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18 - 18 June
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20 & 20 June
URCC-Talk on Historical Anecdotes of Western Kowloon

24 May
HKIA Annual Awards 2012 Ceremony

25 & 01 & 08 June
Teaching Kit Lecture + Workshop

01 June
Young Member Group Coffee Art Workshop

19 June
2nd QGM x New Members Welcoming Party

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Editor’s Message

Contemporary architectural practices

In the traditional Western interpretation, the title ‘architect’ has been largely defined by professional regulations like architectural charters, contracts, insurance guidelines and other legal obligations. As architects and their industries evolve, we must begin to reassess our roles. Do these strict disciplinary boundaries still exist, or have contemporary practices stepped beyond them? Today, many architectural firms operate on a collaborative and interdisciplinary model, engaging in a dynamic field of enquiry far beyond traditional design and building and contract operations. As architects Anthony Burke and Gerard Reinmuth have observed, “Motivated externally by cultural change and internally by a drive to reformulate the agency of architecture within the context of our contemporary built environment, we are seeing new forms of practice emerge.” (Burke and Reinmuth, Formations: The Plasticity of Practice, p. 14). This issue of the HKIA Journal will explore several contemporary practices and their extended roles as exhibitors, writers, researchers, innovators, and urbanists - in short, intellectual and spatial drivers of cultural evolution. Looking at their work, we see that contemporary architectural practice is becoming more of a dialogue consisting of the practitioner’s influence on complex economic, cultural, political and environmental contexts, and in response, the impact of our evolving environment on defining this new integrated role of the practitioner.

Tris Kee
Editor-in-Chief
President’s Message

Dear Members,

Firstly, I wish everyone good health, happiness and prosperity for 2013.

I am glad to share with you the following variety of HKIA events for the first few months of this year.

(A) Upholding professional standards

1. Renewal of Agreement for Mutual Recognition in accreditation systems of architectural programs between HKIA and The National Administration Board of Architectural Registration (NABAR)

We have renewed the agreement for mutual recognition in accreditation systems of architectural programmes between HKIA and NABAR for another six years. Vice President CHI Wuh Cheng Daniel, ARB Chairman LAM Kwong Ki Dominic and I attended the signing ceremony on 12 January 2013 in Tsinghua University, Beijing.

2. Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) 20th General Assembly and Conference

WAI Chui Chi Rosman, Chairman of Board of Educational Affairs and I attended the 20th CAA General Assembly at Dhaka, Bangladesh from 20 – 21 February 2013. We had a fruitful discussion in regard to reaching agreement with the CAA on the accreditation agreement, and we were invited to attend Canberra Accord as observer in May. We have also exchanged views with representatives of the RIBA, and SIA, on possibility of reaching mutual recognition of the accreditation systems for the architectural programmes.

3. Welcoming Event for Prospective HKIA members

130 out of 150 candidates attended the Welcoming Event for Prospective HKIA Members on 13 March 2013 jointly hosted by Board of Educational Affairs, Young Members Committee and Office Bearers. We encourage our well seasoned members to share their past experience with candidates.

(B) Promoting architectural excellence

4. Cross–Strait Architectural Symposium (CADS) and Cross – Strait Architectural Design Awards (CADA)

CADS, CADA 2013 Prize Presentation Ceremony and Gala Dinner were scheduled for 16 March 2013. Whilst the Symposium was attended by over 250 Members, students and allied professionals of the Cross Strait and 4 Regions, the Award recorded over 250 submissions from more than 40 cities.

5. HKIA Annual Awards 2012

The adjudication meetings were held from 30 January – 1 February 2013. The Press Conference has been held on 21 May 2013 at HKIA Premises. HKIA Annual Awards 2012 Prize Presentation & Exhibition Opening Ceremony has been held on 24 May 2013 at Pacific Place, Admiralty, Hong Kong.

6. HKIA Young Architect Award 2012

This year’s theme is Mobile Units for Hong Kong Architecture Centre, and 9 submissions were received. Shortlisted candidates were interviewed on 2 March 2013, followed by an announcement on HKIA website on 12 March 2013. Prize presentation has been made at the HKIA Annual Awards 2012 Prize Presentation Ceremony.

(C) Enhancing communication on all fronts

7. HKIA Council Courtesy Visit to Secretary for Development on 10 January 2013

9 Council Members and I attended the visit and we exchanged views on professional practice matters, CEPA issues, etc.

8. HKIA Council Courtesy Visit to Beijing 2013 from 30 January - 1 February 2013

8 HKIA members and I went to Beijing and exchanged views on CEPA issues, mutual recognition of CPD events, exploration on collaboration opportunities, meeting with members in Mainland and taking up press interview at the Beijing Office.

9. HKIA Media Luncheon 8 February 2013

Representatives of 5 media agencies attended the HKIA Media Luncheon. Media reports were published on 19 February 2013.

10. HKIA Daily

It was launched on 18 February 2013 on a daily basis from Monday to Friday, to replace the HKIA Weekly and CPD Weekly.

11. HKIA Spring Reception on 26 February 2013

More than 80 members, government officials and allied professional institutes attended the HKIA Spring reception. Each guest was given a HKIA gift box sheet as souvenir.

12. The Secretary for the Home Affairs’ Spring Reception 2013

The Council was invited to the Secretary for the Home Affairs’ Spring Reception 2013 on 18 February 2013.

13. Presentation to LegCo Panel on Education

HKIA was invited by the Panel on Education of the Legislative Council to give views on the issues relating to the existing policy on the use of land for education purposes. Mr Ivan Ho, Deputy Chairman of Board of Local Affairs, represented the Institute to give a presentation at the Panel meeting on 11 March 2013.
Special activities and advocacies


An unprecedented joint forum organized by HKIA, HKIE, HKIL, HKIP, HKIS and HKIUD on Policy Address 2013 was held on 28 January. A joint press conference on the views of the allied professions was held on 20 January, attended by 16 media organizations.

15. Public Forum on Housing and Land on 23 February 2013

TSENG Yen Wei William, Chairman of Board of Local Affairs and I attended the Public Forum jointly organized by The Hong Kong Institute of Planners, The Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning, HKU, and The Affordable Housing Research Network of the Faculty of Architecture, HKU and co-organised by HKIA and The Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design. The forum aimed to provide a platform for the government, related professionals and the community to exchange views on housing and land policy.

16. Gathering with HKIA’s Architect Volunteers Team (AVT) and Young Members Committee (YMC) on 5 March 2013

Office Bearers were invited by the HKIA Community Development Committee to join the gathering with AVT members. 17 HKIA volunteers shared their views on the development of AVT and brainstormed a year plan for 2013. We encourage “Cross Board Activities” and suggested AVT and YMC to organize more joint activities.

17. “We Own The City” Community Practice in Architecture and Urban Planning Symposium and Exhibition on 7 March 2013

I was invited to take part in the captioned Opening Ceremony and Symposium organized by The University of Hong Kong and delivered a speech.

18. Venice Biennale Hong Kong Response Exhibition & Build a Bench for Kowloon East International Design Competition

I was invited to deliver a speech at the Opening Ceremony of the captioned Exhibition organized by HKIA and Hong Kong Arts Development Council on 18 May 2013 during which Mr. Paul Chan Mo-poc, MI, JP, Secretary for Development was the Guest of Honor.

Result of “Build a Bench for Kowloon East” International Design Competition” was unveiled at the same Ceremony. The first, second and third prizes plus 14 Honorable Mentions were chosen amongst more than 120 submissions coming from different parts of the world.

19. HKIA Hey Junel – Architecture Month 2013

HKIA Hey Junel – Architecture Month 2013 is a series of architecture related events happening from May to July 2013. The events include HKIA Annual Awards 2012 Exhibitions, Venice Biennale International Exhibition 2012 Response Exhibition, Graduation Shows of the Hong Kong University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Design Institute. Urban Renewal Authority and Architectural Services Department also joined the HKIA Hey June programme for outreach to the community. Visits to the HKIA Registered Practises would also be arranged for secondary school students, in order to let our future talents to get a feeling of the working environment of the architectural profession.

20. Achievement of HKIA Members

May I congratulate Rocco YIM, BBS, JP on the conferment of Doctor of Social Sciences and Bernard Vincent LIM, JP on his success as a Member of The National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

FUNG Yin Suen Ada, JP, FHKIA, RA, APEC Architect
President

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1 HKIA Council Courtesy Visit to Beijing (30-Jan-1-Feb-2013)
2 HKIA Spring Reception (26-Feb-13)
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1–2 Meeting with Secretary for Development (10-Jan-13)
3–4 签署建築學專業學位專業評估互認協議 (12-Jan-13)
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11  20th CAA General Assembly, Dhaka, Bangladesh (20-21-Feb-13)
12-13  Spring Reception 2013 (28-Feb-13)
14  CPD Seminar on an overview of urban upgrading process based on the hosting of major international events for China cities - the Shanghai and Guangzhou cases (28-Feb-13)
15  Young Architect Award 2012 - Interview & 2nd Jury Meeting (2-Mar-13)
16  1st Quarter Professional Assessment (5-7-Mar-13)
17-18 Joint Professional Golf Tournament 2013 (6-Mar-13)
19 CPD Seminar: Urban Design Ecologies (12-Mar-13)
20-21 Welcoming Event for Prospective Members (13-Mar-13)
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