British Club Active Living Section

Lunch Presentation titled "Rewilding Bangkok's City Centre" by Khun Chatchanin Sung, Executive Director and Landscape Studio Director, Arsomsilp Community and Environmental Architects Company

Chairperson's Introduction of the Speaker

It has proven almost impossible to uncover much about Khun Chatchanin's early years—except that, like all of us, she was born at a very young age!

Education-wise, she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Architecture from Chulalongkorn University in 2008. From this strong academic foundation, she embarked on a career that quickly gained an international dimension.

She began with a brief stint at Planscape in Bangkok before seeking global experience. That same year, she joined the renowned design firm Cracknell in Dubai. After two years, she returned to Thailand as a Design Architect with SHMA, but her international aspirations soon took her to Hong Kong, where she joined Belt Collins International in 2011. Two years later, she became Head of Landscape Design at Atkins China, one of the world's most respected design, engineering, and project management consultancies.

In 2015, Khun Chatchanin returned to Thailand, stepping into the dual roles of Executive Director and Landscape Studio Director at the highly regarded Arsomsilp Community and Environmental Architect Company, where she continues to lead with passion and purpose.

Her work is deeply rooted in her vision of "Participatory Architecture for Change"—an approach that actively involves communities and stakeholders in shaping built environments that foster social, cultural, and environmental transformation. Through collaboration with architects, planners, and the very people who use these spaces, she ensures that her designs reflect real needs and aspirations.

Both Khun Chatchanin and Arsomsilp have spearheaded numerous projects and earned prestigious awards. Among them, one particularly stands out: in 2023, she was honored with the "Best Design Award" at the Union Internationale des Architectes (UIA) World Congress in Copenhagen, receiving the award from UIA President José Luis Cortés Delgado.

There is truly no one better suited to share with us the incredible journey behind the award-winning Benjakitti Forest Park. Please join me in giving a very warm Active Living Section welcome to Khun Chatchanin Sung!