

## SILENT DESTROYERS:

## HOW TO STOP TERMITES BEFORE THEY STOP YOU



Credit: Mr. Spencer Kwan

- Date:** 7 October 2026 (Wednesday)
- Time:** 19:00 to 20:30
- Speaker:** Mr. Spencer Kwan, United Elite Services Ltd.
- Venue:** Online via Zoom
- CPD Points:** 1.5 CPD credit hours (CPD certificate could be provided upon request)
- Language:** English, supplement by Cantonese/ Putonghua
- Fee:** HK\$120 for HKICON Members (Professional, Associate and Retired, Members), HK\$60 for HKICON Student Members, HK\$135 for HKICON Friends and HK\$150 for Non-members. Corporate Members are offered free place(s) according to its banding. Please visit the HKICON website for registration:  
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### **About the CPD**

Termite infestation is a common challenge in the maintenance and conservation of buildings in Hong Kong, particularly in historic structures where timber elements, concealed voids, damp conditions, and ageing building fabric may create favourable environments for termite activity.

In this CPD talk, Mr. Kwan will introduce the biology, behaviour, and building-related risks of termites. It will explain how termites are highly organised social insects living in colonies, using pheromones and vibrations to coordinate foraging, nest building, defence, and colony expansion. Their ability to feed on cellulose, with the help of symbiotic microbes in their digestive systems, enables them to break down timber and other organic materials commonly found in buildings.

The session will also examine how termite nests and tunnel systems help regulate temperature and humidity, allowing colonies to survive in Hong Kong's warm and humid climate. While termites play an important ecological role in decomposing organic matter and recycling nutrients, their presence in buildings can threaten timber fabric, structural integrity, and heritage value.

This talk will provide practical insights into termite risks, early detection, prevention, and appropriate control strategies for building conservation and management.

### **About the Speaker**

#### Mr. Spencer Kwan

Mr. Spencer Kwan, the founder of United Elite Group, possesses more than 40-year pest control experience. He is a Guest Lecturer since 2000 for Termite and Pest Control at The University of Hong Kong, and a Member of Termite Control Consultancy Research Team at City University of Hong Kong. He is also actively involved in global healthcare industry with his participation in the Consultation for World Health Organization (WHO) Methods and Procedures for Aircraft Disinsection.

United Elite ("UE") was established since April 1994. UE provide full range pest control services to both residential and commercial sites. UE is also currently providing pest control services to various international airlines, such as Cathay Pacific, United Airline, Delta Air Lines, etc. In the termite control field, UE provides services to many historical sites and educational institutions in Hong Kong. UE is also a member of the National Pest Management Association and the Hong Kong Pest Management Association.

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