



PAAC Global Leadership Program: Workshop on **Urban Planning**

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*What is urban planning? How does it affect the community?
How is it linked to global issues?*

In this workshop, students took a closer look at their built environment. Under the guidance of architects, designers, entrepreneurs, and city planners, students learned how good urban planning addresses issues such as sustainability, affordable housing, climate change, accessibility, and homelessness. For many, it was an introduction to a fascinating field.



*"Just walking around Chinatown and Kakaako was really **eye-opening** because it allowed me to look at these communities in **different perspectives**."*



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"It made me [en]vision a world I would be very interested and excited to be in."

Workshop Highlights:

- **Walking tour of Chinatown** by architect and educator Dean Sakamoto.
- **Walking tour of Kakaako** by Daniel Simonich, founder of Better Block Hawaii, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving urban livability, services, and infrastructure in urban communities.
- **Tour of MetroGrow Hawaii**, a vertical farming business, by founder Kerry Kakazu.
- **Presentation on Honolulu Rail** by Jon Nouchi, Planning and Environmental Deputy Director for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART).
- **Presentation on Transit-Oriented Development** by Harrison Rue Community Building and Transit-Oriented Development Administrator for the City & County of Honolulu.
- **Presentation on the human impacts of urban planning** by Karen Umamoto, Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) at

Farming in a warehouse:
Students sampled various greens like these at MetroGrow Hawaii.



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*"The most valuable part of the day was being able to **put myself in the shoes** of those that plan for urban communities/projects as a living. It enabled me to **see the community** and the **true challenges of planning on a deeper level**, and it overall just really opened my eyes."*