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Editorial Message

The 2011 HKIA Journal is delighted to announce its new editorial board. As the HKIA Journal's new Editor in Chief, I hope to offer readers comprehensive and diversified topics on architecture and related disciplines, both in Hong Kong and abroad. The first of the 2011 issues will focus on projects completed in the PRC during a time of unprecedented economic growth. China's GDP increased to 39.8 trillion yuan in 2010 from 18.3 trillion yuan in 2005, and the urban income per capita has grown to 19,109 yuan in 2010 from 10,493 yuan in 2005 (source: China Daily 2011). These statistics demonstrate that contemporary China has indeed arrived on the world stage. Rapid economic development accelerates mass migration from rural areas to cities, giving rise of the middle class and the change and collapse of the rural economy and living conditions. This drastic economic transformation coupled with urbanization has triggered the construction of a number of major architectural landmarks in recent years. A vast addition of high caliber architecture has completely transformed the infrastructure and urban fabric of China.

This issue will present a spectrum of recently completed architectural projects in China. There is no doubt that new development in China has had a great impact on architectural practices in Hong Kong as well. The majority of sizable architectural firms in Hong Kong now devote an exclusive sector to handle commissions in China. Many international architectural firms have also begun to set up satellite offices in China. As China's cities continue to grow and expand, questions arise regarding the down side of this investment-led growth and the related social problems that can accompany growth. How can China ensure economic sustainability, tackle unequal income distribution and ensure balanced development of economy and society? These are some of the topics to address in this issue of the HKIA Journal.

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President's Message

Dear Members of the Institute,

The new Council has been in operation for more than three months, so I would like to update you on what we are doing and seek your views and suggestions on what further to do.

Local Affairs

We have responded to the government on the new PNAPs and also the first-hand sale of residential properties. We will have to deal with the mandatory inspection of old buildings later. All these statutory changes will affect our practice and views are welcome from all of you.

CEPA

The Institute has received an implementation paper from Guangdong Province on the setting up of architectural practices in Guangdong Province and for the registration of our members who have obtained the PRC Class 1 Architectural Qualification. We have subsequently contacted Beijing and Guangdong authorities for details as well as meeting with the Development Bureau on this matter. I hope that full details can be worked out with our China counterparts in the next few months.

Community Services

Our Community Development Committee has supported World Vision to build an exhibition space for the "30 Hour Famine" event on 16 & 17 April 2011. Over 50 young members of the Institute have participated in this event. Besides, we have a group of young architects who are going to build a small school for children in Cambodia this summer and more than a hundred volunteers from Hong Kong have registered their interest to join this meaningful programme. If you want to participate in this programme or to make a donation to show your support, you may contact the Secretariat for details.

Professional Assessment

There have been a lot of suggestions regarding the professional assessment received from members, registered practices and candidates in the past. The Council considers that it is the time for us to carry out an in-depth review of these suggestions – such as working

experience on projects outside Hong Kong being considered as relevant experience for our candidates, more opportunities for Candidates to take the professional assessment instead of once a year, reducing the lengthy hours of design papers and so on. Obviously, we have to maintain the standard of our professional assessment but we should respond to the changes over time and to make our professional assessment more friendly to our candidates. A task force has been formed under Vice-President Ada Fung and recommendations will be drawn up in a few months' time. Your views are welcome.

55th Anniversary

The Institute is celebrating its 55th anniversary this year. We have scheduled an "architectural week" in October 2011 and a conference on 5th November 2011, the architectural week is to encourage our youngsters and the public to understand architecture and our living environment better. The conference is to address issues of concern about our built environment with our members, allied professionals, government and the public. Details are being worked out by the organizing committee led by Council Member Frankie Choi.

The Institute Premises

We have just renewed the rental agreement for the Hysan Avenue premises. At the same time, we are booking ahead to find a heritage building or an un-used government property that we can convert into a new home for us to house a library, a cafeteria, a bookstore, an exhibition area and so on for our members as well as in reaching out to the public. We will keep pursuing this matter with various authorities / departments. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Competition Bill

The Government is going to submit the Bill to Legco later. The Government intends to exempt all professional institutes from the Bill. Details have been exchanged with the Government in the last few months. The Institute should have no problem to 'obtain the

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“exemption” status like other allied institutions except that our “mandatory” guidelines on participation in inviting the submission of architectural consultancy proposal are regarded as against the spirit of the competition bill. The Council considers that it is important for and beneficial to the Institute to obtain the “exemption” status and is therefore recommending to amend the “mandatory” guidelines to “recommended” guidelines. This recommendation was adopted at the Special General Meeting held on 13th April 2011.

New Ventures

We have set up a task force chaired by Immediate Past President Anna Kwong to explore the idea of setting up the College of Fellows. The purpose is to build a platform for our senior members to help the Institute by providing mentorship and training programmes to the young members, being assessors to the professional assessment, advisory service to NGOs and so on. We are also exploring how to widen the scope of services by our members in specialized areas such as project management, conservation, interior design etc. and a task force under Council Member Martin Tam will look into this issue. We also want to review the two-envelope consultant selection system in Hong Kong which obviously has room for improvement. We want to address the design competition for building projects in West Kowloon Cultural District and to negotiate with the Government for more work opportunities for local practices, particularly for the small and medium-sized practices. We are going to arrange regular lunch meetings with our registered practices. These are ideas and the mandate was given by our members in the brain-storming session held in December 2010. The Council will work on it. The Secretariat has been strengthened in terms of resources. The governance of the Institute has been streamlined. I hope we can deliver all these items to you within our term of office.

Forthcoming Events

We had a welcoming gathering with prospective HKIA members on 21st March, a lunch with the media on 25th March, a courtesy visit to Beijing from 27th March to 29th March, our quarterly general meeting on 31st March, a visit to Shenzhen for informal exchange on the urban design and planning on 2nd April, participation in a 12-5 forum organized by HKCPS; a visit to Guangzhou and the Venice Biennale response exhibition in April, CPD green visit to Singapore and a MOHURD forum in Luoyang in May this year. Please mark your diary if you are interested in the forthcoming events. Obviously there are more events and activities that you may participate in. Please check the e-newsletters of the Institute for these events.

In addition to the above, I am pleased to report that the daily operation of the Institute is running smoothly. Thanks to the Council and the Secretariat as well as some 300

members of the Institute serving in various boards and committees of the Institute. Professional assessment, CPD programmes, seminars, representation to various external bodies, reception of delegations from Mainland China, social and sports activities and many other activities are being delivered as usual. Please be encouraged to visit the Institutes website for details.

We look forward to a happy and successful collaboration in 2011 and 2012. Your contribution and support are important for us to serve you and the community of Hong Kong better! On behalf of the new Council, I should like to wish you a healthy, enjoyable and successful year in 2011!

Best Regards

Dominic Lam, *FHKIA*
President

Images:

- 1.& 2. HKIA Council Courtesy Visit to Beijing (27-29 March 2011)
3. Special General Meeting (13 April 2011)
4. build.hk Opening Ceremony (27 April 2011)



Event Photos



01-02 CPD Site Visit to One LaSalle (8-Jan-11)

03-04 CPD Seminar Series - (1) Statutory Planning Procedures, (2) An Experience Sharing on Unauthorized Building Works and Exempted Works, (3) Requirements on GBP Submissions and Application of Fire Engineering Approach in Building Design (13-Jan-11)

05-06 Meeting with Tsing Hua University postgraduates (17-Jan-11)

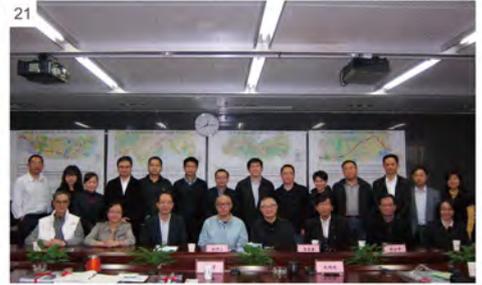
07-08 CPD Seminar on WHAT LAST by Tod Williams (20-Jan-11)

09 CPD Seminar on Express Rail Link - Project Team Presentation on the West Kowloon Terminus (21-Jan-11)

10-11 HKIA Annual Awards 2010 Site Visit (21-Jan-11)

12 HKIA Council dinner with Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (25-Jan-11)

13 CPD Site Visit to Garden City Cyber Port in Shenzhen - Quality Building Award 2010 Finalist - Project Outside Hong Kong Category (19-Feb-11)



14-16 HKIA Spring Reception (21-Feb-11)

17-18 Briefing of Lung Tsun Stone Bridge Remnants (24-Feb-11)

19-20 Qinghai Delegates visit to HKIA (28-Feb-11)

21-22 Visits to Shenzhen Government for informal exchange on the urban design and planning (5-Mar-11)

23-24 IDEA Project - HKIA Young Architect Project Fund 2010 (6-Mar-11)

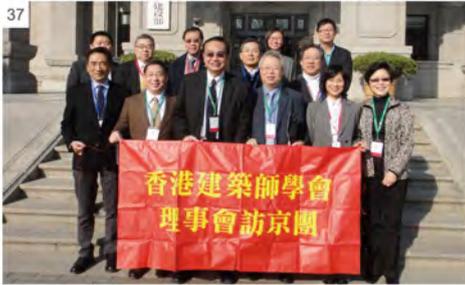
25-26 HKIA Discussion Session on Government Hill / Redevelopment of CGO West Wing (7-Mar-11)

27 Meeting with Mr. Wang Ning and Mr. Chen Zhongbo (10-Mar-11)

28-29 Members' Forum on PNAPs (10-Mar-11)

30-31 7th Joint Professional Golf Tournament (16-Mar-11)

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32-34 Welcoming Event for Prospective HKIA Members 2011 (21-Mar-11)

35-36 1st Media Lunch (25-Mar-11)

37-39 HKIA Council Courtesy Visit to Beijing (27-29 Mar 11)

40-42 1st Quarterly General Meeting (31-Mar-11)

43 Special General Meeting regarding application of exemption of HKIA as a non-statutory body under the Competition Bill (13-Apr-11)

44-45 Venice Biennale Response Exhibition "Quotidian Architecture" Press Conference (13-Apr-11)



46-48 Exhibition for 30-Hour Famine (14-15 Apr 11)

49-50 CPD Seminar: 建築師還可以做些甚麼? (14-Apr-11)

51-52 Lunch with Registered Practices (29-Apr-11)

53-55 HKIA Annual Awards 2010 Press Conference (3-May-11)

56-59 HKIA Annual Awards 2010 Exhibition Opening Ceremony cum Prize Presentation (6-May-11)

60-62 HKIA CPD Singapore Green Visit by Lafarge Boral Gypsum in Asia & Hospital Build Exhibition (9-12 May 11)

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- 63 2011 Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Industry Forum on
"Sustainable Urban Form : Preservation and Development of Historical & Cultural Cities" (27-30 May 11)
- 64-65 Visit by the Construction and Transport Commission of Tianjin (31-May-11)
- 66-67 CPD seminar on adaptive reuse system in China (2-Jun-11)
- 68 Visit by Guangzhou Designer (3-Jun-11)
- 69-70 Lunch with Registered Practices (8-Jun-11)
- 71-72 CPD Seminar on The New Arbitration Ordinance (9-Jun-11)
- 73-74 2nd Media Lunch (10-Jun-11)
- 75 Past President Dinner (13-Jun-11)