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The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

The First Quarterly General Meeting 2009

Honorary Secretary Report

26 March 2009

Board of Practices (BP)

1	Corporate Membership	Renewal was completed for 130 Corporate Members for 2009.
2	Directory of Architectural Practices 2009	Over 100 Corporate Members made submission for the Directory of Architectural Practices 2009, which will be ready for release in May 2009.
3	Practices Survey 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Salary Survey 2009 amongst Corporate Members on 23 February was being conducted</li><li>● Survey result will be available in April 2009.</li></ul>
4	Practice Issues Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A proposal on regular review and adjustment of project limit eligible to bid for AACSB 1 &amp; 2 Architectural Consultants was prepared by the Committee. The proposal addressed that it was necessary to review the project limit of Band 2 so as to fully reflect the fluctuation in Tender Price Index. The proposal was sent to Arch SD in late February for their consideration.</li></ul>
5	Legal & Finance Committee	Representatives from the Committee would be meeting with Marsh, the appointed insurance broker of the HKIA Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme. The proposal would be circulated to Corporate Members for expression of interest once ready.
6	Membership Committee	Following the adoption by Council, a "List of HKIA Registered Practices", which includes both "Corporate Membership" and Sole Proprietors/Partnership, will be in place in April 2009.
7	Contract and Dispute Resolution Committee	The Committee would review some closed disciplinary cases to bring out practice issues for avoidance of possible accusation against architects. This would help Corporate Members to prevent similar case in the future and be more cautious in handling some particular architectural works.

Board of Local Affairs (BLA)

1	Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr FU Chin Shing Ivan was nominated to Vocational Training Council to serve on the Building and Civil Engineering Training Board.</li><li>● Mr WONG King Lau Geoffrey was referred to the Office of Clerk of Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance) for</li></ul>
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		<p>consideration of appointment by Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury to serve as member of Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mr Franklin YU, Mr Alexander LUSH, Mr TAM Wai Lam William were nominated, and Mr NG Wing Shun Vincent and Mr CHU Hoi Shan Paul were re-nominated to represent in Hong Kong Urban Design Alliance for the term of 2009.</li><li>● Mr TSENG Yen Wei William was nominated to Buildings Department to serve on the Steering Committee for Consultancy Study on the Building Design Guidelines for Adaptive Re-use of Heritage Buildings.</li></ul>
2	Submission of Written Views / Responses to Local Affairs	<p>The Institute delivered views to the Government on the following subjects :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A press release on the forthcoming public engagement on measures to foster a quality and sustainable built environment was issued on 23 January 2009.</li><li>● The Institute delivered a presentation on public facilities in private developments at the meeting of Panel on Development of the Legislative Council held on 16 February 2009. The position paper was also submitted to the LegCo for record.</li><li>● A press release on 2009-2010 HKSARG Budget was issued on 25 February 2009.</li><li>● Further to the submission of written views on urban design for the new Central harbourfront in July 2008, the Institute presented the views on the same subject in the public consolidation forum conducted by Harbourfront Enhancement Committee on 28 February 2009.</li></ul>
3	Other Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Open International Ideas Competition for Noise Barrier / Enclosure Design</b> The Competition was organized by Highways Department and co-organized, inter alia, by HKIA. It was launched on 6 January 2009 and registrations closed on 20 February 2009. Announcement of results was scheduled for April 2009.</li><li>● <b>North Point Harbour Conceptual Design Competition</b> The Competition was organized by Eastern District Council and co-organized, inter alia, by HKIA. The competition was launched on 24 February 2009 and registrations and submission of entries to close on 10 March 2009 and 15 April 2009 respectively.</li><li>● <b>Envisioning Days on Former Central School</b> HKIA supported the Central and Western District Council for the project of "Envisioning Days on Former Central School" held on 21, 22, 28 February and 1 March 2009. Talks and workshops, guided tours, artifact display, art quarters by artists and exhibition by galleries were held during the period. The Institute led the organization of a public event in rebuilding parts of the former Central School aiming at promoting and</li></ul>



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		<p>educating the public on heritage conservation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><i>PGBC Technical Seminar on The Next Generation and LEED Refurbishment</i></b> Professional Green Building Council held a technical seminar on The Next Generation and LEED Refurbishment on 9 March 2009. Mr Simon Wild, Managing Director Cundall Asia Pacific, and Mr Julian Bott, Principal Cundall Hong Kong, were invited to speak in the seminar. The presentation provided an overview of sustainable building design over the last decade and looked at where the future of sustainable building could go beyond energy efficiency &amp; building regulation and moved to a model of long term sustainability. A case study on the refurbishment of a vacant building into a low energy green office building in Shenzhen was shared in the seminar.</li> <li>● <b><i>Informal Discussion Session with Planning Department on Building Height Restrictions</i></b> An informal discussion session with Planning Department was held on 10 March 2009 to have a sharing of views on building height restrictions imposed by Outline Zoning Plan amendments recently. Members shared their concerns on the deficiency of such restriction in controlling the building bulk.</li> </ul>
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Board of Educational Affairs (BEa)

1	Education & Careers Expo 2009 on 19-22 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thanks to the concerted efforts of a team of dedicated young members, the Institute staged a double booth at the Expo.</li> <li>● Special thanks to Dennis Lau &amp; Ng Chun Man Architects &amp; Engineers (H.K.) Limited being the event sponsor.</li> <li>● As a part of the Career Seminar Series of the Expo, Council member Mr. Choi Kam Lung Franky delivered a talk on “Architectural Studies in Hong Kong” on 21 February.</li> </ul>												
2	Professional Assessment 2008	<p>Results of written papers were released on 27 February and Paper 9 Professional Interview shall be held on 28 March. 137 candidates are eligible for taking Paper 9.</p> <p>Passing rate for each written paper was as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="603 1839 1334 2058"> <tr> <td>Paper 1 (Statutory Controls)</td> <td>52.52%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper 2 (Contracts &amp; Conduct)</td> <td>48.79%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper 3 (Building Structures)</td> <td>57.14%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper 4 (Building Services)</td> <td>48.33%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper 5 (Building Materials)</td> <td>61.54%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper 6 (Site Design)</td> <td>65.38%</td> </tr> </table>	Paper 1 (Statutory Controls)	52.52%	Paper 2 (Contracts & Conduct)	48.79%	Paper 3 (Building Structures)	57.14%	Paper 4 (Building Services)	48.33%	Paper 5 (Building Materials)	61.54%	Paper 6 (Site Design)	65.38%
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		<p>Paper 7 (Building Design) 59.44%</p> <p>Paper 8 (Case Study) 82.83%</p> <p>Written Papers Overall Passing Rate 36.01%</p>
3	Education Development & Accreditation Committee	Mr. Choi Chee-cheong, former Secretary-General of Hong Kong Examination Assessment Authority, was commissioned to conduct a comparative research study for reviewing HKIA/ARB Accreditation System as an extension of his research study for the Institute on Enhancement of HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment.
4	Membership Admission Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Council approved to expand the list of programmes recognized by Council for Student Membership to include Bachelor of Architecture (Hons) offered by Chu Hai College. Please visit <a href="http://www.hkia.net">www.hkia.net</a> for the full list.</li> <li>● In order to improve the current system, annual renewal of Student Membership will be required for each Student Member at the end of each year starting from 2008.</li> </ul>
5	Continuing Professional Development Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CPD Site Visits to HKYWCA Conference Centre and Guesthouse and Discovery College in Lantau on 17 January.</li> <li>● CPD Supplier Series by Knauf USG Systems on 25 February.</li> <li>● CPD Supplier Series by C3S Far East Ltd on 26 February.</li> <li>● CPD Seminar on Urban Transformation of Central District as a Place of Living, 1843-2008 on 13 March.</li> </ul>

Board of Mainland Affairs (BMA)

1	Liaison groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3 Liaison Groups were set up to provide a platform for HKIA members working or residing in the mainland for exchanges and gathering.</li> <li>● The 3 groups are namely Eastern China Liaison Group, Southern China Liaison Group, and Northern China Liaison Group.</li> <li>● The 4<sup>th</sup> group (for Western China) has been deferred due to limited number of members over vast territories and provisionally covered by the 5.12 Hong Kong Architects has been reconstruction Taskforce.</li> </ul>
2	Mutual Recognition – Professional Advancement	<p>Extension of CEPA was being sought, continually, including Comparative study – Roles of Architects in Hong Kong and the Mainland</p> <p>The University of Hong Kong and Tsinghua University, both executing institutes, are at the final stage of analysis of the completed questionnaires and the drafting of the final report.</p>
3	2009 Mainland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The forum is jointly organized by the Ministry of Housing</li> </ul>



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	and Hong Kong Construction Industry Forum	<p>and Urban-Rural Development and the Development Bureau of the HKSAR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This year's forum shall be held on 8-10 April 2009, in Chengdu, Sichuan.</li> <li>● Theme of the forum is "Sustainable Urban Form: From Disaster Risk Reduction and Prevention to Quality Construction".</li> <li>● The forum is composed of a whole day forum in which experts from the Mainland and Hong Kong share their experience and vision in the topics under the main theme, and a study mission to severely stricken areas with reconstruction projects supported by the HKSAR.</li> <li>● The Institute is in great support to the forum. Members helping the Sichuan reconstruction works were encouraged to attend the forum.</li> </ul>
4.	Sichuan Earthquake Relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Institute is currently working closely with the Development Bureau of the HKSAR on the Sichuan reconstruction projects.</li> <li>● Volunteers are divided into 4 sub-groups according to the building type of the projects, namely hospital, school, social welfare facility and Wolong Natural Reserve.</li> </ul>
5.	Council's Courtesy Visit to Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council shall pay a courtesy visit to The Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and various authorities on 29 – 31 March 2009.</li> <li>● The delegation consists of over 20 members, including 2 officials from the PRC People's Central Government's Liaison Office in the HKSAR, is led by President Anna Kwong and Hon. Prof. Patrick Lau.</li> <li>● Members in Beijing are invited to join a dinner with the delegation in the evening of 29 March 2009.</li> </ul>

Board of External Affairs (BExA)

1	Academic Exchange Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In light of the positive feedback from students joining the Fontainebleau Exchange Programme in Paris last year, the Committee determined to participate in the programme this year. Invitations were extended to eligible students, i.e. BAAS-3 and MARCH 1 from HKU and CUHK.</li> <li>● Deadline for application of Fontainebleau Exchange Programme is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 and the selection of students will take place in end March by the Committee.</li> </ul>
2	CAA/ARCASIA Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vice Chairman of ARCAISA Zone C, Mr. Batjav Batkhuyag visited HKIA on 24 February 2009 and met with President. He reported about progress of the ARCAISA Forum in Mongolia scheduled for August 2009.</li> <li>● HKIA will try to secure speaking opportunities at the ARCASIA Forum.</li> </ul>



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3	Community Development Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Community Development Committee (CDC), which was originally under the purview of BLA, had been re-shuffled to BExA from 2009 onwards.</li><li>● Apart from participating in programme initiated by the Government/District Council/NGOs, the Committee would be more proactive to promote architecture by close liaison with local art groups/organizations.</li></ul>

Board of Internal Affairs (BIA)

1	Annual Awards Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 78 submissions were received this year. The jury process was successfully completed in mid January 2009.</li><li>● The official result announcement of the Annual Awards 2008 will be made at the Press Conference on 4 May 2009 at HKIA Premises.</li><li>● The exhibition will be held from 8-12 May 2009 at Park Court, Pacific Place.</li><li>● Mrs Carrie Lam, <i>JP</i>, Secretary for Development will be the officiating guest at the Award Presentation and Opening Ceremony at 7:00pm.</li><li>● The Annual Awards 2008 Special Issue will be ready in early May for members' collection at HKIA Premises.</li></ul>
2	Young Architects' Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The award will be presented to Ms CHIU Hang Mei, winner of Young Architect's Award 2008 at the HKIA Annual Awards 2008 Award Presentation &amp; Exhibition Opening Ceremony on Friday evening, 8 May 2009.</li><li>● Young Architects' Project Fund 2009 was launched in mid February. The closing date for submission is 28 March 2009.</li><li>● Cross Professional mingling party was successfully held on 6 March 2009 at Pi Club.</li></ul>
3	Student & Graduate Members' Committee	Welcoming Event for Professional Assessment Candidate took place on 12 March 2009 at HKIA Premises.
4	100-Year of Architecture in Hong Kong Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The first "Disappearing Hong Kong" Photo trip 2009 will be scheduled on 28 March 2009 (Sat) at Sheung Shiu &amp; Fanling. For registration, please visit <a href="http://www.hkia.net">www.hkia.net</a>.</li><li>● HKIA Blank Card with winning photos was launched in January. A set of 16 HKIA cards is sold at HK\$240. For sample cards, please see the promotion flyer on HKIA e-newsletter and at the premises.</li></ul>



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5	Annual Dinner Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● HKIA Annual Dinner 2009 will be held on Saturday, 21 November at Hong Kong Football Club.</li></ul>
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Special Project – Response Exhibition of the 11th International Architecture Exhibition of Venice Biennale Hong Kong Exhibition

1	Opening Ceremony	The Opening Ceremony of the Response Exhibition took place on 28 February 2009, Saturday, at 2:30pm at Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. Mrs. Rita Lau, JP, Secretary for Commence and Economic Development, was the Guest of Honour to officiate at the ceremony.
2	Exhibition Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Date : 28 February 2009 – 29 April 2009</li><li>● Venue: Thematic Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon</li><li>● Exhibition Opening Hours: Mondays to Saturdays (except Thursdays): 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sundays and Public Holidays: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Closed on Thursdays (except Public Holidays)</li><li>● Free Admission</li></ul>
3	Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Date: 18 April 2009 (Saturday)</li><li>● Venue: Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon</li><li>● Speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Rocco Yim, <i>FHKIA</i>, Member of the Steering Committee of the Hong Kong Exhibition at the 11th International Architecture Exhibition, Venice</li><li>- Mr. Chan Koon Chung, Writer and cultural critic.</li></ul></li></ul>

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