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# A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

In our industry the question about who is the authority always comes to mind and at times creates a lot of confusion.

As we all know the ministry that's in charge of the regulations on local government and law governing building, street and drainage, and town and country planning is the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MOHLG). It is this ministry that formulates the UBBL and all other Acts related to it. As such one would expect all other authorities whether State or local government to abide by it.

Unfortunately this is not the case since State Government control issues relating to Land matters and the local government has provisions within its own Acts to dictate its own provisions.

PAM has worked with MOHLG on numerous issues such as CCC, OSC and UBBL, but because of the 3 tiered governance, it is frustrating to see that all is not practised as intended.

The same goes to who is allowed to do planning submission. The Architect's Act and Town and Country Planning Act clearly state that Architects are allowed to do planning submissions. Unfortunately, at State and local authorities, Architects are not allowed to do so because there is an administrative procedure at that level stating so. PAM and LAM have been fighting for this right for many years and it seems like only a judicial decision can advocate this.

A similar situation comes to mind and this is with regards to a private publication company that issues awards to be the country's Top 10 Architect firms. This Publication has been issuing awards to Top 10 Architect firms in Malaysia since 2006.

It is recorded that PAM council has deliberated on this particular award since 2006. PAM Council felt that this award is misleading as the criteria for selection were not very clear. It is not held in the interest of promoting architecture and the architectural profession, and may not be in line with PAM and LAM code of ethics.

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### DIARY

### 23 March 2013

PAM CPD Seminar "Interpretation of the Uniform Building By-Laws 1984" Venue PAM Centre, Wisma Bandar

### 27 March 2013

Eco B Forum

"Green Distinction"

Venue Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

### 29 March 2013

PAM Members Night Venue Hadramawt Restaurant, Kuala Lumpur

### 30 March 2013

"Floor Sealants and Wood Floor Bonding"
Venue Sabah Trade Centre, Kota Kinabalu

### 6 April 2013

PAM CPD Seminar
"The Business of Architecture – Is It a
Business, a Craft or an Art?"
Venue PAM Centre, Wisma Bandar

PAM CPD Seminar
"Designing for Fire Safety - Part III & IV:
Active System & Fire Fighting Access"
Venue PAM Northern Chapter, Penang

### 13 April 2013

PAM CPD Seminar "Residential Green Design" Venue PAM Centre, Wisma Bandar

### 27 April 2013

PAM 47th Annual General Meeting Venue Saloma Theatre Restaurant Kuala Lumpur

### 2 May 2013

PAM HOMEDEC Residential Award 2013 Venue Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

### 4 May 2013

PAM CPD Seminar
"Rainwater Harvesting System: Factors
that Influence RWH System Design"
Venue PAM Centre, Wisma Bandar

### 18 May 2013

PAM Annual Dinner Venue Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur

### 20 June 2013

KLDF "Defunctional" Venue Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

### 21-22 June 2013

**DATUM:KL "Architechnique" Venue** Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

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# THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR REQUIRING A WRITTEN PERMISSION OF SELANGOR WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY IN REGARD TO "MODIFICATION ACTIVITY TO SOURCES"

PAM members are notified that in line with the approval by the state authority with effect from 19 October 2012, all written approval released for 'Aktiviti Pengubahan Sumber' (Modification Activity to Sources) are governed by the fee that is imposed by the 'Lembaga Urus Air Selangor'.

Ruj. Tuan:

Ruj. Kami : LUAS. SEL. 10010/1/WK1 Jld 18 (34)

Tarikh : 28 November 2012

Y. Bhg Dato'/Tuan/Puan,

## PEMAKLUMAN FI PENDAFTARAN UNTUK KEBENARAN BERTULIS AKTIVITI PENGUBAHAN SUMBER LEMBAGA URUS AIR SELANGOR

Dengan hormatnya merujuk surat makluman Kebenaran Bertulis pihak Lembaga ruj. LUAS.SEL. 10010/1/WK1 Jld16 (18) bertarikh 6 Disember 2011 dan notis pemakluman pihak Lembaga ruj. LUAS.SEL. 1008/2/5 Jld 2 (5) bertarikh 1 November 2012 adalah berkaitan.

- 2. Selaras dengan kelulusan oleh Pihak Berkuasa Negeri, berkuatkuasa 19 Oktober 2012, setiap kebenaran bertulis dikeluarkan bagi Aktiviti Pengubahan Sumber akan tertakluk kepada FI yang akan dikenakan oleh pihak Lembaga. Butiran notis dan pemakluman seperti di LAMPIRAN A.
- 3. Diharapkan dengan pemakluman ini, pihak Y.Bhg Dato/tuan/puan dapat mengambil maklum mengenai keperluan kebenaran bertulis Lembaga dan bersama-sama dalam menjaga sumber air Negeri Selangor ini. Kerjasama daripada pihak Y.Bhg Dato'/tuan/puan adalah diharapkan.

Sekian, terima kasih.

# "BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA" "SUMBER AIR TERPELIHARA, ALAM SEKITAR SEJAHTERA'"

Saya yang menurut perintah,

### HJ MD KHAIRI BIN SELAMAT

Pengarah.

Lembaga Urus Air Selangor

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However, since the organization is a private enterprise, PAM does not have the right to stop it from organizing this Award. Although no statement was made to members, it is understood that council members shall not participate in this award.

On that note, PAM President has always declined invitation from the organizer to attend and give an address to the attendees. Henceforth, it is unfortunate and sad to see the names of firms listed in the Top 10 list of this award in the last couple of years are firms belonging to past and current council members. This is very disheartening for me because these are the very same members who always tell me to follow council decisions.

I can understand if these are the big firms where council members are just minnow directors but what about the sole proprietors and where the council member is a major shareholder. Therefore are we changing our principles now? We who have advocated about integrity and abiding by council decisions, or have we forgotten? Let's walk the talk!

Ar Haji Saifuddin Ahmad PAM President

# THE NOTICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR REQUIRING A WRITTEN PERMISSION IN REGARD TO "MODIFICATION ACTIVITY TO SOURCES"

1.Adalah dimaklumkan bahawa, selaras dengan kelulusan oleh Pihak Berkuasa Negeri, berkuatkuasa mulai dari 19 Oktober 2012, setiap kebenaran bertulis yang dikeluarkan bagi Aktiviti pengubahan Sumber akan tertakluk kepada fi yang akan dikenakan oleh pihak Lembaga kepada para pemohon kebenaran bertulis di Negeri Selangor, seperti berikut:-

PERKARA	JUMLAH FI
1. Fi Pendaftaran	RM 150.00 (sekali sahaja)

- 2. Sila ambil maklum juga bahawa tempoh setiap kebenaran bertulis aktiviti pengubahan sumber masih ditetapkan secara tahunan.
- 3. Sekiranya terdapat sebarang kemusykilan, pihak tuan boleh berhubung terus dengan pegawai berikut di nombor talian 03-5511 1800.

PEGAWAI	KAWASAN SELIAAN
En. Muhamad Khairi bin Jalil En. Mazhazuan bin Harun	Lembangan Klang
Cik Siti Haida binti Ramli En. Wan Azrul Fanzuri bin Wan Pakar Rudin	Lembangan Langat
Pn. Harhani binti Shaharuddin Pn. Norazita binti Ismail	Lembangan Selangor
Pn. Norfaezah binti Shamsuddin En. Muhamad Nahar bin Mohamad Nasir	Perairan Pantai

Sekian, harap maklum.

Saya yang menurut perintah,

### **HJ MD KHAIRI BIN SELAMAT**

Pengarah

Lembaga Urus Air Selangor Tarikh: 1 November 2012

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Ruj. Tuan:

Ruj. Kami: LUAS. SEL. 10010/1/WK1 Jld18 (18)

Tarikh : 6 Disember 2011

Y. Bhg Dato'/Tuan/Puan,

### PEMAKLUMAN MENGENAI KEPERLUAN PERMOHONAN KEBENARAN BERTULIS DAN AKTIVITI PENGUBAHAN SUMBER LUAS DI BAWAH SEKSYEN 43 ENAKMEN LUAS 1999

Dengan hormatnya saya merujuk perkara di atas.

- 2. Untuk makluman Y.Bhg Dato'/tuan/puan, pihak Lembaga merupakan salah sebuah agensi di bawah Kerajaan Negeri Selangor yang bertanggungjawab terhadap pengurusan sumber air dengan menguruskan lembangan sungai dan perairan pantai Negeri Selangor.
- 3. Sehubungan itu, Lembaga telah menggariskan sebanyak tiga puluh (30) aktiviti di bawah "Aktiviti Pengubahan Sumber" yang memerlukan kebenaran bertulis berdasarkan Seksyen 43(1) Enakmen LUAS 1999. Antara tujuan utama kebenaran bertulis ini ialah sebagai suatu kaedah pengawalseliaan oleh Lembaga terhadap sumber air, terutamanya bagi projek-projek yang melibatkan atau berhampiran dengan sesuatu sumber air. Sila rujuk LAMPIRAN A.
- 4. Sehubungan itu, tindakan undang-undang di bawah Enakmen Luas 1999 boleh diambil terhadap mana-mana projek atau aktiviti yang dijalankan tanpa kebenaran bertulis oleh pihak Lembaga.
- 5. Diharap dengan pemakluman ini, pihak Y.Bhg Dato'/tuan/puan dapat mengambil maklum mengenai keperluan kebenaran bertulis Lembaga dan bersama-sama dalam menjaga sumber air Negeri Selangor ini. Kerjasama daripada pihak Y.Bhg Dato'/tuan/puan adalah di harapkan.

Sekian, terima kasih.

# "BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA" "SUMBER AIR TERPELIHARA, ALAM SEKITAR SEJAHTERA'"

Saya yang menurut perintah,

### **HJ MD KHAIRI BIN SELAMAT**

Pengarah, Lembaga Urus Air Selangor SN/HA/KJ...12/2011

### Salinan Kepada:

- i) Ketua Penolong Pengarah Teknikal
- ii) Ketua Penolong Pengarah Undang-undang
- iii) Ketua Bahagian Seksyen IRBM
- iv) Unit Lembangan Sungai Klang
- v) Unit Lembangan Sungai Selangor
- vi) Unit Lembangan Sungai Langat
- vii) Seksyen ICM
- viii) Bahagian Perundangan dan Penguatkuasaan
- ix) Unit Sumber Air Alternatif
- x) Unit Kawalan Pencemaran
- xi) Seksyen Perancangan dan Penyelidikan

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Petikan Fnakmen LUAS 1999

### **ENAKMEN LEMBAGA URUS AIR SELANGOR 1999**

### Seksyen 43

- **43.** (1) Kecuali dibenarkan secara nyata di bawah peruntukan mana-mana undang-undang lain, tiada seseorang pun boleh, selepas berkuat kuasanya Enakmen ini mengendalikan, tanpa kebenaran bertulis daripada Pengarah, apa-apa **aktiviti pengubahan sumber dalam zon banjir, rizab sungai** atau mana-mana zon perlindungan atau zon penampan yang lain yang diisytiharkan di bawah seksyen 48, **atau pada, di dalam atau di atas sesuatu sumber air** kecuali aktiviti itu adalah sejenis yang telah diisytiharkan secara bertulis oleh Pengarah tidak memerlukan kebenaran.
- **43.** (4) Seseorang yang melanggar seksyen ini adalah melakukan suatu kesalahan dan apabila disabitkan boleh didenda tidak melebihi lima puluh ribu ringgit atau dipenjarakan selama tempoh tidak melebihi dua tahun atau kedua-duanya; dan mana-mana bangunan atau pembinaan yang dibina atau didirikan melanggar seksyen ini boleh dialihkan atau disebabkan dialihkan mengikut perintah Pengarah dan kos pengalihan itu hendaklah ditanggung oleh orang itu.

### Seksyen 2

Tafsiran:

**"aktiviti penggubahan sumber"** ertinya pelaksanaan apa-apa kerja-kerja atau aktiviti yang melibatkan atau berkemungkinan mempunyai kesan:-

- 1. memisahkan, mengeluarkan atau menggali bahan daripada sesuatu sumber air yang mengubahkan keadaan dasar, tebing atau pesisiran sumber air itu;
- 2. menggalangi, melencongkan atau menjejaskan aliran dan pergerakan air di dalam sesuatu sumber air iaitu pembinaan jambatan, lebuhraya, tambatan, benteng hakisan, pemecahan ombak, pembentungan, laluan pejalan kaki, tanjakan bot, tambatan bot, rak ikan, kolam pemeliharaan ikan dan tanda navigasi pada dalam atau di atas sumber air;
- 3. mengubahkan keadaan asal sumber air itu;
- 4. mengurangkan daya sesuatu sumber air untuk mengandungi air;
- 5. menebusgunakan tanah yang menjadi sebahagian daripada sesuatu sumber air.

### Aktiviti Pengubahan Sumber LUAS

BILANGAN	AKTIVITI PENGUBAHAN SUMBER		
1 2 3 4 5 6	Jambatan Jeti Pembinaan kabel (di atas dan di bawah sumber air) Pemasangan paip Pelencongan sungai Penjajaran sungai	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Pembinaan laluan pejalan kaki Pembinaan tanjakan bot Pembinaan tambatan bot Pembinaan rak ikan Penambakan semula pantai Menebus guna tanah Pembinaan kolam pemeliharaan ikan
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	Pengorekan pasir (sungai, laut, lombong, tanah liat) Kerja tanah Pembinaan dalam 50 meter rizab sungai Pembinaan titik pengambilan air (muka sauk) Pembinaan janakuasa elektrik hidro Pembinaan lebuhraya Pembinaan benteng hakisan Pembinaan pemecah ombak Pemasangan paip pembentungan (sewer) Pemasangan pembentungan (culvert)	24 25 26 27 28 29	Pembinaan tanda navigasi Pembinaan bangunan Pembinaan, pembinaan semula, pengubahsuaian atau pemindahan empangan Pembinaan, pembinaan semula, pengubahsuaian atau pemindahan 'weir' Pembinaan, pembinaan semula, pengubahsuaian atau pemindahan struktur 'inlet' dan 'outlet' Pembinaan, pembinaan semula, pengubahsuaian atau pemindahan bom logam

# ECO-B FORUM **2013**

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2013 9AM - 1PM

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### Convenor

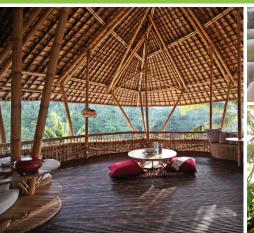


Dr Tan Loke Mun

### Moderator



Lee Chor Wah





### **ELORA HARDY**

Green School Bali, Indonesia

"Designing In Nature"

Elora left her role as the sole print designer at Donna Karan International in New York in 2010 and returned to Bali to pursue her childhood dream of creating strong, beautiful bamboo houses. Best known for the creation of award-winning, eco-friendly bamboo buildings like the Green School and Green Village in Bali, Indonesia. Elora Hardy is currently the creative director of Ibuku, a design team whose mission is an authentic relationship with nature





Vo Trong Nghia Co., Ltd, Vietnam

"Green Architecture in Vietnam"

A graduate of Japan's Nagoya Institute of Technology class of 2002, Vo Trong Nghia leads an award-wining, self-titled practice known for its intricate bamboo and sustainable structures. His works have been receiving high appraisals in Vietnam and overseas and honourable prizes including the International Architecture Award (IAA), and Architectural Review Award (AR). His representative works are wNw Café (2006), wNw Bar (2008) and Bamboo Wing (2009). In 2012, he was named Vietnam's Architect of the Year

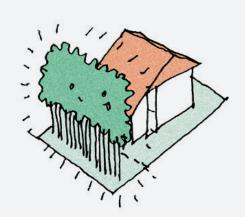


















### **BC ANG** WHBC Architects, Malaysia

"What's Your Colour?"

Established by BC Ang and Wen Hsia, WHBC Architects is recognised for their work in design, architecture and urban landscapes. BC graduated with a Diploma in Architecture and a Bachelor of Architecture from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia in Skudai, Johor. Their practice has won numerous awards from industry peers. They have also shared their ideas in various design lecture series held by the Malaysian Institute of Architects. Their works are widely published in books and magazines in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Netherlands, China and Australia



### **YIP YUEN HONG**

ip:li Architects, Singapore

"Ideas for 2 Houses"

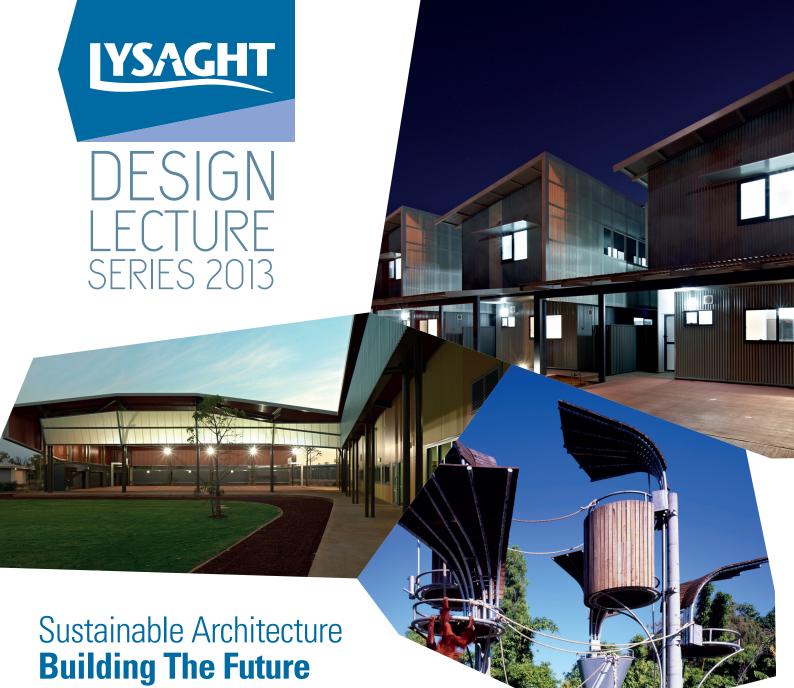
Yip Yuen Hong has been practising architecture in Singapore for almost three decades. He has boned his skills under the country's pioneer architects William Lim, Tay Kheng Soon, and Liu Thai Ker. ip:li architects was started in 2002 by Yip Yuen Hong and his partner Lee Ee Lin. The firm has worked on a variety of projects, ranging from the interiors of commercial and retail outlets, private homes like 9 Leedon Park and 3 Lermit Road, as well as educational institutions like the Tisch School of Arts. Yip's own contemporary tropical language in architecture combines simple materials to create a signature style, often referring to his residential projects as "modern kampung houses"











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Venue : The Saujana Ballroom,
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Email : **cpd@pam.org.my**Tel : **+603-2693 4182** 

Date : **25 March 2013** Time : **5,00pm** 

/enue : **Dewan Johor, 2nd Floor** 

Venue : **Dewan Johor, 2nd Floo**i **Mutiara Johor Bahru** 

Kindly RSVP with PAM SOUTHERN CHAPTER

Email: pamselatan@yahoo.com

Tel : **07-234 9202** 

Date : **26 March 2013**Time : **5,30pm** 

Venue: Ballroom 1, Level 2, G Hotel, Penang
Kindly RSVP with PAM NORTHERN CHAPTER

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# PAM COURTESY VISIT TO THE MALAYSIAN COMPETITION COMMISSION (MyCC)

6 FEBRUARY 2013

The representatives from PAM who attended the meeting were Ar Saifuddin Ahmad (President), Ar Chan Seong Aun (Deputy President), Ar Ezumi Harzani Ismail (Council Member), Ar Steven Thang Boon Ann (Council Member) and Ms Olivia Lim (Chief Operating Officer). The representatives from MyCC were Tan Sri Dato' Seri Siti Norma Yaakob (Chairman), Ms Shila Dorai Raj (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Mohd Aidil Tupari (Director) and Ms Valerie Mohan (Executive).

The meeting was arranged further to the discussion on Scale of Fees at PAM Council and Professional Practice Forum in December 2012. The objective of the courtesy visit is for PAM to find out whether architectural consultancy services are also regulated under the newly gazetted Act, the Competition Act 2010 (Act 712).

PAM explained to MyCC on the inception of the architects' Scale of Minimum Fees. He informed that professional architects are bound by the mandatory Architect (Scale of Minimum Fees) Rules 1986 [later superseded with the newly amended Architect (Scale of Minimum Fees) Rules 2010] which is gazetted under the Architects Act 1967. The scale of fees set the minimum standard where architects may reasonably and justifiably charge their fees higher but not lower than the Scale of Minimum Fees. The scale was not meant to be anti-competitive, but it is to avoid problems like fee bidding, discounting, undercutting, etc. The scale of fees is gazetted as mandatory, however in reality, not all architects adhere to it. In the connection with the newly gazetted



Tan Sri Dato' Seri Siti Norma Yaakob and Ar Saifuddin Ahmad



PAM delegates with Chairman and officers from MyCC

Competition Act 2010, PAM wants to know whether architectural consultancy services fall under the Act.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Siti Norma clarified that the formation of MyCC is to act as the enforcer. PAM is advised to engage our lawyer to interpret the content of the Act; whether the profession (architects) is included or not, in particular to look at the phrase "services of general economic interest" of the Second Schedule of the Act as the phrase is very broad. PAM is also advised that architects may apply for exemption if the architectural consultancy services fall under the Act.

PAM is of the view that the architectural consultancy services should not be included in the Act as the services provided by the architects are delivered by complying with all the requirements provided in the Uniform Building By-Laws (UBBL). The objective of the UBBL is to safeguard the public safety and health.

### Conclusion:

Since the construction industry is the major player for economic growth in Malaysia, PAM hopes that door is always open for discussion on the Competition Act. In the meantime, PAM will forward a copy of the Architects Act and background of the formulation of Architects (Scale of Minimum Fees) to MyCC for their perusal.

# SLIA'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE AND EXHIBITION

20-23 FEBRUARY 2013

Ar Saifuddin Ahmad accepted the invitation by Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) to attend the SLIA's National Conference on Architecture and Exhibition, from 20 February to 23 February 2013 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The theme of the event is "Think Smart — Innovative Enterprise Architecture". Ar Saifuddin was invited to officiate the exhibition for SLIA Architects Convention when the Minister who was invited as the Guest of Honour was not able to attend.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF PAM COUNCIL 2012-2013

### 1 MARCH 2013

Council congratulated Ar Tan Pei Ing on her being elected as **Honorary Member of KIRA** (Korean Institute of Recognised Architects) and receiving the President Medal.

Council was informed on the update of the development of the **new PAM Centre at Jalan Tanduk**. The team is now in the process of preparing tenders for piling works and box-culvert. The completion date is expected to be in October 2014. The project is using 'bubble-slab' construction, which is the first time the technology is being used in the country. The President suggested that the consultant team to document the construction process and share the information with students and the industry.

Ar Victor Wong from Sabah and Ar Ng Chee Wee from Sarawak have been appointed to the **Council of Architecture Accreditation and Education Malaysia (CAAEM)** under the Board of Architects Malaysia.

Council approved the **new membership applications** of 1 Fellow Member, 6 Corporate Members, 28 Graduate Members, 1 Academic member, 3 Associate Graduate Members, 21 Student Members, Reinstatements of 3 Corporate Members and 4 Graduate Members, and 1 application for Ordinary Membership above 65 years old.

The **47**<sup>th</sup> **Annual General Meeting of PAM** will be held on Saturday, 27 April 2013 at Saloma Theatre Restaurant followed by the EGM. Council resolved to appoint Ar Chris Yap Seng Chye as **Election Officer 2013-2014** and Ar Rosli Ali as **Deputy Election Officer 2013-2014**.

The **PAM Southern Chapter** thanked MGBC for their support during the Southern Chapter's recent collaboration with Iskandar Development Authority (IRDA) for the Iskandar Malaysia Green City Seminar 2013 held on 18-19 January 2013.

Organised by the Ministry of Housing Sarawak, the **Stakeholders Engagement Session on the Proposed Amendment to the Housing Developers (Control and Licensing) Ordinance 1993** was held on 20 February 2013. Ar Peter Wong, Ar Stephen Liew, Ar Kho Meng Kang & Ar Bong Joon Hin participated in the session. Other parities invited were representatives from SHEDA, AAS (Advocates) and ACEM. During the session, the PAM Sarawak Chapter raised several concerns and objections to the proposed amendments including imposing up to 5 years imprisonment for premature stage certification. The PAM Sarawak Chapter was of the view that the penalty is too strong in view that there are still a lot of ambiguities in the LAM Guideline for Stage Certification. Council advised that LAM has taken a serious stand on wrongful certification and the Chapter will compile a fact-sheet on the ambiguities that the members encounter in the LAM Guideline to forward to LAM for its consideration for improvement.

The **PAM Sarawak Chapter** is organising a **Design Forum on 23 March 2013** in conjunction with the Building Trade Show.

PAM received a total of 209 nominations for the PAM Awards 2013, for the 14 categories. 146 nominations have been shortlisted and were invited to submit for the PAM Awards 2013. The PAM Awards 2013 Convener is Ar Wooi Lok Kuand and the Jurors are Ar Saifuddin Ahmad, PAM President and Jury Chairman, Dato' Ar Haji Hajeedar Haji Abdul Majid (eminent Malaysian architect), Cheah Kok Ming, Singapore (eminent foreign architect), Dr Naziaty Mohd Yaacob, University of Malaya (Malaysian architectural academician) and Mr Robert Such, architectural photographer

and writer (eminent non-architect personality).

The **PAM-Homedec Award,** an award to recognise Residential Renovation works by PAM members is jointly organised for the first time this year by PAM and CIS Network. The Convener appointed is Ar See Kim Piow. The Panel of Jury comprise of the President of PAM, President of House Buyers Association (HBA) and President of Malaysian Interior Industry Partners Association (MIIP).

The **Eco-B Exhibition** will be held on 26-28 March 2013 at Halls 1, 2, 3 of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The exhibition will be held together with other exhibitions from other institutes under CIDB's International Construction Week 2013 (ICW2013).

The "PAM Johnson Suisse Scholarship Award 2013" and "PAM Feruni Ceramiche Scholarship Award 2013" are open for registration on 1 March 2013 and will close on 1 April 2013.

A committee has been set-up among PAM, ACEM, and REHDA representatives to look into issues related to the industry in Kuala Lumpur.

120 registrations have been received on the closing date of the **Lenggong UNESCO Heritage Site Architectural Ideas Competition,** jointly organised by Jabatan Warisan Negara (JWN) and PAM.

Council endorsed the setting up of a **Special Committee** to look into addressing the issue of some practices masquerading as architect's firms in Malaysia which was also highlighted in Berita Akitek January 2013. Ar Saifuddin Ahmad was appointed as the Chairman for this Committee.

The **courtesy visit to the Malaysian Competition Commission (MyCC)** was organised as a follow up to the Professional Practice Forum on the Scale of Minimum Fees. PAM highlighted to MyCC that PAM is not bound by Competition Act but by the Architects Act. PAM is doing a research on the history of the Architects Act and how the Scale of Minimum Fees was established, and compiling the pros and cons of the Scale of Minimum Fees. At the Professional Practice Forum 2012, the survey showed that the majority of PAM members expressed that the Scale of Minimum Fees must be maintained and LAM has to actively enforce it.

Council endorsed on the following staff promotion and new recruitments:

- Puan Roze Naser promoted to Chief Liaison and Communications Officer where her scope of work involves liaising with sponsors and members;
- Puan Fadilah Mohamad Fauzi promoted to HR and Administration Executive:
- Ms Alice Kho to replace Roze's current job scope (starting work on 9 April 2013) – Senior Account Executive;
- Ms Karen as Personal Assistant to the COO;
- Ms Ivy Khoo as Project Officer and she is on contract for 1 year to take over Puan Hafizah's work who is currently on medical leave; and
- Mr Victor Khoo, new General Internal Auditor whose scope of work includes auditing of procedures, research, contract issues, establishing procedures to ensure checks and balance, and establishing/updating operations manual in accordance with the ISO standard for Quality Management System.

The **Youth Committee** organised the Pavilion Design Competition to select exhibits for the Eco-B Exhibition. The winner has been selected however the Committee is disappointed with the poor response.

## **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN**

In collaboration with Pusat Darah Negara, a Blood Donation Campaign has been carried out as part of CSR initiatives by PAM in 2013. The campaign was held at 3 different locations, namely Wisma Lafarge, Petaling Jaya on 1 February 2013, PAM Centre Kuala Lumpur on 2 February 2013 and Penang Adventist Hospital on 3 February 2013. 26 representatives from Lafarge, 8 from Hume Cemboard Industries Sdn Bhd, 4 from Feruni Ceramiche Sdn Bhd, 1 Council Member, 6 PAM Members, 3 from PAM Northern Chapter together with 4 from PAM Secretariat staff supported the above campaign.















## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **23 February 2013**

PAM CPD Seminar Professional Indemnity – Crisis of Liability By Ar Ezumi Harzani PAM Centre, Wisma Bandar Kuala Lumpur



### **27 February 2013**

**PAM International Lecture Design Series Ethics and Aesthetics: Architecture Version 2.0** 

By Tay Kheng Soon

PAM Centre, Wisma Bandar

Kuala Lumpur



### **28 February 2013**

**Green Building Index (GBI) Forum**GBI Residential New Construction (RNC)
Version 3

By Ar Von Kok Leong & Ar Michael Ching Chee Hoong PAM Centre, Wisma Bandar Kuala Lumpur



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