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The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

The Second Quarterly General Meeting 2009

Honorary Secretary Report

22 June 2009

Board of Practices (BP)

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| 1 | Practices Survey 2009 | 46 responses were received for the Practices Survey 2009. The survey result was sent to respondents in May 2009. |
| 2 | Proposed HKIA Accredited List of Practices | After a series of consultation through survey, forum and various meetings, because of the time frame for the hyperlink to ArchSD Website by June 2009, the Board of Practices proposed and the Council endorsed that a full list of Registered Practices currently kept in HKIA to be posted on the HKIA website and be hyperlinked to the ArchSD website. The board will continue to review, amend and uphold the required standard of the "List". The proposal has been presented to ArchSD. |
| 3 | Business Promotion Committee | The Institute will look into simplified Chinese version in HKIA Website and publications such as SPARK or HKIA Directory, which will be a more effective mean to promote our Practices and Members in Mainland China. |
| 4 | Legal & Finance Committee | The Committee is seeking expression of interest from our Corporate Members to join the group professional indemnity insurance (PII) and the committee is actively negotiating with the insurance company to get the policy details settled. |
| 5 | Practice Issues Committee | The committee is reviewing the client/ architect agreement and strives to amend/ rewrite it. |
| 6 | Contract & Dispute Resolution Committee | The committee is now reviewing all the past cases in 2000-2008 complaints against our members and to advise our members on area and/or aspects which shall take extra cautions against possible complaint and area of improvement of the current disciplinary proceedings. Also, a series of CPD on China law, Standard form of building contract, as well as Mainland practice would be organized. |



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Board of Local Affairs (BLA)

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| 1 | Nominations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr TSANG Man Biu was nominated to Buildings Department to serve on the Working Group for the Review of the Code of Practice for Site Supervision.● Mr CHAN Chiu Ming was nominated to Construction Industry Council to sit on the Working Group on Adhesion Technology for External Wall Tiles.● Mr HO Cham was nominated to Fire Services Department to sit on the Working Group on Working Group on the Review of Registration Scheme for Fire Service Installation Contractors. |
| 2 | Submission of Written Views / Responses to Local Affairs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Consultancy Study on Design Guidelines for Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Buildings<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ A briefing session cum consultation forum for HKIA members on the consultancy study Design Guidelines for Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Buildings was held on 25 March 2009. The consultant of Buildings Department gave a briefing of the study and members present delivered their comments on the scope of the proposed design guidelines.● Public Engagement on Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Council for Sustainable Development (CSD) had launched a public engagement exercise on 20 June 2009. HKIA accepted the invitation of CSD to be the supporting organization of the public engagement exercise. A members' opinion survey for the consultation was conducted in May 2009. The taskforce set up under BLA would keep following up the subject. |
| 3 | Events | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Open International Ideas Competition for Noise Barrier / Enclosure Design<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Competition was organized by Highways Department and co-organized, inter alia, by HKIA. Results of the competition were announced in the prize presentation ceremony held on 27 April 2009. A series of exhibition was held between 27 April and 8 June 2009. Results were available at competition website at : http://www.noisebarrier-competition.hk/eng/comResult.htm● Ideas Competition for Waterfront Development at Ex-North Point Estate Site<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Competition was organized by Eastern District Council and co-organized, inter alia, by HKIA.■ Results were announced in the prize presentation ceremony held on 23 May 2009.● Ideas Competition for the Development of a Piazza in Tsim Sha Tsui<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The two-stage competition was co-organized by Tourism |



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| | | <p>Commission and Architectural Services Department, and sponsored by HKIA. It was launched on 13 May 2009 and submission of stage one closed on 17 June 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Courtesy Visit of Construction Industry Council to HKIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CIC placed a courtesy visit to HKIA on 5 May 2009. CIC gave a short briefing on its formation, functions and structures. HKIA was invited to share our views on the needs and long-term strategic issues of local construction industry. ● Heritage Walk to Holy Spirit Seminary and Haw Par Mansion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Heritage and Conservation Committee held a heritage walk to Holy Spirit Seminary at Aberdeen and Haw Par Mansion at Tai Hang on 9 May 2009. ● First Seminar of Heritage Seminar Series on Saving Our Global Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Heritage and Conservation Committee held a CPD seminar on Saving Our Global Heritage on 20 May 2009. Three speakers from Global Heritage Fund including Mr Jeff Morgan, Co-founder and Executive Director, delivered a talk on the recent large-scale destruction of cultural heritage sites across Asia over the past decades and gave an outline on the GHF's work in the region. |
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Board of Educational Affairs (BEa)

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| 1 | Reinforcement of Mandatory CPD | To reinforce the mandatory CPD, CPD Declaration Form submission will tie in with the renewal of HKIA membership. A consultation forum will be held in August to solicit members' views on this tightening measure. |
| 2 | Professional Assessment 2008 – Professional Interview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Interview was held on 28 March 2009 ● Of the 137 candidates who sat the Professional Interview, 103 candidates passed the professional assessment, representing a passing rate of 75.2%. |
| 3 | Professional Assessment 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registration is open from now until 17 July 2009. ● Design Papers Adviser Session was organized on 25 May 2009 with the aim to allow the advisers an update understanding of the Design Papers and thus a better support to their advisees in preparing for the coming Professional Assessment. ● The 27 sessions of Lecture & Seminar Series shall be held from early June to September. |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Paper 8 Case Study shall be in progress as soon as registration closes.● Written Papers shall be held during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of December. |
| 4 | Research on HKIA Scaling New Heights | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr. Choi Chee Cheong presented interim research findings to research supervising panel on 21 April and 9 June 2009.● The findings of the research and the position of the Institute will submit to Council for endorsement. |
| 5 | Mutual Recognition of Accreditation Systems with AACA | HKIA is requesting Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) for joining National Visiting Panel (NVP) to observe AACA's NVP process in accrediting local schools in Australia prior to signing the Agreement of Mutual Recognition of Accreditation Systems with AACA. |
| 6 | HKIA Student Medal | A working group was set up to review the current selection process and criteria for HKIA Student Medal |
| 7 | Continuing Professional Development Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Members who have submitted their CPD Declaration Form for 2008 are urged to return their forms as soon as possible.● Recent CPD events :<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Type and its Variations – A study on Hong Kong's Police Housing in the 1950-60s by Gu Daqing on 22 April2. Procedures for Time and Cost Claims in the New Standard Form of Building Contract, Private Edition, 2005 by Y. Ling Lam on 27 April3. Education Futures Forum Next Generation Learning Environments by Dr. Henn Fisher on 6 May4. CPD Site Visit to Former Marine Police Headquarters on 23 May5. Seminar Series on Contract & Condition 2005 –<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. An Overview of the Standard Form of Building Contract 2005 Edition by Bernard Wu on 22 Mayb. Detailed Discussion on the Standard Form of Building Contract 2005 Edition by Dr. James Lee |



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| | | on 12 June c. Extension of Time & Claims for Loss of Expenses by Prof. Edwin Chan on 17 July |
| 8 | Higher Education Review 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● University Grants Committee invited views from the Institute on the review of the higher education system in Hong Kong. A task group was set up on the issue.● We have agreed with other building professional institutes to request for deferment of the deadline for comment submission in order to have adequate time for to collect views from members. |

Board of Mainland Affairs (BMA)

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| 1 | CEPA – Professional qualifications | <p>Professional architectural qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Attempt will be made on a fresh round of mutual recognition of professional architectural qualification, if possible.● For mutually recognized candidates, attempt will be made to get them registered in Hong Kong and Mainland via the on-going research project on <i>Comparison on Job scopes and Responsibilities of Architects in Hong Kong and Mainland</i>. <p>PRC Construction Project Manager Qualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The first stage registration of the PRC Construction Project Manager Qualification special assessment, to be organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the China Association of Engineering Consultants for Hong Kong architects, was open for HKIA members' registration from May 2009.● A briefing forum on the qualification and special assessment was held on 8 June 2009.● The Institute aims to have the special assessment exercise by the end of 2009. |
| 2 | Co-operation agreement with | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Institute signed a co-operation agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban-rural Development of |



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| | the Department of Housing and Urban-rural Development of Hebei Province, PRC | <p>Hebei Province, PRC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● This aims to enhance collaboration between Hebei Province and HKIA on Hebei development. It is also hoped to introduce HK expertise into Hebei's architectural profession. A study tour to Hebei shall be held in September 2009. Registered Practices are invited to participate in the tour. |
| 3 | Sichuan Earthquake Relief | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Assistance in Sichuan reconstruction projects are financially funded by the HKSAR:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Institute is currently working closely with the Development Bureau of the HKSAR on the Sichuan reconstruction projects.- Volunteers assist in the feasibility study of the more than 100 hospital, school, social welfare facility & Wolong natural reserve reconstruction projects.- Mr. Thomas Chow, Mr. Edward Tong and Mr. Martin Tam attended 3 Expert Panel Meetings in Chengdu to deliberate the reconstruction projects with the Sichuan authorities. There are about 40 members are helping to review the reports on the above projects.- The Institute needs more volunteers to support the works and good name of the Institute. <p>Technical Tour to Japan on post-quake redevelopment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- volunteers made a technical trip the Japan with HKIP members from 23-26 April 2009 on self-financing basis.- the group studied the local post-quake redevelopment, also the planning and design of schools with disaster refuge and relief facilities.- an in-depth debriefing session were held on 26 May to share with HKIA & HKIP members. |
| 4 | HKSAR Chief Secretary's trip to Guangzhou & Foshan & forum in Shenzhen | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● HKSAR Chief Secretary's trip to Guangzhou & Foshan:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- the trip was held from 23-24 April 2009.- the Institute was represented by Ms. Anna Kwong, President, Mr. Ivan Ho, Chairman of the Board of Practices, Mr. Thomas Chow & Mr. Ben Yeung, Convenors of the Southern China Liaison Group.- the delegation, sized over 100 members, met officials of the Guangdong Province, Guangzhou & Foshan, also visited the IT industries in Nan-shan district and Foshan city.● HKSAR Chief Secretary's forum in Shenzhen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- the forum was held on 2 June 2009. |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the Institute was represented by Ms. Anna Kwong, President, Mr. Martin Tam Chairman of the BMA, and Mr. Edward Shen, Past President cum Advisor of the BMA.- Shenzhen officials attended the forum to exchange with participants.- In the forum, issues on professional services, opening up the domestic market and Hong Kong enterprises on the Mainland were discussed. |
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Board of External Affairs (BExA)

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| 1 | Academic Exchange Committee | Two students from CUHK and HKU were confirmed by Fontainebleau School regarding the application to the Architecture Summer Session from July 2 to August 6 for five week program at Paris, France. |
| 2 | Overseas Excursion Committee | The Committee proposed to organize some short trips for members' participation. It is suggested to pay visit to multiple cities in the Mainland. Comments/ suggestions from members are welcome. |
| 3 | UIA Committee/ UIA Regions IV Work Programme "Architecture for All" Committee | The Work Plan 2008-2011 Logframe Matrix was submitted to UIA SG. |
| 4. | Community Development Committee | The Roundtable Community Mentorship Programme is launched on May 2009 and HKIA members are invited to participate as mentors. |
| 5. | CAA/ARCASIA Committee | The feasibility of hosting ARCASIA in Hong Kong 2012 is being studied. HKIA official delegates shall attend the ARCASIA Forum 15 at Mongolia on 17 – 22 Aug. |

Board of Internal Affairs (BIA)



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| 1 | Annual Awards Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The HKIA Annual Awards 2008 Presentation and Exhibition Opening Ceremony was held on 08 May 2009 at Pacific Place with more than hundred guests attended the ceremony. The event photos are available in HKIA website.● The Annual Awards 2008 special issues are available for members' collection. |
| 2 | Young Architects' Committee | There was no award to be made for the Young Architects' Project Fund 2009. |
| 3 | Welfare & Activities Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Welcoming Party for new members and their families was held on 18 June 2009 at Craigengower Cricket Club.● Congratulations to our Dragonboat team who has won the Professional cup champion at International Dragonboat Regatta this year.● Congratulations also to our Football Team who has participated in the Joint Professionals' Football League since April 2009 and has maintained the best score among 7 professional institutes. For details of the score record, please visit our website and all the pictures at http://www.hksla.org/jpfl/mainpage.htm |
| 4. | 100-Year of Architecture in Hong Kong Committee | The second "Disappearing Hong Kong" Photo trip 2009 at Tai Po Market is scheduled on Saturday, 25 July 2009. |
| 5. | Annual Dinner Committee | The theme of this year Annual Dinner is sports. It will be held at the Hong Kong Football Club, Saturday, 21 November 2009. Members are advised to ourselves fit and to look for the Dinner early. |
| 6. | Media Resources and Publications Committee | HKIA Directory of Architects' Practices 2009 and HKIA Annual Report 2008 are now available for members' collection at HKIA Premises. |



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| | 7. Quality Building Award 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The theme of Quality Building Award 2010 is “Quality Transcends through Time” ● Nomination will be launched in July 2009 and submission deadline is 15 January 2010. |
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Special Project : Hong Kong – Shenzhen Bi-city Biennale of Architecture and Urbanism 2009

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| 1 | Steering Committee | The Steering Committee consisting of representatives of the HKIA, the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP) and Hong Kong Designers Association (HKDA) led by co-chairpersons Ms. Alice Yeung and Mr. Alvin Yip was set up to look after this mega weight event of the institute. |
| 2 | Tentative Date of Opening and Exhibition Venue | The official Opening Ceremony was tentatively scheduled for the evening of 4 December 2009 in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD). |
| 3 | Major Sponsor | Home Affairs Bureau is the major sponsor for the event by providing HK\$5M. HKIA and the Steering Committee will further approach possible donors for more sponsorship hoping to enrich the programme of the biennale. |
| 4 | Collaboration with Shenzhen Counterpart | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To facilitate collaboration between Hong Kong and Shenzhen (SZ), a joint Academic Exchange Committee (AEC) led by SZ counterpart was set up. ● Members of the Steering Committee including Professor Wang Weijen (HKU), Professor Bernard Lim (CUHK), Mr. Alvin Yip (PolyU) and Mr. Ivan Fu were appointed into the Committee. |
| 5 | Call for Curator | An international call for curator (“invitation”) was launched on 11 May 2009 through HKIA website and networks of UIA and |



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| | | ACASIA. The deadline for submission is 21 June 2009. For details, please refer to: http://www.hkia.net/view_section.php?id=6629&level_id=57 |
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