

HONG KONG AIRPORT SKYCITY SCHEME INTENDED TO CREATE AN AIRPORT CITY



The Airport Authority Hong Kong plan for Skycity envisages shops, entertainment facilities, places to eat, hotels and offices on 25ha of land to the north of Hong Kong International Airport. The plan, announced in November, is part of the authority's strategy to turn the airport into an airport city. "Skycity aims to capture broad opportunities in tourism and business, while also providing a dynamic lifestyle and family entertainment hub for Hong Kong residents and visitors alike," says authority chairman Jack So Chak-kwong. The first phase of Skycity will comprise 195,000m² of space for shops, restaurants and entertainment facilities, due to open in 2021, and a hotel containing 450 to 750 rooms, expected to be completed in 2020. Bids to build the shops, restaurants and entertainment facilities will be invited early next year. www.hongkongairport.com



RENSON PANOVISTA MAX SUN SCREEN WINS EQUIP'BAIE-METALEXPO AWARD



The Renson Panovista Max vertical sun screen won one of the Equipbaie-Metalexpo 2016 Awards for what the panel of judges described as its sleek appearance, enhanced by the absence of visible profiles or cables, and its bottom bar, which disappears completely into the box. "It creates the effect of an invisible architecture that is currently very fashionable," the panel said. The Panovista Max is Renson's response to the trend toward the use of large glass surfaces to bring daylight into buildings. It gives shade from the sun where frameless corner windows and sliding windows prevent the use of conventional blinds. The sun screen is almost invisible in a building's architecture. The box and the side channels can be hidden, and the bottom bar disappears into the box when the screen is rolled up. The glass-fibre fabrics used give a high degree of protection from the sun. www.renson.eu



HK INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS INVITING BUILDING SURVEYOR AWARDS ENTRIES

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Building Surveying Division is inviting building surveyors and practitioners in the industry to submit entries for the Building Surveyor Awards 2017. The awards are the most prestigious honour in the profession, giving recognition to preminent projects that building surveyors have made substantial contributions to. Clients or their representatives and consultants may nominate projects in three categories: new development; A&A and conversion; and maintenance and rehabilitation. The judges will pick six winners: the best projects in each category nominated by clients or their representatives; and the best in each category nominated by consultants. The Building Surveyor Awards Grand Award will go to one of the six. Three new awards will be conferred in 2017: the Sustainability Award, the Value Enhancement Award and the Idea and Approach Award. The deadline for submission of nomination documents is 5pm on 28 February, 2017. www.hkis.org.hk

