

President Report at the 2nd QGM on 22 June 2009

The President together with representatives of Council made the following visits/ attended net-working events with partnering organizations:

| Date | Government Departments/ Partnering Organizations/ Event |
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| 3 April | Ms. Eva Cheng, Secretary of Transport and Housing Bureau – Courtesy Visit ➤ The government will continue to invest in the hardware of urban construction, and also constantly upgrade the software such as urban management and heritage conservation. |
| 5 April | Mr. Jark-pui Lee OBE JP, Chairman of Agency for Volunteer Service |
| 6 April | Media Lunch ➤ Council members expressed their views on topics such as challenges faced by young architects, difficulties in establishing architectural practice in Mainland China and mid-air garden. |
| 14 April | Courtesy Lunch hosted by AIA (HK) Chapter ➤ Possible future cooperation between HKIA and AIA was explored. |
| 16 April | Association of Architectural Practices ➤ HKIA and AAP aims for a united front to combat against financial tsunami, to share research findings undertaken by respective organizations and to voice out concerns of architectural practices to the Government. |
| 16 April | Mrs. Carrie Yau, Permanent Secretary for the Home Affairs Bureau –Courtesy Visit ➤ HKIA proposed public housing management of Hong Kong could be used by mainland housing |

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| | departments and brought up the importance of sustainability of urban architecture. |
| 17 April | Mrs. Rita Lau, Secretary for Commerce & Economic Development – Courtesy Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The meeting highlighted the possible bidding of the UIA and ARCASIA Conference to be held in Hong Kong. |
| 20 April | Meeting with the Consulate General of the United Arab Emirates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was organized to provide an update with a view to facilitate registration of professionals in UAE countries. Relevant details of the HKIA Incorporation Ordinance and qualification/ membership register matters were sent to the Consulate. |
| 13 May | Joint Institute Dinner hosted by HKIS |
| 22 May | 13 th Graduation Show, ARCH, CUHK |
| 1 June | Mrs. Priscilla Tam Dai Wai Ming, Assistant Director (Architectural), Architectural Services Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The issue of HKIA proposed list of practices and proposed uplift of project limit of Band II consultants were brought up at the meeting. |
| 2 June | HKSAR Chief Secretary's forum in Shenzhen |
| 5 June | Hong Kong Housing Society on Operation Building Bright Scheme |
| 9 June | HKIA Fellowship Dinner in Guangzhou HKIA expressed interest in holding the 'Guangdong Forum' & 'Architectural Awards in Mainland' and will solicit for sponsorship. |
| 12 June | Degree Show, Department of Architecture, HKU |
| 13 Jun | Invitation from the Urban Renewal Authority to HKIA for facilitation of a discussion session on heritage |

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| | preservation and revitalization. |
| 20 June | <p>Launching of the Urban Renewal Strategy Review - Public Engagement, Development Bureau</p> <p>A series of forum or topical discussion events are open for registration.</p> |
| 26 June | <p>Proposal for Architectural Graduate Trainee Programme submitted to Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Communications and Technology).</p> |
| 27 June | <p>The Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services Summer Internship Program for the Tin Shui Wai Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 7 architectural practices have joined the program. |

Building Healthy Kowloon City

Prof Edwin Chan was nominated as a HKIA representative to join the working group under the Building Healthy Kowloon City Association Limited. The 1st meeting will be held in mid July.

Council's Dinner with Past Presidents

The Council visited Ho Tao, Past President prior to the dinner. The dinner held on Thursday, 21 May 2009 was warmly received by Past Presidents including Mr. Edwin Wong, Mr. Andrew Lee, Mr. Ronald Poon, Mr. James Kinoshita, Mr. Stephen Poon, the Hon. Patrick Lau, Prof Bernard Lim and Dr Ronald Lu.

HKIA Dragonboat Team and Football Team

President congratulated the HKIA Dragonboat team on winning the Champion of the Professional Team this year and the HKIA Football team for winning 3 matches at the Joint Professionals' Football League.

Bruce Lee' museum in Hong Kong Design Competition

Anna Kwong, President, Prof Bernard Lim, Past President and Connie Lam, Chair of Competition Committee joined the Organization Committee of Bruce Lee' museum in Hong Kong Design Competition.

Hong Kong –Shenzhen Bi-city Biennale of Architecture and Urbanism 2009

The official Opening Ceremony was tentatively scheduled for 4 December

2009 in the West Kowloon Cultural District. HK\$ 5 million government funding will be available in July.

Architecture Award in China

The Council will consider setting up a Taskforce for Architecture Award in China.

Overseas Excursions

A tour to Taiwan and Middle East in September and October 2009 respectively will be organized by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. The exact date will be confirmed.

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.

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President

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