

**The Hong Kong Institute of Architects  
Third Quarterly General Meeting  
26 September 2019  
President's Report**

Dear Members,

I am pleased to share with you some of our remarkable efforts made both locally and overseas during this busy but fruitful summer.

**Promoting Architectural Excellence**

**HKIA Idea Design Competition 2019**

The HKIA Idea Design Competition 2019, supported by the Architectural Services Department, was successfully held this summer. The competition called for a design idea for the Entrance Gateway for the Victoria Park Lunar New Year Fair in January 2020. As a member of the jury panel, I was impressed by the creativity of the candidates' design schemes. You may visit the winning design, Gateway of Happiness, at Victoria Park Lunar New Year Fair 2020!

**2019 Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism\Architecture ('UABBHK2019')**

With the theme '2 x 2: Imagine to Innovate', the UABBHK2019 curatorial team, led by Mr. Roger Wu, believes the key lies in how current and future generations imagine and envision the city, and would focus on exploring new proposals and experiments that can bring positive changes to the city. In between May to August 2019, 5 curatorial conversations with the intentional curatorial advisors, past UABBHK curators and some well-known curator and architects in Hong Kong as speakers, were held, to engage the stakeholders of the exhibition in dialogues shaping the exhibition. With more than 70 installations, the exhibition would be satellite exhibitions to be held at The Mills, West Kowloon High-speed Rail Station, 7 Mallory Street, Wanchai, and Shenzhen exhibition venue from December 2019 to March 2020.

**The 17th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition - Hong Kong Exhibition and Response Exhibition ('VB2020')**

With the support of Lead Sponsor Create Hong Kong of the Government of the HKSAR, HKIA Biennale Foundation would hold the 17th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition - Hong Kong Exhibition and Response Exhibition in 2020 and 2021 respectively. The Steering Committee would soon launch the open call for curator.

**Communication within Institute**

**Council Election 2020/2021**

There are four vacant posts of Ordinary Council Member for Council 2020/2021. The election result will be announced later in this QGM.

**New Members Certificate Presentation Ceremony 2019**

The New Members Certificate Presentation Ceremony 2019 was successfully held on 3 August 2019. Over 80 new members received their HKIA Membership Certificate and Architect Registration Certificate at the Ceremony, under the witness by 220 guests. ARB Chairman Mr. William Tseng and I extended warmest welcome to our new members. HKIA Past President Mr. Vincent Ng and Young Architect Award 2017 recipient Ms. Irene Cheng, made a valuable sharing with the new blood of the architectural profession.

**Dr. Tao Ho Memorial Symposium**

The memorial symposium of Dr. Tao Ho was held on 17 August 2019 and was well attended by our fellow members and the general public. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to

all the speakers, presenter, moderator and panelists of the symposium for their valuable and inspiring sharing. Dr. Ho was a great leader of the industry and he will always be in our memories.

### **HKIA BIM Accreditation Programme**

The HKIA BIM Accreditation Programme is an accreditation system through which applicants may qualify for admission in the List of BIM Pro or BIM Co, to build up capacity and capability of HKIA members for adopting BIM in building projects, and to suit the increasing demand of BIM personnel as project BIM Team Leader and BIM Coordinator per BIM Team Structure requirement in the TC(W) No.18/2018 issued by Development Bureau. The objectives of accreditation are to ensure that the candidates have acquired the recognised training and prescribed local practical experience, and have attained a level of knowledge in professional practice acceptable to the HKIA for admission in the List of BIM Pro or BIM Co. A briefing session on HKIA BIM Accreditation Programme for HKIA List of BIM Pro and BIM Co was held on 8 August 2019 and was well received by members.

### **Facebook Live Chat**

Riding on the success of the last three Facebook live chats, the 4<sup>th</sup> live chat was held on 9 September 2019. Apart from encouraging members to vote for the vacant posts of Council Election 2020/2021, we are happy to present the list of Members' benefits to our fellow members. We also introduced the HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment, the HKIA/ARB Accreditation system, as well as the HKIA BIM Accreditation Programme to members. Stay tuned for the next live chat and share with us if there is anything you would like to know!

### **Communication with Local and Professional Communities**

#### **Site Safety Roles and Responsibility of Architects**

CIC has started a study on Site Safety Roles and Responsibility of key stakeholders in the Hong Kong construction industry. HKIA has been invited to participate in the study. Key stakeholders' consultation meeting and subsequent meetings between HKIA and CIC were held on 6 May, 2 July and 18 July 2019 respectively. A Working Group under the Study was formed and Mr. Albert Chan joined the meeting as HKIA representative.

#### **Nanhai of Foshan & Hong Kong – Innovation Forum-cum-Business Matching Meeting on Construction Engineering and Management Services**

Co-organised by Development Bureau of HKSAR Government and the Nanhai Government, the Forum and the Business Matching Meeting were held in Foshan on 20 August 2019. HKIA Official Representative in the Hong Kong Organising Committee, Mr. Rover Cheung and representatives of two Registered Practices took part in the meeting. The Registered Practices presented their projects with the theme focusing on the co-operation between various professional disciplines in construction and mode of project management.

### **Communication with Mainland**

#### **Belt and Road Initiatives**

Our institute has been involved in a number of Belt and Road events organised by the HKTDC. I attended the Belt and Road Global Forum Annual Roundtable on 12 September 2019, which stimulated fruitful discussion on the Belt and Road Initiative among participants from various regions. Vice President Mr. Franklin Yu and three representatives from Board of Mainland Affairs and the HKIA Belt & Road & Bay Area Committee also joined the Belt and Road Summit on 11-12 September 2019 to explore the latest Belt and Road-related intelligence.

HKIA was also invited by HKTDC to organise a seminar on Belt and Road Experience during the Hong Kong Belt and Road Week. The seminar was successfully held on 12 September 2019 at SME Centre at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. HKIA members were invited to share their inspiring stories on Belt and Road projects.

## **Connection with Overseas**

### **Updates on Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA)**

HKIA continued to participate actively in ARCASIA programmes. For example, ARCASIA/CAA Committee Chairman Mr. Alan Cheung and Young Members Committee Co-Chairlady Ms. Sunnie Lau joined the ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA) Stormathon 2.0 on 3-6 July 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; HKIA Official Representative in ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP), Mr. Simon Chan, attended the ACPP Meeting on 26-28 July 2019 in Jaipur, India; and, HKIA organised the ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR) annual roundtable programme on 13-16 September 2019 in Hong Kong.

### **The HKIA Architecture Exhibition in Los Angeles ('L.A. Exhibition')**

The HKIA Architecture Exhibition in Los Angeles Press Conference was held on 28 August at L'Hotel Causeway Bay Harbour View. Steering Committee Chairlady Ms. Helen Leung and Co-chief Curators Mr. So Kwok Kin and Mr. Chang Hoi Wood introduced the exhibition to the media and guests. Titled 'Island\_Peninsula', the exhibition would be held from 19 September to 2 October at Westfield Century City of Los Angeles, U.S. 15 installation and one pair of interactive exhibits would be showcased to compare the contrasting city fabrics of the two cities and to dissect the underlying forces that have shaped the unique development of Hong Kong. A public forum at the University of California, Los Angeles ('UCLA'), on 21 September, inviting architects and scholars from Hong Kong and the United States to discuss the different architectural features of Hong Kong and Los Angeles as well as the future urban development under the theme 'Extreme Verticality vs. Endless Horizontality', would be held. A response exhibition would be held in Hong Kong in the first quarter of 2020.

### **Canberra Accord general meeting**

HKIA was invited to attend the Canberra Accord general meeting held on 29 – 31 August 2019 in Bloemfontein, South Africa in the capacity of full signatory status. Immediate Past President Mr. Marvin CHEN, Board of Educational Affairs Chair Ms. SO Ching and ARB Education & Accreditation Committee Chair Dr. Rosman WAI attended the meeting and presented the development of accreditation system in Hong Kong, latest update of HKIA/ARB Accreditation System as well as the implementation status of Canberra Accord in Hong Kong.

Last but not least, with deep sorrow, the HKIA mourns the passing of Professor Barry WILL on 29 August 2019 in Hong Kong, aged 74, who served as HKIA President from 1999 to 2000 and ARB Chairman from 1991 to 1992. In keeping with his strong will power and unfailing sense of duty, he never gave up, even after he fell ill. Until recently we still saw him at regular meetings at the HKIA. We will forever miss his charming smiles and selfless dedication. With heavy hearts, we offer our sincere condolences to members of his family and may PP Barry rest in peace. A celebration of PP Barry's life will be held at Loke Yew Hall at HKU on 9 October 2019 and welcome members to pay last tribute to our dear PP.

Thank you again for the staunch support to HKIA.

Yours sincerely,  
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President