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Asia's premier annual event on design, innovation and brands since 2002, Business of Design Week (BODW) organised by Hong Kong Design Centre brings some of the world's most outstanding design masters and influential business figures to Hong Kong. Consisting of a series of partner and concurrent events and anchored around a weeklong summit, BODW provides a valuable platform for business and creative leaders to exchange ideas, network, and explore new business opportunities.



Global Design Reset: A Primer of Business of Design Week (BODW) 2021

With the UK and ViuTV as strategic partners this year, the weeklong BODW provides the opportunity for global business and creative leaders to exchange insights, interact, and explore opportunities for collaboration. The theme of BODW 2021 is Global Design Reset, underlining this remarkable period that is bearing witness to significant change across various industries all over the world. Leading entrepreneurs, creatives, and designers from different sectors will shine a light on how we can thrive amid challenges, co-create a sustainable future, and make a meaningful impact through design.

Following last year's success, the BODW 2021 Summit on 1–4
December 2021 will be held as a hybrid programme, simulcast live
on ViuTV, online, social media, and at partner locations. The Summit
explores eight main pillars of topics: Brand Rejuvenation, Connected
Health and Wellbeing, Creative Mindset & Innovation Leadership,
Culture & the City, Designing an Intelligent Future, Hospitality with
Purpose, New Urban Models, and Phygital Reality.



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HONG KONG DESIGN CENTRE

HKDC is a non-governmental organisation, and was founded in 2001 as a strategic partner of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR Government) in establishing Hong Kong as an international centre of design excellence in Asia. Our public mission is to promote wider and strategic use of design and design thinking to create business value and improve societal well-being. Learn more about us and our initiatives to further the design movement at www.hkdesigncentre.org



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Create Hong Kong (CreateHK) is a dedicated agency set up by the HKSAR Government in June 2009. It is under the Communications and Creative Industries Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and dedicated to spearheading the development of creative industries in Hong Kong. Its strategic foci are nurturing talent and facilitating start-ups, exploring markets, and promoting Hong Kong as Asia's creative capital and fostering a creative atmosphere in the community. CreateHK sponsors HKDC to organise BODW and other projects to promote Hong Kong design. CreateHK's website: www.createhk.gov.hk.



It is my pleasure to welcome you all back to the Business of Design Week (BODW) 2021.

Building on last year's successful experience, this year's BODW is brought to you again in hybrid mode. Other than staging the programmes in physical format, events, such as the Summit, will also be simulcast live on local television, online and social media and at partner locations to reach our target audience worldwide amidst the pandemic.

Riding on the theme "Global Design Reset", over 80 creative leaders from global top-notch enterprises are joining us to speak on eight main topics, namely Brand Rejuvenation, Connected Health and Wellbeing,

Creative Mindset and Innovation Leadership, Culture & The City, Designing an Intelligent Future, Hospitality with Purpose, New Urban Models, and Phygital Reality. These topics are the key to our future development even before COVID-19, and more so as we enter the new normal.

During the summit, we will be learning from our distinguished speakers on how designing for nature is synonymous to designing for success. There is also another exciting keynote session on rewilding urban spaces. A series of concurrent events including Fashion Asia Hong Kong, BODW City Prog, deTour and DesignInspire will continue to be presented, enriching the BODW with more public engagement and territory-wide happenings throughout the year.

The Hong Kong SAR Government is honoured to be the lead sponsor of BODW again through the CreateSmart Initiative, our dedicated funding scheme for the creative sectors. The current-term Government is highly committed to developing the creative industries as our new economic drivers. With a new \$1 billion injection into the CreateSmart Initiative earlier this year, we will continue with our efforts to assist the trade in talent nurturing, capacity building and skill upgrading, with a view to enhancing the long-term competitiveness of our trade under the new normal. Where the situation permits, we will resume external promotion of Hong Kong to explore markets and establish partnerships, and leveraging the immense opportunities brought about by the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to the Hong Kong Design Centre, organiser of BODW, as well as the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, co-organiser, the organisers of the concurrent events, and the United Kingdom, the strategic partner again this year, for working with us with joined hands to promote design and creative excellence through the world-class flagship design event.

I wish you all another inspirational and rewarding design journey with BODW this year. Thank you.

Mrs Carrie Lam, GBM, GBS
Chief Executive,
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



After this turbulent period all over the world, a new chapter awaits us all. Business of Design Week 2021 revolves around one word: RESET. It's all about rethinking and resetting our world and the way it works, hence our theme: Global Design Reset.

Launched since 2002, BODW is Asia's premier annual event on design, innovation and brands. For this edition, we will have over 80 renowned speakers joining us from all over the globe, including Bruce Mau, world-recognised design guru best known for his ground-breaking philosophy on life-centered design; and Thomas Heatherwick, whose iconic architectural projects span the skylines of New York, Shanghai, the UK and South Africa. You will also get to watch exclusive interviews of our

global speakers in their respective cities.

From Brand Rejuvenation, Creative Mindset & Innovation Leadership, to New Urban Models and Phygital Reality, our eight main pillars of topics are sure to inspire us all to take charge of our future as a society. And because we want everyone to tune in, BODW this year will be simulcast online, with selected sessions broadcasted on ViuTV and on various livestream platforms to reach global audiences.

I would also like to introduce you to bodw+, our new interactive design knowledge platform to inspire the local and international community with exciting year-round content. Register to join our growing bodw+ community for free, and stay updated with the latest design news and trends throughout the year!

On behalf of Hong Kong Design Centre, I would like to extend our gratitude to our Co-organiser, Hong Kong Trade Development Council; our Lead Sponsor, Create Hong Kong of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; our Strategic Partners, the UK and ViuTV; and other sponsors and partners for helping us bring BODW to life.

Welcome to BODW 2021. I invite you all to listen and learn with an open mind, be inspired, and get excited for what's ahead!

Prof. Eric Yim, JPChairman,
Hong Kong Design Centre







Bruce Mau

Chief Executive Officer | Founder

Massive Change Network | Bruce Mau Studio · US

Most cities are designed to push nature out. We have to get to a better place – we have to think about ourselves integrated in the



natural world, and that challenges us to do everything we do differently. We need to think about the welfare of all of life. A process that puts life, not humans, at the centre.

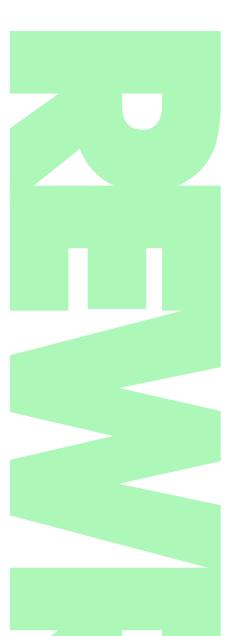
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Suhanya Raffel

Museum Director

M+ · HK

What I feel with Hong Kong and Shanghai, we have our histories but we are jumping into the future. There is something unfettered about it and it is just so extraordinary. The other part of the museums for us is the audience and the people that flow through it. The relationship between the street, the inside and outside, the museum is home for people as well.



Jonathan Cheung

Design Jedi

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We don't buy products, we buy better

versions of ourselves.

Jason Bruges

Creative Director & Founder
Jason Bruges Studio · UK

The pandemic has been a reset in terms of creating site specific work because you are relying on third parties to do that work for you. There are opportunities that exist within the reset. There's a strong desire to be part of immersive and experiential, physical work, which is fantastic.

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Bill Bensley

Founder & Creative Director

BENSLEY · Thailand

I hope the future is about recycling. It is about upcycling and if we can build hotels, et cetera with a purpose that helps people, helps the society and helps conservation and respects mother nature. Then, it is a win-win situation.



Refik Anadol

Media Artist

RAS. Refik Anadol Studio · US

I highly believe the NFT space needs a physical experience. My hope is



Sean Carney

Chief Experience Design Officer Philips · The Netherlands

We need to decentralise and distribute healthcare...we see this particularly important in ageing cities where elderly won't be able to travel for a long

distance to receive the healthcare they need.



Prof. Winka Dubbeldam

Founding Partner | Miller Professor & Chair, Weitzman Architecture Archi-Tectonics NYC LLC | University of Pennsylvania · US

We got a project for the Asian Games that emerged from unique combination of innovative design methodologies and local cultural heritage. By using vernacular artefacts as seeds for our parametric formal investigation. We created a poetic multi-layer design with advanced construction technologies that is nested within beautiful parks.



Thomas Heatherwick CBE

Heatherwick Studio · UK

The pandemic has re-clarified the importance of emotion and our feelings. Cities are these amazing places that bring us together. Rewilding is about ourselves – we are wild. Places need to be free. Nature, if used well, can be a counterpoint; it can be about change.



Yat Siu

Co-founder & Chairman Animoca Brands · HK

The metaverse is a virtual society. What's amazing to see is that the next step is creating one that's deeper and more immersive. Probably the sum total of your digital experience is already more than your physical experience.







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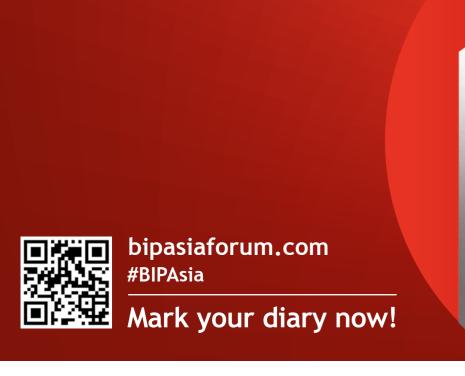




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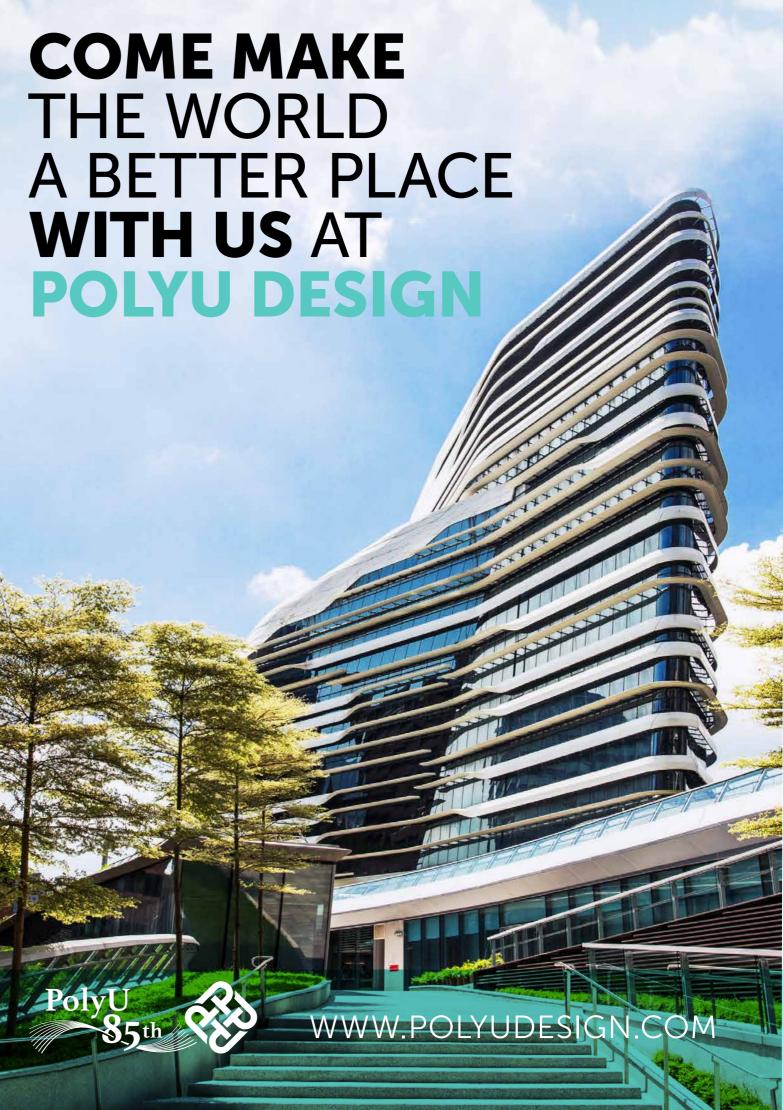














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