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HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment 2006

Paper 2 – Part A

Professional Conduct, Conditions of Agreement & Scale of Charges

14 December 2006
9:00 am – 10:00am (1 hour)

Venue

Rooms 102 and 402
Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority
17 Tseuk Luk Street
San Po Kong, Kowloon

THIS SECTION IS COMPULSORY

Section II Short Essay Questions (pages 1 to 2)
Answer ONE of the two questions (Total 20 marks)
Time allowed: 30 minutes

Note:

1. 1 answer book is provided for your.
2. Mark the question numbers you attempt on the answer book.
3. Remember to write your candidate number and room / seat number on the answer book and question paper. DO NOT write your name on the question paper and answer books.

Question 1 (20 marks)

1.1 In the first Site Meeting after Chinese New Year, the Contractor greeted you, the Project Architect, and gave you a 'lai see'. Out of courtesy you accepted it, but back in the office found out that there was \$10,000 inside the packet.

Discuss the following:

A. What actions would you take? (4 marks)

B. What if the packet contained only \$20, or \$100, or \$1,000? (4 marks)

C. What do you think is the ICAC's position on this kind of thing? (4 marks)

1.2 Rule 2.8 refers to excessive entertainment.

A. What standard would you apply to determine what is excessive? (4 marks)

B. Would you apply the same criteria in your working relationship with the client, the contractor, or the government officials? (4 marks)

Question 2 (20 marks)

2. You are the partner of a small architectural practice. However, the economy is such that profitable jobs are not easily available and the firm always has to struggle to make ends meet. You are also a member of the Incorporated Owners' Management Committee of an aging residential complex in which you live. The Management Committee has recently decided to carry out a major renovation of the complex in order to sustain its market value. The renovation cost is estimated to be around \$100 million. The Committee is about to invite fee proposals from consultants to supervise the works. Some Committee members have suggested that, since you live there and are an architect, you may take up the architect's job for the renovation works, but at a 20% discount of the lowest proposed fee received – because you are all "friends".

Will you take up the job? If so, how? If not, why?

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