

HKIA Young Architect Award 2019

Questions and Answer

About the THEME

- 1. Q: P.5 of the Brief dated 20200214 refers. Section 6.0, Line 1: 'Reference materials will be uploaded to www.hkia.net for interested members' reference.' Please advise if the panel or the institute intends to prepare such 'reference materials' package, and if yes, please provide so.**

A: The reference materials is available at the webpage of Young Architect Award 2019. [HYPERLINK](#). The information is consistent with the competition brief.
- 2. Q: As per item 5.0 - how does one calculate the 2,000sq.m? If it is the footprint, does this mean the competition only encourages "high-rise" buildings, and we cannot provide innovative ways to create "longitudinal" or "horizontal" communities - even if it is possible?**

A: The aim of the competition it to encourage participants to provide solution in the high-density, limited land supply context of Hong Kong.
- 3. Q: The brief that specifically requires 250-300 residential units within a site of less than 2,000sq.m is so specific, does it contradict with the original nature of the YAA competition - which was to celebrate creativity and design ideas?**

A: The aim of the competition is to encourage participants to provide solution in the high-density context in Hong Kong. Site area and number of residential units are referenced to Lin Tsui Estate (連翠邨), a single tower public housing estate in Chai Wan, completed in 2018. Site area: 1,800 sq.m, No. of Units: 288.
- 4. Q: Based on this difference, will the judges be directed to judge by leaning towards practicality and constructability? Or will more creativity be welcomed? This is a fundamental difference for the participants.**

A: The judges will judge based on the following selection criteria listed on page 1 of the brief:

 - Quality of Design Proposal for this Young Architect Award
 - Quality of Previous Personal Work
 - Professional and Social Achievement and Participation
 - Architectural Study Proposal in the United States

For the quality of the Design Proposal, we encourage the participants to find creative solution within the constraints of high-density dwellings in the Hong Kong scenario while demonstrating professional knowledge as an architect. The judges will not be directed to judge by leaning towards a certain design approach. Moreover, Creativity and practicality are not mutually exclusive.

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5. **Q: Does "realistic and practical" scale of the units, and the density of 250-300 units with less than 2,000sq.m imply that "high-rise" solutions are the best Hong Kong can do for community and quality-living?**
- A: Site area and number of residential units are referenced to Lin Tsui Estate (連翠邨), a single tower public housing estate in Chai Wan, completed in 2018. Site area: 1,800 sq.m No. of Units: 288 No. Of Storeys: 35
6. **Q: Is there a recommended range of area for the residential units?**
- A: The participant is free to propose his/her schedule of accommodation to suit his/her proposal. The size of residential units needs to be user-friendly, flexible in layout and encourage quality-living, while being practical in the urban scale of Hong Kong.
7. **Q: Is there a maximum permitted Plot Ratio/SC/GFA for the development?**
- A: The participant is free to propose appropriate Plot Ratio/SC/GFA to suit his/her proposal.

About SUBMISSION

8. **Q: Whether the jury would accept digital submission only to save paper. A possible submission procedure could be that candidates upload their works onto a cloud storage or alike, and send the sharing link by email to designated HKIA administrator before the deadline (20200327 1400 UTC+8.00). The administrator shall download the files and upon basic checking, acknowledge the receipt by email.**
- A: Suggestion will be noted and considered in the next edition.
9. **Q: Should the proposed Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) be included in the four A2 presentation panels? As it may take a significant part of presentation area, I would like to know if the SoA can be submitted in the form of appendix (in 1 or 2 A4 pages).**
- A: Participants are free to decide the kind information/drawings/diagrams etc. he/she would like to include in the presentation panels that best represents their design proposal. Additional appendix is not accepted.

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About ELIGIBILITY

10. Q: May I ask if a Graduate Member can be granted the chance to participate in the competition? I am very excited and passionate about the competition but wondering if a Graduate Member would be able to join.

A: The competition accepts participation of HKIA Members who are qualified architects. Unfortunately, Graduate Members do not fall into this category.

11. Q: Can I register as a Company founded by HKIA members?

A: Since the Young Architect Award aims to honour and acknowledge talents and contribution of young architects in Hong Kong, the competition only accepts registration by individual HKIA Members fulfilling the eligibility.

OTHERS

12. Q: From the brief it is noted that only one grand award will be issued in form of study trip. Would be grateful if the sponsor would consider consolation rewards for non-winning entries on a case-by-case basis.

A: The grant sponsor- Hsin Chong – K.N. Godfrey Yeh Education Fund has a specific fund to be award through Asian Cultural Council (ACC) annually. Suggestion is noted.