeshow. This event, running from March 19th to 23rd in both Taipei and Kaohsiung, brought together the latest in IoT solutions and offered a buzzing platform for B2B, G2G, and G2B networking. Themed "Digital & Green Transformation," the expo drew over 150,000 visitors and 800 exhibitors, with more than 1000 matchmaking sessions and 80+ forums. It was a showcase of cutting-edge applications in smart healthcare, transportation, building sustainability, and startups.





After the expo, we joined the Asia Pacific Smart City & Intelligent Zero Energy Building International Forum. The forum covered a range of topics, from Taiwan's policies on intelligent net-zero buildings to Takenaka's carbon-neutral building strategies in Japan, and energy-saving housing projects in Thailand. We also explored the carbon-neutral initiative for The Henderson building in Hong Kong, wrapping up with a panel discussion on transforming the construction industry towards intelligent net-zero buildings. The day ended with a APIGBA & TIBA General Assembly Dinner at the Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, where we mingled and exchanged ideas in a more relaxed setting.

On March 21, we toured the Taipei Far Eastern Telecom Park (Tpark) in Banqiao District. Tpark, which has morphed from a textile factory into a high-tech R&D hub, spans 24 hectares and offers 400,000 sqm of office space for industries like information communications, cloud computing, green energy, and digital content R&D. Recognized with the LEED Campus Award for its sustainable practices in transportation, stormwater management, and landscape design, Tpark is a shining example of smart, green urban development. With high-speed fiber optic networks and advanced ICT applications, Tpark is all about innovative urban planning and sustainability.

This trip underscored Taiwan's impressive strides in smart city tech and sustainable building practices. It was a great reminder of the value of international collaboration in driving digital and green transformation. We're excited to bring these insights back home and strengthen our regional partnerships.