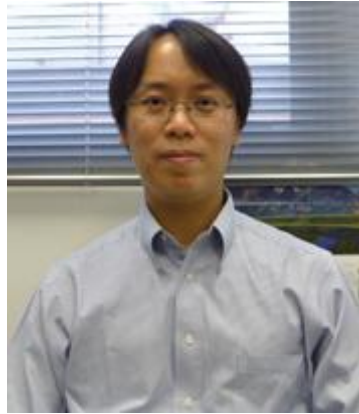


Funding for Large Equipment



A proposal by Dr Charles Wong of the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics (LSGI) for geospatial infrastructure and equipment for facilitating 'Smart City' research has recently been approved for funding of HK\$1,576,573 by the Areas of Excellence Committee (AoEC) of PolyU.

The funding will be used for the purchase of geospatial equipment, software and data such as hand-held reflectometer, digital aerial orthophotos, high resolution satellite images, and world population data. They will effectively assist the research team to build an advanced research in 'Smart City' in Hong Kong by developing a comprehensive 'Geospatial infrastructure' model. It is expected that significant impact will foreseeably be received from this research by facilitating the long-term development of the city and impacting the government decision making and international research.