

**President Report at the 1<sup>st</sup> QGM on 26 March 2009**

**1. Introduction**

Our Honorary Secretary Dominic LAM has just given an extensive summary report on the events in the first Quarter and I do not intend to repeat them but would like to just highlight a few items.

**2. HKIA Spring Reception**

This was the first time for HKIA to hold a Spring Reception at the Premises on both 20 & 24 February 2009 respectively for our Members and external guests.

**3. Professional assessment**

- We are looking at this whole subject on how we can make it better and to give more value to our candidates.

- 36% of 361 candidates passed this year's written paper vs 34.6% last year. This is an improvement.

**4. Liaison with Partnering Institutes/External Bodies**

- a. The Council was invited to Annual Spring Dinner hosted by the Coordination Department, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR on 23 February 2009.
- b. The Joint Institute Dinner held on 19 January 2009 was hosted by HKIP on a rotational basis.

- c. Mr. B Batjav, Vice Chairman of ARCASIA visited HKIA, on 24 February 2009.
- d. The Hon Patrick Lau, SBS, JP hosted a lunch meeting with Office Bearers on 27 February 2009.
- e. Office Bearers were invited to the Trade Development Council lunch on 02 March 2009.
- f. Office Bearers hosted a lunch meeting for Housing Department Architects Association on 04 March 2009.
- g. A joint meeting amongst Office Bearers and ARB members was held on 09 March 2009.
- h. A joint meeting amongst Office Bearers and Architecture Centre officials was held on 11 March 2009.
- i. The Council attended a sharing sessions with Architectural Services Department Architects Association on 19 March 2009.
- j. The Council paid a visit to Mr Edward Yau, Secretary for Environment, on 19 March 2009.
- k. President Anna Kwong and Honorary Secretary Dominic Lam attended the Annual General Meeting of Hong Kong Housing Department Architects Association on 20 March 2009.

- l. The Council will be paying a courtesy visit to mainland authorities in Beijing on 29-31 March 2009.
- m. Courtesy Visit to Ms. Eva Cheng, Secretary of Transport and Housing Bureau will be held on 3 April 2009.
- n. HKIA will pay a courtesy Visit to Mr. Tsang Tak Shing, Secretary for Home Affairs on 16 April 2009.
- o. Courtesy Visit to Mrs. Rita Lau, Secretary for Commerce & Economic Development, will be arranged on 17 April 2009.
- p. HKIA was being invited as a supporting organization in the Eco Expo Asia 2009 to be held in Oct 2009.
- q. President will propose more training posts for graduates of two local school of architecture upon graduation on a provisional basis.
- r. HKIA is hopeful to obtain funding support from our government to host the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Biennale at the end of 2009 and Venice Biennale in September 2010
- s. HKIA is planning to visit green organization NGOs, Buildings Department, Lands Department, Planning Department and Housing Authority, etc.

**5. HKIA Annual Dinner 2009**

This year's annual dinner will be held on 21 November 2009 at the Hong Kong Football Club. Sports event for young members and senior members may be organized as a package.

**6. HKIA Premises Renovation**

Refurbishment work will take place in April over weekends and public holidays.

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