

CHRIS WATSON 1940-2019

TRIBUTES FROM INTERNATIONAL VISITORS, COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS

I am so sorry that Chris Watson passed away. He was a fantastic person who considered former students like me. My memory is still clear with the time when Chris was invited to my home in Birmingham, and had Korean meals and shared amusing stories with my family in 2009. Chris was an awesome person who has a deep consideration and love for students. I would like to pay my deep tribute to Chris by sharing his pictures taken in 2009. I met him again in Seoul in 2012 with alumni from Birmingham University. I would like to pay my deep tribute to Chris Watson. May he rest in peace.



Seounghee Cheon, Seoul Public Housing Agency, Korea.

I was a student at CURS and learnt under Chris's supervision. I got the sad news that Chris Watson passed away through Yoshinobu Kikuchi. I was shocked to hear that because I did not know he was ill although we keeping in touch. ...really really miss him. I will come to the ceremony on 29th. **Yumiko Horita, Wakayama University, Japan**

I am so sorry to hear the news about Chris' death. Chris is such a nice man we all enjoyed to work with. He was such a great friend and excellent teacher/supervisor to younger researchers and students from East Asian countries. Like myself, I am sure many colleagues and friends in the housing circle in Asian will miss him dearly. **Prof Ya Ping Wang, Glasgow University**

Thank you for sharing with me the sad news about the passing away of Chris. He will be missed. Chris will be in my thoughts and prayers. Let's celebrate his blessed life and his contribution to the housing studies education. Sorry for not being able to attend the celebration service in Kings Norton, Birmingham, UK due to my duty in Hong Kong. Chris always offered assistance and advice to students from Hong Kong. Many had benefited much from his help while in Birmingham. Please send my deep condolences to Mary, Clare, Angus and Peter. **K Y Lau, Adjunct Professor, City University Hong Kong**

I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of Chris. May our Lord bless and comfort Chris's family and friends during this time of grief. Please accept my sincere condolences. **Simon Y. Yau, City University Hong Kong**

I already passed on to the people who know Chris very well. All of them deeply shocked his death. So many Japanese scholars were supported by his help. If you attend the ceremony, please give his family our condolence. **Koji Kangawa, University of Shizouka, Japan**

Thank you for the information. Very sad to know his death. I didn't know he was sick when I met him again in Birmingham in the spring. I shared the news with Japanese people who interacted with him. **Ass Prof Yoshi Kikuchi, Fukui University, Japan**

Chris involved St Basils in his work and research over many years, enabling us to learn much from the Japanese experience and using our operational experience to inform his academic research and opinion. More recently he helped complete research into affordable housing for young people on a range of incomes and illustrated how little was available for them. We shall miss his enquiring mind, his social justice commitment and his kindness. **Jean Templeton, Chief Executive, St Basils, Birmingham**

This is very sad news. I remember Chris as a very supportive and kind colleague. This is a big loss for HCRG.
Richard Lang, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria

This is very sad news indeed. Chris has made a immense contribution to housing policy and research. A very kind and remarkable man. My thoughts will be with him and his friends and family during the celebration service on November 29th. **Gerard van Bortel, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands**

That is sad news indeed. You must miss him, being such a longtime colleague and always being very friendly and kind (at least the times I met him) my condolences. **Prof Vincent Gruis, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands**

This is very sad news. Rest in peace. **Prof. Sergio Nasarre-Aznar, ENHR, Tarragona, Spain.**

A very sad news indeed. I will remember a very kind and elegant man and the pleasure we had when we met -for the last time - in the gallery in London in septembre last year. **Christiane Thouzellier, ENHR, Toulouse, France**

Chris was external examiner to one of my PhD students two years ago. He provided exactly the supportive atmosphere that allowed the student to perform at her best in the viva, whilst also making constructive suggestions for improvement - as I knew he would. **Mark Stephens, ENHR, Herriot Watt University, Scotland**

Chris was a very good person indeed. I remember visiting him, getting from him a nice tour around the canals and of course a long chat. May he rest in peace. **Ivan Tosics, ENHR, Metropolitan Research Institute, Hungary**

Very sad news. I will remember Chris as a very kind man who always showed a genuine interest in people. May he rest in peace. **Darinka Czischke, ENHR, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands**

I will always have good memories of Chris from all those meetings and places we visited together where he very actively participated in ENHR events - including his participation CC meetings as a working group coordinator. May he rest in peace. **Richard Sendi, ENHR, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

I will not try to express how much I valued Chris's support and advice over a very long time - or how aware I was of the very large numbers of colleagues and students who benefitted from his patience, diligence and expertise. We will all miss him enormously. **Alan Murie, Emeritus Professor of Urban and Regional Studies**

Diplomacy and dinners are something I associate with Chris and his kindness and genuine curiosity. Chris was also understated, droll, unexpectedly irreverent and great at putting people at ease. **Moyra Riseborough, CURS**

What a wonderful colleague. It's hard to think of a world without him. **Pat Niner, CURS**

Heard the sad news of Chris. Is anyone contacting the national/international housing studies' leads (particularly conference groups) where Chris was such a prominent and active participant? **Bruce Walker, CURS**

So sorry to hear this news. I heard from Julie Brown who is now working at Cardiff Uni. She wanted to pass on her condolences. **Ricky Joseph, Julie Brown, CURS**

He was such a warm and kind man and I'm sure he will be missed greatly by all who knew him. **Thea Raisbeck, Honorary Research Associate, HCRG**

So sorry to hear it. He was such a sweet man. **Simone Hellenen, PhD Candidate, HCRG**

Very sad to hear this news. I got to know Chris through the HCRG seminars over the last few years. He was always very welcoming and supportive of early career researchers, and very passionate about housing studies. Sincere condolences to his family and friends". **Peter Shanks, PhD Candidate, HCRG**

I was very sad to hear this news and saying my goodbyes was hard. Whenever I met Chris, he would always smile and was nice to me. **Bingzi He, PhD Candidate, HCRG**