This picture of a past ARCHIDEX exhibition shows a big crowd thronging the event. This year's ARCHIDEX marks a milestone as it continues to be a successful exhibition that has grown in size. strength and influence.



At the forefront of architecture

ARCHIDEX, an annual trade exhibition, is notably the most anticipated annual event in the architecture and building industry and the most exciting and strategic ground for industry professionals across the region to gather.

The 15th International Architecture, Interior Design & Building Exhibition, ARCHIDEX and its co-located exhibition ECO-B (3rd Eco Building & Design Exhibition) open tomorrow and will take place till June 28 at Kuala Lumpur Convention

It is a four-day congregation for the region's fraternity of architects, urban planners, interior designers, academicians, students and allied professionals.

This year, the exhibition celebrates its 15th instalment as part of a pillar of six major events for the region's architecture, interior design and building industry's most important date, namely the 16th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA 16), a major bi-annual architecture conference hosted by PAM (Malaysian Institute of Architects) and the 35th Council Meeting of Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA).

Besides ARCHIDEX, the annual key events held in conjunction with ACA16 are:

- Datum: KL (International Architectural
- Design Conference) - KLDF (Kuala Lumpur Design Forum)
 - PPF (Professional Practice Forum)
- GBF (Green Building Forum)
- ACSR (2nd Arcasia Committee on Social Responsibility Architecture Symposium) - ARCASIA Architecture Awards

Presentation Ceremony - Building Industry Gala (BIG) Night 2014 The co-located exhibition, ECO-B, is also a significant annual exhibition that industry

professionals look forward to It caters to an exponential rise of global interest in green building technologies,

designs and solutions. The latest methods and expertise will be shared among professionals, as well as the newest sustainable materials and products for various applications that are aesthetically appealing yet renewable.

Green building assessment tools and rating consultations are also part of the ECO-B exhibition.



(From left) Datuk Vincent Lim, president of CIS Network, joint organiser of Archidex 2014 and Eco-B, Tan Pei Ing, president of ArcAsia 2013/2014 and Chan Seong Aun, president of the Malaysian Institute of Architects posing for a photo.

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It is occupying nine exhibition halls filled with an impressive 1.520 exhibition booths represented by over

550 local and international companies. A total of 32% are new exhibitors.

"Seventeen countries are participating this year - Austria, Australia, China, Estonia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Malaysia. Five country pavilions include Austria, Germany, Singapore, South Korea and China

"This sums up to 20% of international participation overall," said CIS Network Sdn Bhd president Datuk Vincent Lim. CIS is the joint organiser of ARCHIDEX and ECO-B.

The exhibition will also see new product Jaunches through the New Product Award and New Eco Product Award to acknowledge the most significant ones distinguished by their design, innovation and technological advances based on a stringent

A total of 69 nominees have been submitted by 67 participating exhibitors with 35% of them newly introduced to the market.

Besides, there are also the not-to-bemissed trade presentations by selected exhibitors, BIZ@ARCHIDEX and BIZ@ECO-B that cover a range of products of the built environment for industry professionals.

Visitors also stand a chance to win prizes: - Win KARE designer pieces for pre-registered visitors who visit the exhibition.

- Visit & Win Contest with two air tickets to Munich, Germany, sponsored by Hormann. lust visit Hormann's booth at the German Pavilion - Booth No.1B037, Hall 1, This contest is open to all visitors, conference and forum delegates.

CPD points are applicable for architects visiting ARCHIDEX and ECO-B and attending the trade

presentations. The Gold Sponsor of ARCHIDEX 2014 is Lamitak and the Sponsor is Hoto, while ARCHIDEX Lounge at Hall 9 is sponsored by Niro Granite.

Exhibition hours: 10am-7pm Trade days: June 25 and 26 Trade, public and student days: June

CPD Point Counters are located in Hall 6, Ground Level and Hall 9, Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur Exhibition Entry/Registration

- Walk-in visitors: Register at Hall 7,

- Pre-Registered visitors: Print tag at Self-Check-in Kiosks, Hall 9, Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur

- Express Tag Visitors: Collect holder at Express Tag Counter, Level 3



Scan here for hall layout plan

Getting to the exhibition venue/

- Take the LRT and stop at KLCC station, walk 10 minutes to the exhibition

- Park further away and use the Bukit Bintang-KLCC Pedestrian Walkway that traverses Jalan Pinang, Jalan Perak and Jalan Raja Chulan. The Pedestrain Walkway is complete with escalators/ staircase entry and exit points.

- Park at the multi-level car park, Lot Biniai, and take the free shuttle service to the exhibition venue. Operation time is from 8am to 9nm.



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convert a spare room into a private retreat

BY ELLEN WHYTE

DO you have a spare room that's hardly ever used? Turn it into a private retreat where you can recharge your batteries with the help of these tips.

Create fuss-free lines. Simplicity adds a touch of austerity that's perfect for meditation and getting away from a consumer-mad world

Creating a simple space without hidden corners has the added bonus of preventing those awkward dust bunnies from forming.

Throw out anything you don't need, drop the bed to the floor, opt for inbuilt cupboards or floor to ceiling cupboards, and use glass-fronted cabinets rather than open shelves. If you haven't really got round to decorating the spare room, give it a touch of fresh paint and hang some pictures.

A firm mattress with huge pillows and a bolster that you can put your feet up on can turn a bed

into a hixury lounging area.

Make sure that everything you might need is within easy reach; you will need a small table that can hold designer cups of tea and magazines.

Create a vanity area. A vanity table by the window is perfect for those times when you decide to give yourself a total makeover,



