

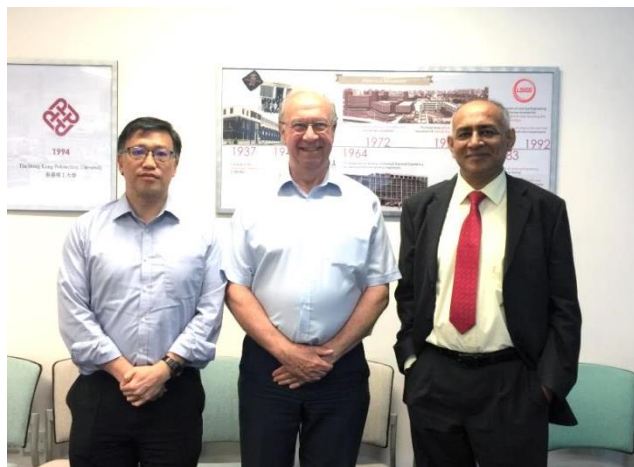
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## A Visit by Prof. Brian Collins, University College London 2017.05.18

CNERC was honoured to receive Prof. Brian Collins, Director of International Centre for Infrastructure Futures of the University College London, and Prof. Asif Usmani, Head of Department of Building Services Engineering, PolyU on 18 May 2017. Prof. Collins is also the Coordinator of a U.K. network of infrastructure research capability entitled “**the UK Collaboratorium for Research in Infrastructure and Cities**” (UKCRIC), which will provide leadership and support for the development and growth of a coordinated and coherent, world class U.K.-based national infrastructure research community.

The vision for UKCRIC ([www.ukcric.com](http://www.ukcric.com)) firmly addresses the five key principles of the 2014 Science & Innovation Strategy:

- Allocation of resources based first and foremost on excellence:
- An ethos of collaboration, both within UKCRIC’s initial membership, with excellent researchers nationally and internationally, and with industry.
- Coordinated by UKCRIC’s Coordination Node, and underpinned by world-class facilities, an ability to respond to changing research needs in an agile way.
- A sense of ‘place’: research on the nation’s major cities, with cities, for cities.
- A focus on openness: open access to facilities, open data, open software, open and consensual governance.



From left to right: Prof. K. F. Chung, Prof. Brian Collins, and Prof. Asif Usmani.

Prof. K.F. Chung made a thorough introduction on establishment, latest developments and deliverables of CNERC to Prof. Collins and Prof. Usmani, and various technical topics were discussed. Both Prof. Collins and Prof. Usmani were amazed to know the latest figures of Chinese steel production in 2016 as China contributed half of the world production.



A fruitful meeting with much information exchange.

After the meeting, a visit to the Structural Engineering Research Laboratory was made.



Prof. K. F. Chung, Prof. Brian Collins, and Prof. Asif Usmani at the Structural Engineering Research Laboratory, PolyU.

**Prof. Brian Collins** is Professor of Engineering Policy at UCL, and is Director of the International Centre for Infrastructure Futures. He served as specialist adviser to the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee's inquiry into scientific infrastructure in 2013 and 2014. Before joining UCL, he served as Chief Scientific Advisor to two Government departments (Transport 2006 - 11; Business Innovation and Skills 2009 -11), with responsibility for overseeing science, engineering and technological activities, and ensuring that rigorous science and engineering evidence is used systematically throughout both Departments' policy processes (particularly including investment policy).