

**The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
First Quarterly General Meeting
21 March 2019
President's Report**

Dear Members,

Time flies and it has been more than two months since I took office in January. Despite the short timespan, I am excited to see some of the new initiatives being implemented in the Institute following the Council's goal to promote opportunity, professionalism and embrace new thinking.

Now please allow me to share with you some of our efforts made during the first quarter of 2019.

Promoting Architectural Excellence

HKIA Public Engagement Programme "Co-Vitalize our Heritage" financed by Built Heritage Conservation Fund

With staunch support from the Built Heritage Conservation Fund managed by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office under the Development Bureau, HKIA is organising a public engagement programme titled "Co-Vitalize Our Heritage (共建活力築蹟)", which is a series of activities and events aiming at strengthening community awareness, mobilizing stakeholders, enhancing participation and involving young forces within the wider heritage conservation community, with a focus on the role of architecture in adaptive reuse projects. The Programme covers four series of events, namely Co-Tour with Docents, Co-Craft with Masters, Co-Creat with Students and Co-Design with Architects, which will be held till end of 2019. Opening ceremony will be held in the afternoon on 16 March 2019.

Exploring Hong Kong's Living Style and Cultures through Architecture

HKTDC and HKIA would collaborate on organising an exhibition and associated design talks to explore Hong Kong's living style and cultures through the eyes of our fellow architects. The works of our members would be displayed as an exhibition at the TDC Design Gallery at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wanchai.

The 16th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition – Hong Kong Response Exhibition

Vertical Fabric: Density in Landscape

Organised by The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Biennale Foundation, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Planning Department of the HKSAR Government with The Hong Kong Institute of Architects as the Partner, and Create Hong Kong of the HKSAR Government as the Lead Sponsor, the 16th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition – Hong Kong Response Exhibition will be held in the City Gallery and the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Center from mid-March to late June 2019.

Responding to the theme of "Freespace", the curatorial team invited 89 groups of exhibitors from Hong Kong, the Mainland, Taiwan and overseas cities to design 116 towers in different forms and to demonstrate the urban skyline of Hong Kong, and to explore freespace through vertical towers. Please follow our Facebook and website for more details and updates.

HKIA Cross-Strait Architectural Design Symposium and Awards (CADSA)

Riding on success of past years, the Institute is organising the CADSA for the fourth time with the support of lead sponsor Create Hong Kong of the HKSAR Government. The theme "Shape the Shapeless" is adopted to commence a new exploration and to expand the scope of CADSA as a culturally sensitive and design focused event. The Symposium will be held on 21 June 2019, where renowned architects, theoreticians, historians and educators from the Belt and Road Regions and Africa gather and exchange their knowledge and vision in architecture and culture from a global perspective. We will soon announce more details about the Symposium.

Communication within Institute

Spring Reception 2019

HKIA Spring Reception 2019 was held in the evening of 18 February 2019 at the Eaton Club and was well-attended by more than 150 guests and members. We were honoured to have the presence of Mr. Michael Wong, JP, Secretary for Development and other prestigious guests to join the event.

Facebook Live Chat

To communicate with members instantly, the Council started to host live chat on the HKIA Facebook page this year. Two live chats were successfully broadcasted in January and March to introduce the functions of Council and the six Boards and to update members about recent hot topics and upcoming events. We are glad to hear many constructive suggestions from our members. Please stay tuned for the next live sharing in June 2019.

Launching of New HKIA Website

The new website is now at testing and commissioning stage. We are working to have the first launching in early 2nd quarter.

Communication with Local and Professional Communities

Joint Institutes Forum on Lantau Tomorrow – Dialogue with Secretary for Development

The Joint Institutes Forum on Lantau Tomorrow – Dialogue with Secretary for Development was held together with HKILA, HKIP, HKIS and Office of LegCo Member Hon Tony Tse on 1 March 2019. I joined the Forum together with 22 HKIA members and we actively shared our views on the Lantau Tomorrow initiatives with Mr. Michael Wong, JP, Secretary for Development. We had a fruitful and fulfilling discussion that evening and we will continue to convey our opinions to the government via different channels.

HKIA Media Luncheon

The new Council convened a luncheon with friends of the media on 12 March 2019. We gave professional view on hot issues such as Lantau Tomorrow Vision and land supply, elaborate the roles of Hong Kong architects in the development of the Greater Bay Area and also introduced our coming signature events to the media. The gathering was attended by a record high of more than 23 reporters from 17 broadcast and press agencies. More than 8 agencies posted the summary of our presentation on their e-post in the same afternoon. The responses were positive and supportive. We always welcome enquiries from the media to let the public better understand our profession and opinion.

Communication with Mainland

Symposium on the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

Together with Vice President Franklin YU and BMA Chair Dr. Dickie LAU, I attended the symposium on the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) co-organised by the People's Government of Guangdong Province, the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region on 21 February 2019 in Hong Kong. We will discuss with relevant government department on HKIA's views to promote our members entering into GBA.

Mainland CPD Courses in Hong Kong

Organised by Board of Mainland Affairs, two Mainland CPD courses in Hong Kong were held on 12 January and 16 March 2019. In January, we were honoured to invite Professor MENG Qinglin, Deputy Dean of School of Architecture, South China University of Technology (華南理工大學建築學院副院長孟慶林教授) to lecture on topics about the Mainland's green building evaluation standards and technologies with analysis on some case studies. In March, we had

another insightful talk on Fire Safety Code of Architectural Design by JIANG Gang, Executive Chief Architect of Architectural Design and Research Institute of Guangdong Province (廣東省建築設計研究院江剛執行總建築師). We will continue to organise courses of this kind to facilitate members' pursuance of Mainland CPD.

Meeting with Qianhai Authority

Two officials from the Qianhai Authority would visit the joint HKIA / ARB premises to learn about the operation of HKIA and ARB, architects' involvement and potential contribution to Qianhai on 14 March 2019.

Works on Local Issues

Joined DfMA Alliance organised by Construction Industry Council (CIC)

CIC is establishing an industry-wide membership organization, called DfMA Alliance, enabling collaboration in offsite prefabrication and modular construction. HKIA was invited to join the Alliance to act as a catalyst of innovation, support image and reputation and showcase technical capabilities.

HKIA BIM Accreditation Programme

The HKIA BIM Accreditation Programme Application Handbook was endorsed by Council to set out the objectives, eligibility of BIM Pro (HKIA) / BIM Pro and BIM Co (HKIA) / BIM Co, grandfathering policy, review of interview / assessment results and handling of appeal, renewal of registration.

Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL)

HKIA, AAP, HKIS and ACQS have been working on the reply to the refined proposal on scope of adjudication under SOPL, i.e. whether parties should be entitled to refer disputes on time for performance or entitlement to extension of time (EoT) for performance to adjudication to Development Bureau and to be submitted in mid-March 2019.

Quality Supervision

I was invited by CIC to join a discussion on quality supervision. I advised that quality supervision not only covers contractual enhancement, RSS training and new technologies for supervision, but also looks into the statutory supervision duties of different stakeholders of the construction industry.

Connection with Overseas

President's Duty Visit: Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Royal Gold Medal and Fellowships Week

I was invited to attend the RIBA International President Roundtable and received the RIBA Presidential Medal in London as part of the "RIBA Royal Gold Medal and Fellowships Week". It was a valuable experience that presidents of major international architect institutes gathered and exchanged views on five principles on "Future of the Profession" from global and regional perspectives. All presidents who attended the international week also joined the RIBA Royal Gold Medal Ceremony to foster the friendships amongst architect institutes.

Thank you again for the staunch support to HKIA.

Yours sincerely,
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President