



香港建築師學會

The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

The Second Quarterly General Meeting 2008

Honorary Secretary Report

23 June 2008

1) Board of Local Affairs (BLA)

1.	Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr LAM Tin Cho Eric was re-nominated to Construction Workers Registration Authority (CWRA) for serving on Review Committee of CWRA for the new term of two years commencing 2 May 2008.</li><li>• Mr LUI Chun Wan Alex was nominated to be the alternate representative of Greening Master Plan Committee of Civil Engineering and Development Department for the term expiring in July 2010.</li><li>• Mr AU YEUNG Chi King Artur was re-nominated, and Mr NG Wing Shun Vincent and Mr CHAN Sui Tung Tony were nominated to Buildings Department for the Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers, and Registered Geotechnical Engineers Committee.</li></ul>
2.	Written submissions	<p>The Institute delivered presentations and written views to various LegCo Panel and Subcommittees on the following subjects :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• withdrawal of declaration of proposed monument for Jessville delivered in the meeting of Subcommittee on Antiquities and Monuments (Withdrawal of Declaration of Proposed Monument) (No. 128 Pok Fu Lam Road) on 12 March 2008.</li><li>• West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority Bill on 12 April 2008.</li><li>• government proposal of lowering the compulsory land sale application threshold for specified classes of lots under Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance delivered to Panel on Development on 15 April 2008.</li><li>• provision of public facilities in private developments delivered to Panel on Development on 31 May 2008.</li><li>• Building (Planning) (Amendment) Regulation 2008 delivered to Subcommittee on Building (Planning) Regulations amendment on 11 June 2008.</li></ul> <p>Other submissions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To Hong Kong Jockey Club to respond to the public consultation on the revitalization proposal for the former Central Police Station Compound on 18 March 2008.</li><li>• To Environment Bureau to respond to the public consultation on the proposed mandatory implementation of Building Energy Codes on 31 March 2008.</li></ul>
3.	Local Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A briefing on conservation of former Central School site delivered by Development Bureau on 27 May 2008.</li><li>• Two fora on public consultation on healthcare reform</li></ul>



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		<p>organized by Prof Hon Patrick Lau were held at HKIA premises 8 May and 23 May 2008 respectively. Hon Kwok Ka Kei and Dr York Chow, Secretary for Food and Health, were invited to discuss the subject with members of Architectural, Surveying and Planning functional constituency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The local affairs forum 2008 organized by BLA on "Heritage Revitalization at a Crossroads : Alternative Ideas for Central Police Station Compound at Hollywood Road" was held on 5 June 2008.</li></ul>
4.	Concept Design Competition for World Exposition Shanghai China 2010 Hong Kong Pavilion	<p>The Competition was organized by Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau and Architectural Services Department of HKSARG and sponsored by HKIA. The results of the Competition were announced on 14 April 2008. Submissions of the Competition were posted onto HKIA web for viewing.</p>
5.	CPD Seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The CPD seminar on sustainable buildings delivered by Mark Kelly of Wood Bagots was held on 26 May 2008.</li><li>• A CPD seminar on urban transformation of Sai Ying Pun (1850-2007) delivered by Prof Hendrik Tieben, Prof Woo Pui Leng, Mr Tsang Yuet Chi from Department of Architecture of CUHK was held on 11 June 2008.</li></ul>

II) Board of Educational Affairs (BEaA)

1.	Professional Assessment 2007 - Professional Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professional Interview was held on 1 April 2008.</li><li>• Of the 116 candidates who sat the Professional Interview, 92 candidates passed representing a passing rate of 79.3%.</li></ul>
2.	Professional Assessment 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration is open from now until 1 August 2008.</li><li>• Design Papers Advisor Session was organized on 22 May 2008 to give briefing to advisors.</li><li>• The 28 sessions of Lecture &amp; Seminar Series shall be held from late June to mid October.</li></ul>
3.	NBAA Accreditation Visit to Wuhan University	<p>BEaA Chairman and Paul Chu attended the National Board of Architectural Accreditation (NBAA) Accreditation Visit as observers to Wuhan University during 25-29 May 2008 and an accreditation committee meeting on 31 May 2008 at HeFei University of Technology.</p>
4.	Continuing Professional Development Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A total of 75% members have submitted their CPD Declaration Form for 2007 as at 30 May 2008.</li><li>• HKIA-HKIS Joint CPD Seminar on Conservation of the Built Heritage delivered by Lam Sair Ling and Chan Mei Kuen was held on 22 May 2008.</li><li>• CPD Seminar on Education Futures delivered by Stephen</li></ul>



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		<p>Jones on 3 June 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CPD Factory Visit to Saint Glas Glass Factory on 7 June 2008.</li><li>• CPD Seminar on A Matter of Principle delivered by Edward Leung on 26 June 2008.</li><li>• CPD Architectural Tour to Macau on 28-29 June 2008.</li></ul>
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III) Board of Internal Affairs (BIA)

1	Annual Awards Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The HKIA Annual Award Presentation &amp; Exhibition Opening Ceremony was successfully concluded on 25 April 2008 at Pacific Place.</li><li>• Annual Awards 2007 Special Issues are now available for members' collection at HKIA Premises.</li></ul>
2	Young Architects' Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The winning project of Young Architects' Project Fund 2008 is Picturesque City – A photographic journey of Hong Kong.</li><li>• Cross professional activity – Hike + Fun Day at Lamma Island co-organised by HKIA, HKIS, HKLA and HKIP on 13 April 2008.</li></ul>
3.	100-Year of Architecture in Hong Kong Committee	<p>The photo trip to Shau Kei Wan is scheduled for 28 June 2008.</p>
4.	Annual Ball 2008 Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HKIA Conference &amp; Annual Ball will be held on 22 Nov 2008 at Conrad Hotel.</li><li>• The Honorable Donald Tsang, Chief Executive of HKSAR will be the Guest of Honor of the Annual Ball.</li></ul>
5.	Welfare & Activities Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HKIA New Dragon boat Launching Ceremony was held on 6 April 08 at Victoria Recreation Centre, Deep Water Bay.</li><li>• Heritage Walk to Tai Fu Tai Mansion &amp; Man Lun Fung Ancestral Hall on 19 April 2008.</li><li>• New Members' Welcoming Party and Certificate Presentation 2008 on 12 June 2008 at Craigengower Cricket Club.</li></ul>
6.	Media Resources and Publications Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HKIA Annual Report 2007 and Directory of Architects Practices 2008 are available for members' collection at HKIA Premises.</li></ul>
7.	Quality Building Award 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The QBA Conference will be held on 27 and 28 June 2008 at Chiang Theatre, the Poly University of Hong Kong.</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Award Presentation Ceremony is scheduled for 4 July 2008 at Island Shangri-la Hotel.</li></ul>
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IV) Board of Practices (BP)

1.	Corporate Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Institute currently maintains over 140 Corporate Members. 11 architectural practices (sole proprietors/partnership) agreed to join the activities of Corporate Membership.</li><li>A brand new web page was launched on the HKIA website for corporate members on 16 June 2008. 53 Corporate Members made submission for the new webpage.</li><li>Sharing of information amongst Corporate Members was made on 19 May 2008 and 5 June 2008 on unscrupulous companies seeking architectural services in Yunnan, China</li></ul>
2.	Salary Survey 2008	A salary survey was conducted amongst 23 returns of Corporate Members. The result of which was shared amongst participating firms only
3.	Tin Sui Wai Internship Programme	HKIA had committed to take up 25 places at the HK Coalition of Services Tin Sui Wai Internship Programme.
4.	Business Promotion Committee	A booth was acquired at 'Design for Living Expo in Hangzhou' organized by HKTDC during 11-13 June. Corporate Members' works were exhibited free of charge.
5.	Practice Issues Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting with Architectural Services Department on 5 June 2008</li><li>Letter to Mrs. Carrie Lam of Development Bureau on 13 May 2008 in response to Creation of Chief Landscape Architect Post in Architectural Services Department</li><li>Letter to Mr. David Tong of Development Bureau on 19 May 2008 in response to Higher Priority for Quality Design in Selection and Performance Assessment of Consultants.</li></ul>

V) Board of Mainland Affairs (BMA)

1.	Mutual Recognition Exercise 2008 (7 – 10 July 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The exercise shall be held at Xi'an City, Shanxi Province. (陝西省西安市).</li><li>The quota limit is 80 each sides.</li><li>Application period: 3 April - 5 May. 141 applications were received.</li><li>The list of 80 successful applicants was announced on 19 May 2008.</li><li>Two Briefing Sessions with candidates were held on 28 &amp; 30 May at HKIA Premises.</li></ul>
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2.	Corporate Members' visit to Beijing (27-29 April 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from 18 architectural practices joined.</li> <li>• Led by Hon. Patrick Lau and senior officials of the PRC's Liaison Office in the HKSAR, the 27 delegates paid a courtesy visit to             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Ministry of Housing, Urban-Rural Development</li> <li>- The United Front Work Department of the Central Committee Party of China</li> <li>- The Ministry of Commerce</li> <li>- China Real Estate Chamber of Commerce (全國工商聯房地產建設商會)</li> <li>- The Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of State Council, and the</li> <li>- The Beijing Office of the Government of the HKSAR</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. SONG Chun-hua, HKIA's Honorary Member, and members in Beijing were invited to join the gathering lunch on 29 April with the delegation.</li> </ul>
3.	The PRC Construction Project Manager Qualification	The Ministry of Housing, Urban-Rural Development and the China Association of Engineer Consultant agreed to offer a one-off assessment on the PRC Construction Project Manager Qualification to members of the Institute.
4.	Comparative Study – roles of architects in Hong Kong and the Mainland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The study is funded by the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme (PSDAS).</li> <li>• The Hong Kong University and Tsinghua University agreed to render support to the study as researchers. Application is about to be approved.</li> </ul>

VI) Board of External Affairs (BExA)

1.	Overseas Excursion Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With less than the minimum secured number of participants of 16, the Committee cancelled the excursion tour to Japan (10 - 13 May 2008).</li> <li>• A post-Olympic tour to Beijing shall be organized in October for visits of new railways and stadiums such as National Stadium, National Aquatics Center, etc.</li> </ul>
2.	Academic Exchange Committee	<p>The new HKIA DVD will include additional items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sponsored competitions</li> <li>- HKIA Journal - Best Paper Award (Design &amp; Research Categories)</li> <li>- annual dinner and position papers on controversial issues</li> </ul>
3.	UIA Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In light of Architectural Society of China's decision to nominate a Council Member to UIA, HKIA decided not to nominate candidates to run for the Council election, which will be held in Turin in July.</li> <li>• The survey on "Integration of Universal Accessibility &amp; Inclusive Design in Architectural Education in UIA Region IV" was made amongst member institutes in December</li> </ul>



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		<p>2007. Out of 10 respondents, only 4 architecture schools have offered courses on accessibility as part of their architectural program. The findings shall be reported by Joseph Kwan at the UIA World Congress in Turin in July 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An exhibition to show exemplary Accessibility/ Universal/ Inclusive Design Award Projects in Region IV will be organized.</li> </ul>
4.	UIA Regions IV Work Programme "Architecture for All" Committee	To enrich the content of UIA WP "Architecture for All" website, invitations were sent to charity organizations on 17 March for including hyperlinks in our website ( <a href="http://uiawpafa.hkia.net">http://uiawpafa.hkia.net</a> ), vice versa.
5.	CAA/ ARCASIA Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two students from HKU and CUHK respectively were nominated to ARCASIA for attending Student Jamboree on HKIA funding.</li> <li>Ms. Anna Kwong attended the ARCASIA Office Bearers Meeting &amp; Professional Practice Commission Meeting (4 - 6 April 08) on behalf of the President. A survey on manpower projection study amongst ARCASIA member institutes was undertaken by HKIA.</li> </ul>

VII) Special Project – HKIA Conference, Annual Ball & Building Tour

1.	<b>Conference</b>	
1.1	Theme	Urbanism + Architecture: A Comparative Perspective (Shang – Kong Ny-Lon)
1.2	Date	22 November 2008, Saturday (Morning til afternoon)
1.3	Venue	Conrad Hotel, Pacific Place, Hong Kong
1.4	Officiating Guest	The Honourable John Tsang, Financial Secretary, HKSAR
1.5	Confirmed Keynote Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MA Qingyun, Dean of the School of Architecture, the University of Southern California</li> <li>Peter BISHOP, Director of Design for London</li> <li>Amanda BURDEN, Chair of City Planning Commission, New York City</li> <li>The Honourable John Tsang, Financial Secretary, HKSAR</li> </ul>
1.6	Confirmed Honourable Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RIBA: President, Sunand Prasad; Chief Executive, Richard Hastilow</li> <li>RAIA: President Elect, Howard Tanner</li> <li>AIA Hong Kong: President, Glenn Wing</li> <li>HKSAR Government: Officials from Finance Branch, Development Bureau, Works Branch, Lands Department, Buildings Department, Planning Department, etc.</li> </ul>



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2.	<b>Annual Ball</b>	In the evening of 22 November at Conrad Hotel
2.1	Theme	GREEN- Metropolis.

3.	<b>Building Tour</b>	23 November 2008, Sunday
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VIII) Special Project – Venice Biennale Architecture Exhibition 2008

1.	Exhibition Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Venice Exhibition: 14 September – 23 November 2008</li><li>• Hong Kong Response Exhibition: Late 2008/Early 2009</li></ul>
2.	Curator	The Steering Committee appointed to a curatorial team led by Professor Desmond Hui of CUHK and Professor Lee Ou Fan.
4.	Exhibits	“Call for Exhibitors” has been launched since mid-April 2008.
5.	Sponsors (as at 30 May 2008)	The Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme (PSDAS) Secretariat which is under the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) led by Mr. Frederick Ma, JP, confirmed to financial support the Venice Biennale 2008 at HK\$1.86M on a dollar-to-dollar policy.

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