

Acknowledgements

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2. The principal author and P.K. Li conducted a 9-month research survey in 2001–2002 on subjective responses of households towards various aspects of high-rise living. A total of 102 families in Hong Kong was interviewed and asked about their opinion towards the advantages and disadvantages of high-rise living. Of the 102 surveyed, 98 households enjoyed high-rise living as an acceptable form of urban living. Mori Building Company sponsored the survey.
3. Shizou Harada, Lecturer of the Waseda University, at a presentation at the Tongji University Shanghai on November 3, 2003, introduced his proposal to the Hyper Building Committee of the Japanese Ministry of Construction to enhance the urban roles of the existing group of high-rise office buildings in the Shinjuku district into a mixed-use sky city – enhancing the impacts of ground level activities with multi-levels of skywalks and skymalls.
4. Terry Farrell and Partners were appointed as Lead Consultants in 1992 to design the station, to create a master plan for the surrounding city and to lead the detailed design team (Terry Farrell and Partners, 1998).
5. It should be noted that as a result of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak in March 2003, there is a suspicion that dense urban form might be conducive to the spread of respiratory diseases such as SARS, and such fear has alerted planners and researchers to examine the correlation with environmental health-related issues of high-density cities, in an attempt to improve the performance of high-density developments to satisfy environmental and health concerns in compact cities.

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