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The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

The First Quarterly General Meeting 2008

Honorary Secretary Report

26 March 2008

I) Board of Practices (BP)

1	Corporate Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As at 17 March, the Institute has 143 Corporate Members.</li><li>• All AACSB firms (Band 1 and 2) are now Corporate Members of the Institute.</li><li>• On 29 January 2008, BP organized a workshop with the Immigration Department regarding issued related to employment visas for non-local architects. Ms. Helen Chan, the Assistant Director of Immigration hosted the session and shared with the Corporate Members the current policy and application details. More than 30 representatives from 20-odd Corporate Members joined the workshop and shared their concerns with Ms. Chan.</li></ul>
2	HKIA International Standards Online Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HKIA International Standards Online Scheme was launched in January 2008. 31 Corporate Members subscribed to the scheme and these firms can now enjoy the access to the online library at their offices. Other HKIA Members are also welcomed to use the online library at HKIA premises.</li></ul>
3	HKIA Online Job Advertisement service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corporate Members can now enjoy free online job advertisement service at HKIA website. An online advertisement submission system has been developed for a faster process of the posting. Corporate Member can log-in with their username and password for the free service. Non-Corporate Members will be charged at a rate of \$750/ post/ month for such services.</li></ul>

II) Board of Local Affairs (BLA)

1	Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Fung Wing Kee Raymond and Mr Kung Shu Kai Sherman were nominated HKIA representatives to The Advisory Committee on the Appearance of Bridges and the Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures (ACABAS).</li><li>• Ms Anna Kwong was referred to the office of the Clerk of Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance) for consideration of appointment to be member of the Board on personal capacity.</li></ul>
2	Legislative Council Presentations	The Institute delivered presentations and written views to various LegCo Subcommittees on the following subjects (papers uploaded to HKIA website for reference) :



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	and Submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• West Kowloon Cultural District Authority to LegCo Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development on 4 January 2008.</li><li>• Introduction of Minor Works Control System to LegCo Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2007 on 26 January 2008.</li><li>• Proposed mandatory implementation of Building Energy Codes to LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs on 28 January 2008.</li><li>• Responses to the measures put forward by the government to strengthen the development of cultural software and humanware in Hong Kong to LegCo Panel on Home Affairs on 5 February 2008.</li></ul>
3	Delivery of Views on Local Affairs	<p>In addition to LegCo presentations and submissions, the Institute also delivered views on the following subjects (papers uploaded to HKIA website for reference) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Government's proposal of lowering the compulsory land sale application threshold under Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance for specified classes of lots to facilitate private redevelopment submitted to Development Bureau on 31 January 2008.</li><li>• Supporting in principle to the proposed Registered Fire Engineer Scheme for Implementation of Third Party Fire Safety Certification in Hong Kong submitted to Fire Services Department on 1 February 2008.</li></ul>
4	Concept Design Competition for World Exposition Shanghai China 2010 Hong Kong Pavilion	<p>The Design Competition was organized by Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau and Architectural Services Department of HKSARG and sponsored by HKIA. It was launched on 1 February 2008 and submissions had closed on 13 March 2008. Adjudication would be conducted in later March and results would be announced by the Government shortly.</p>
5	HKIA Professional Volunteer Service Programme	<p>The HKIA Professional Volunteer Services Programme is a partnership programme with the Agency for Volunteer Service to promote, encourage members' participation in professional volunteer services and to recognize their contributions. The programme also served to extend our professional services to a wider volunteer service platform to those needy groups in the society. Members were invited to submit declarations of their voluntary services hours for year 2007. Various awards and Certificates of Appreciation would be presented to members.</p>



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**III) Board of Educational Affairs (BEdA)**

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2	Enhancement of Professional Assessment system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To follow up on recommendations in Mr. Choi Chee Cheong's report, Mr. Wong Shiu Kwan has been appointed as Senior Manager of HKIA-ARB Professional Assessment to work out the implementation plan which will be discussed by Professional Assessment Committee prior to bringing up to BEdA and Council for approval.</li> </ul>																														
3	Education & Careers Expo 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HKIA Booth was successfully staged at the Education &amp; Careers Expo on 21-24 February 2008 by the working group led by Benjamin Yiu.</li> </ul>																														
4	Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 68% members submitted CPD Declaration Form 2007 as at 26 February 2008. For comparison, 91% members submitted CPD Declaration Form 2006 in 2007.</li> <li>• "The Ideas Factory" delivered by Ms Christine Hawley on 23 January 2008 at Pacific Place Conference was participated by 124 attendants.</li> <li>• CPD seminar on Construction Law delivered by Mr. Vincent Connor and Ms. Alice To on 20 March 2008 at HKIS</li> </ul>																														



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		<p>Surveyors Learning Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CPD Visit to International Commerce Centre (date to confirm)</li><li>• CPD Visit to Ocean Park (date to confirm)</li><li>• CPD Seminar on Barrier Free Accessibility (date to confirm)</li></ul>
5	Affiliate HKIA Assessment 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The workshop cum written assessment and interview were successfully held on 19 January 2008 (Sat) and 26 January 2008 (Sat) at Joint Professional Centre.</li><li>• The first cohort of Affiliate HKIA admitted on 19 Feb 2008 consists of 15 architectural technologists and 1 site supervisory personnel.</li></ul>
6	Visitation by Board of Architects, Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Board of Architects, Singapore will visit HKIA and ARB on 19 March 2008 to discuss issues on accreditation as well as issues regarding the APEC meeting in August 2008.</li></ul>

IV) Board of Mainland Affairs (BMA)

1	Mutual Recognition Exercise 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The exercise in 2008 is the 5th and the last exercise under the current mutual recognition agreement with the Mainland.</li><li>• Expression of interest had been invited during 6-18 February 2008 from eligible members for their indication to join the 2008 exercise.</li><li>• The first working meeting with the National Administration Board of Architectural Registration on details of the 2008 exercise was held on 19 February 2008 in Shenzhen.</li><li>• Date, place and quota of this year's exercise are to be decided by the Ministry of Construction for announcement to members.</li></ul>
2	Research on and comparison on the job scopes and responsibilities of architects in Hong Kong and Mainland China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding support is sought from the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme. The application is approved in principle.</li><li>• The National Administration Board of Architectural Registration and The Architectural Society of China are invited to be the collaborating organizations.</li><li>• Hong Kong University and Tsinghua University are invited to be the remunerated researchers.</li></ul>
3	Visit to HKIA by the Construction Department of Guangdong Province	<p>A delegation of the Construction Department of the Guangdong Province visited HKIA on 7 March 2008 to enhance liaison &amp; ties with HKIA, as part of their effort to research &amp; review their system on approval of plans.</p>



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V) Board of External Affairs (BExA)

1	Overseas Excursion Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An excursion tour to Tokyo, Japan will be organized during 10-13 May. Proposed places of visits include Tokyo Midtown Projects, Roppongi Hill and Takaharu &amp; Yui Tezuka's projects. Invitation was sent to 13 travel agents on 25 February for submission of tender before 10 March. Student helper would not be recruited for the tour. Estimated tour fare is around \$9,000.</li><li>• To avoid clash with the possible Green Tour to Sustainable Building Conference organized in Melbourne during 21-25 Sep 08, the long excursion tour will be postponed to be held in April 2009.</li><li>• Another short tour might be organized during either 1-5 Oct OR 4-8 Oct. Place is to be confirmed.</li></ul>
2	Academic Exchange Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liaison with HAB for possible role in HKIA in coming ACCF in November 2008 is underway. It does not involve a direct financial contribution from the HKIA. Our support is limited to goodwill and voluntary support by certain members.</li></ul>
3	UIA Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The XXIII UIA World Congress of Architecture Torino 2008 will be held from the 29 June to the 3 July in Turin, Italy. Details can be found from the website: <a href="http://www.uia2008torino.org">http://www.uia2008torino.org</a> HKIA will be represented by the President and Hong Kong's UIA council member, Joseph Kwan.</li><li>• Letters were received from Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) to call for support of their bidding to host the UIA World Congress, the UIA Assembly and other related events in Singapore in 2014. SIA's proposed theme is "Green Cities". The selection of the country to host UIA Congress 2014 will take place at the UIA General Assembly in early July during the UIA World Congress in Turin.</li><li>• The four categories of UIA Prizes were publicized on the HKIA website to invite nominations from members by 4 January. As at 7 January, no nominations were received.</li><li>• The Board is considering to continue its support to Joseph Kwan to run for UIA Council Member Region IV and Director of UIA Work Programme "Architecture for All" for the term 2008-2011.</li><li>• UIA endorsed affiliates/ associates as their new form of membership. The terms and eligibility for application of UIA affiliates/ associates were received. As advised by UIA, Smofy, Legrand, Kone and Velus are the current "Affiliates" or global sponsors. The Board would refer the information to Board of Practices to see if corporate members/ sponsors are interested.</li></ul>



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4	UIA Regions IV Work Programme "Architecture for All" Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsorship rate for UIA Work Programme "Architecture for All" website would follow the HKIA web job-advertising rate of \$750/ post/ month.</li> </ul>
5	CAA/ ARCASIA Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make submission to ARCASIA magazine - Architectural Asia (AA) Issue 1/ March 08, HKIA Annual Award projects in 2006 were invited to submit details for onward submission to AA. 6 Projects were submitted for publication:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Stanley Municipal Services Building</li> <li>➢ S.K.H. St. Andrew's Primary School and S.K.H. St. Mary's Church Mok Hing Yiu College</li> <li>➢ Education Resource Centre at Kowloon Tong</li> <li>➢ A Purpose Designed Building for Centralised Science Laboratories, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</li> <li>➢ St. Andrew's Church</li> <li>➢ Beautification of Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Stephen Ho was nominated as the representative to Advisory Panel of CAA e-journal. Prof. Edwin Chan had kindly agreed to serve such panel should an additional representative were invited.</li> <li>• The organizer of ARCASIA Congress invited nominations of speakers to ACA 13, to be held in Busan, Korea during 27 Oct – 1 Nov. Announcement was made on website for members to indicate their interests before 15 March.</li> </ul>

VI) Board of Internal Affairs (BIA)

1	Annual Awards 2007 Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 77 submissions were received this year. The jury process was successfully completed in late January 2008.</li> <li>• The official result announcement of the Annual Awards 2007 will be made at the Press Conference on 21 April 2008 at HKIA Premises.</li> <li>• The exhibition venue will be held from 25-29 April 2008 at Park Court, Pacific Place.</li> <li>• The Honorable Henry Tang, GBS, JP, the Chief Secretary of Administration will be our officiating guest at the event at the Award Presentation and Opening Ceremony at 7:00pm. Cocktail will be commenced at 6:30pm.</li> <li>• The Annual Awards 2007 Special Issue will be ready at the end of April for members' collection at HKIA Premises.</li> </ul>
2	Young Architects' Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year HKIA received 7 submissions for Young Architects' Award.</li> <li>• The award will be presented to Mr. AU Fai, Andy, winner of Young Architect's Award 2007 at the Annual Awards 2007</li> </ul>



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		<p>Award Presentation &amp; Exhibition Opening Ceremony on Friday evening, 25 April 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young Architects' Project Fund 2008 was launched in late February.</li><li>• Cross Professional event "Meet the Professionals – Part 2 – Art Lovers" was successfully held on 6 March 2008 at Fringe Club.</li></ul>
3	Student & Graduate Members' Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'HKIA Student Mentorship Scheme 2008' was launched in February 2008.</li></ul>
4.	100-Year of Architecture in Hong Kong Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The first "Disappearing Hong Kong" Photo trip 2008 will be scheduled on 29 March 2008 (Sat) at Mei Ho House &amp; Shek Kip Mei.</li></ul>
5.	Annual Ball 2008 Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HKIA Annual Ball 2008 cum HKIA Conference will be scheduled on Saturday, 22 November at the Conrad Hotel.</li></ul>
6.	Welfare & Activities Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HKIA Football team was a champion at the Football match with Legislative Council on 24 Feb 2008.</li><li>• Heritage Walk at Yuen Long San Tin will take place in mid April. Details can be found on HKIA website.</li></ul>
7.	Media Resources and Publications Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HKIA Annual Report will be launched in early April 2008 for members' collection at HKIA Premises.</li></ul>
8.	Quality Building Award 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Score marking sheets were returned to Quality Building Award secretariat on 15 February 2008.</li><li>• Projects' site visit will take place on 29 &amp; 30 March 2008.</li></ul>

VII) Special Project – Hong Kong/Shenzhen Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture

2007

1	HK Biennale Opening Ceremony	<p>The Hong Kong Exhibition's Opening Ceremony was held on 9 January 2008 at the Old Central Police Station, 10 Hollywood Road, Central Hong Kong. The HKSAR Chief Executive Donald TSANG, Shenzhen Deputy Mayor YAN Xiaopei and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman John CHAN were the Officiating Guests.</p> <p>About 300 members, general public and press attended the Ceremony to witness the exhibition launching.</p> <p>In early January, Development Bureau (DEVB) released a fund at HK\$1M to help making the Opening Ceremony much</p>
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		more fascinating.
2	Media Exposures and Record of Visitors	<p>During the exhibition period from 9 January to 15 March, there were more than 200 news-clippings and media interview related to the organizers, curatorial team and exhibitors.</p> <p>As at 9 March, there are 56,773 visitors.</p>
3	HK Biennale Closing Ceremony	<p>The Hong Kong Exhibition's Closing <u>Extravaganza</u> was held on 15 March from 7pm – 10pm. As at 7 March, the Institute was in receipt of the following sponsorship to the Biennale Closing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HK\$50,000 Lan Kwai Fong Holdings Limited</li><li>- HK\$50,000 Chun Wo Development Holdings Limited</li><li>- HK\$50,000 Yau Lee Holdings Limited</li><li>- HK\$10,000 Dragages Hong Kong Limited</li></ul>
4	Details of Shenzhen Biennale	<p>Shenzhen Exhibition's Closing Party was held on 8 March. Representatives of the HKIA, HKIP and HKDA, Hong Kong Steering Committee and curatorial team were invited to attend as a nice wrap of the Bi-city event.</p>
5	Publication and Archive	<p>Dr. Lee Shau Kee, Chairman of Henderson Land Development Company Limited donated HK\$400,000- towards the publication of a souvenir book recording the Hong Kong/Shenzhen Biennale Exhibition.</p>

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