

EVENTS

19 July 2008

Conservation of Heritage Building: Treatment of Building Defects

By Dr A. Ghafar Ahmad
9.00am – 12.30pm
PAM Centre, KL

23 July 2008

Design Lecture Series

By Ar Wong Tung Ken
6.30pm – 8.30pm
PAM Centre, KL

26 July 2008

"Information Technology Service", Revolution in Paints Technology" and Dare to Change"

By Ms Rhitney Wong, Ms Foo See Yee and Mr Billi Lim
9.00am – 12.30pm
Southern Chapter

AUGUST

2 August 2008

Building Envelope Design

By Mr Russell Cole
9.00am – 12.30pm
Northern Chapter

2 August 2008

Green Building – Developments in International Concepts and Rating Systems

By Dr Puteri Shireen Jahn Kassim
9.00am – 12.30pm
Southern Chapter

6 August 2008

History Repeats Itself

By Ar Lim Peng Keang
9.00am – 12.30pm
Sarawak Chapter

9 August 2008

Hospital Design – A Brief Insight on the Development of Hospitals in Malaysia in Comparison to Projects Overseas

By Ar AP Datin Norwina Mohd Nawawi
9.30am – 12.30pm
PAM Centre, KL

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Official Launch of ASCB and Seminar on "Increasing & Protecting Your Asset Value"

8 May 08 • Sime Darby Convention Centre
Kuala Lumpur



From left Robert Caulfield, Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan, Ar Lee Chor Wah and Ar Hj Hussein Hamzah

ACSB was officially launched by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan, on 8 May 2008 at the Sime Darby Convention Centre. The Minister congratulated PAM for establishing ACSB as another way of improving workmanship and maintenance of homes in the country.

A brief networking session was held with the new Minister and the Building Industry Presidents Council and PAM Council Members. They shared their views on the housing industry, its problems and ways of overcoming such ailments.

In conjunction with the launch, an inaugural seminar was held to highlight the significance of property inspection and its potential in business sustainability to building industry players, industry-related professionals and the consumers.

Robert Caulfield, the CEO and Founder of Archicentre Ltd. shared on the Australian experience, from its initial challenges to its success stories and how Malaysia will benefit from Architect Centre through its property inspections, professional advice, research and continuous media programme on housing issues, protection and quality standards.

Angus Kell, the State Manager NSW & ACT, Archicentre Limited provided an overview of property inspections and the benefits to be gained from the services by Architect Centre to the public and the property industry.

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QLASSIC

Quality Assessment System In Construction

QLASSIC is a method to measure the quality of workmanship of a construction work based on the approved standards. QLASSIC enables the quality of workmanship between construction projects to be objectively compared. QLASSIC assessment is performed by qualified and independent assessors, through site inspection. The quality of workmanship of a construction work is assessed according to the requirement of the relevant standard and marks are awarded if the workmanship complies with the standard. These marks are then summed up to calculate the QLASSIC Score (%) for a construction project. Construction works that are rectified after an assessment will not be re-assessed. Assessment samples are determined prior to carrying out the assessment.

Construction Industry Standard (CIS 7:2006 – Quality Assessment System for Building Construction Work) specifies requirements on quality of workmanship and assessment procedures for building construction work. The requirements in CIS 7 are divided into four main components:

1. Structural Work
2. Architectural Work
3. Mechanical and Electrical Work (M&E) Work
4. External Work

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Checking fall of floor in wet areas



Checking hollowness of internal wall



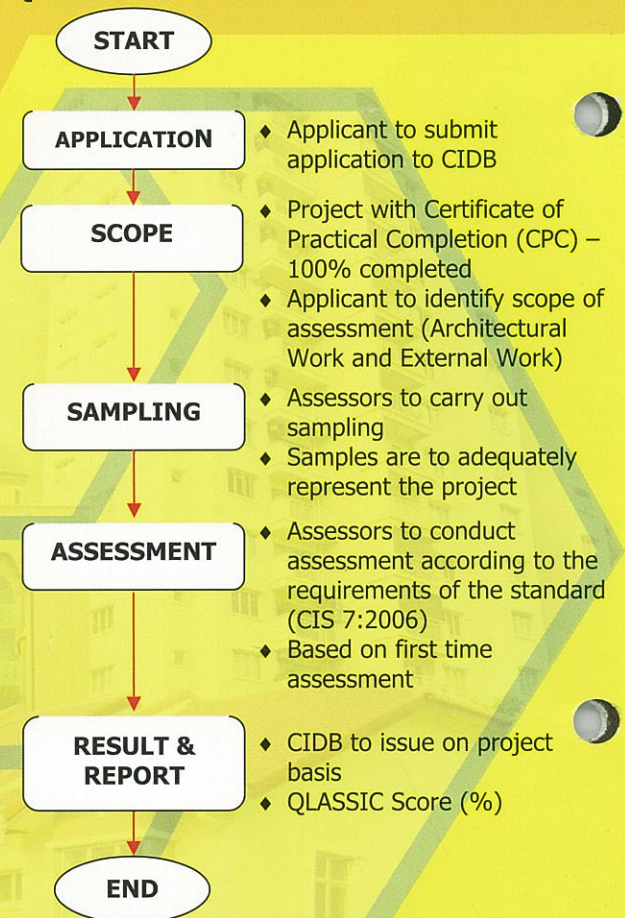
Checking hollowness of tiled floor

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- Enables you to benchmark the quality of workmanship of your construction project.
- Provides you a standard assessment system for quality of workmanship of construction work.
- Enhances quality control of your construction work
- Specified as a quality criterion for contractor's performance score-card.

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- Real estate and housing developer
- Contractor
- others

QLASSIC Assessment Process



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Robert Caulfield



From left Mr Angus Kell, Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun, Ar Dato' Haji Esa Mohamed, Mr Robert Caulfield, Ar Chan Seong Aun, Ar Haji Hussein Hamzah, Pn Norliza Hashim, Datuk Eddy Chen, Ar Tan Pei Ing, Ar Lee Chor Wah, Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan, Ar Laurent Lim, Ar Boon Chee Wee, Ar Saifuddin Ahmad and Ar See Kim Piow



Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan placing his signature on the plaque during the launching of Architect Centre.



The arrival of Dato Seri Ong Ka Chuan, Minister of Housing and Local Government

R. Girubakaran, from Teh & Azlina Advocates & Solicitors pointed out the recent salient amendments (2007) to Schedule H of the Sale & Purchase Agreement under the Housing Development (Control & Licensing)(Amendment) Regulations 2007, involving the construction of housing accommodation and architects in particular, the issuance of a Certificate of Completion and Compliance, claims and repairs under the Defect Liability Period where non compliance to the regulations shall implicate a criminal offence.

Patrick Wong, President of Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM) highlighted two major issues affecting the building industry, that is, shortage of building materials such as steel bars and cement due to several shortcomings of government policies on ceiling prices and manpower resources. He also concluded with practical recommendations to help alleviate the problems faced by builders.

James Wong, President, Association Of Valuers & Property Consultants In Private Practice Malaysia (PEPS) in his presentation on "The Market Forces Behind Property Enhancement" provided informative insights into the various contributing factors to the increase of property values such as recent government regulations and incentives, socio-economic factors, growth corridors, infrastructure developments, urban renewal and property management which augurs well for the property market.

We received positive feedback from the participants who felt that the setting up of Architect Centre was timely to help resolve various conflicting construction issues by consumers as well as developers. Participants also appreciated the highly informative presentations by the speakers. Overall, they are keen to learn more about Architect Centre and its benefits.

In conclusion, the event achieved its objectives of bringing closer the building industry players as well as professionals related to the industry and consumers, creating awareness of the significance of property inspection and its potential to increase property values and, most importantly, to promote quality buildings for a better industry.

Speech of YB Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan, Minister of Housing and Local Government, Official launch of the Architect Centre



Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan delivering his opening speech at the Official Launch of the Architect Centre

First of all, I would like to thank PAM (Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia), the organiser of the official launch of Architect Centre for inviting me to join you in this historical event to be followed with the inaugural seminar entitled "Increasing and protecting your asset value". I would like to congratulate PAM and Architect Centre Sdn Bhd too for their success in establishing this new entity with the clear objective of providing services for property inspection and advisory services for quality product of property development before delivery to the customers. For this, I would say that the launching of this center is most timely in view of the government continuing effort on improving the service delivery system of the building industry.

It is past one year since we launched the new delivery system of the building and housing industry such as the OSC (One Stop Centre) and CCC (Certificate of Completion and Compliance). This paradigm shift is meant to facilitate and speed up the approving processes of development right from conversation and subdivision, planning approval, building plan approval and right up to the self regulation of the issuance of CCC by the professionals. The quality control at the tail end of the process is entrusted to the professionals who will certify the 21 forms called form G before CCC is issued by the Principal Submitting Person. This is in great contrast with the previous system where local authorities will inspect and evaluate the condition of the building before issuing the CFO.

With the introduction of property inspection services offered by this new Architect Centre, the property purchasers will have an avenue to assist them to assess the property before they accept the delivery. This will compliment well with the self-regulation system that government introduced as a watchdog on the professionals who are given that such authority for self-certification. I hope the potential purchasers of buildings will take the opportunity to seek this center's service in order that the errant developers will be more quality conscious in the future. This is because rectification

works of inferior workmanship or materials will be more costly in the long run besides creating poor image of the company. It is my fervent hope that over times, the quality culture will set in the building industry through this self-regulation structure. In this regard, the Architect Centre performing as an independent public function can indirectly assist in raising the public awareness of building quality standards. Your smart partnership with the renowned Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) who has over 27 years of experience in this field should set your organization on a sound footing and direction.

Relating to the complaints of housing projects by the purchasers, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government received between 2400 to 4500 complaints per years over the last 5 years. Of these, about 7% relates to the defective works due to poor quality of materials and workmanship. In 2005 alone there are 356 complaints on defective works while the figure for 2006 and 2007 have dropped to 238 and 192 respectively. Most of these complaints of defects are on wall cracks, roof leak, plumbing problem, poor plaster and paint work, ground settlement and so on.

In terms of physical numbers, there appears to be a downtrend which augers well for the industry. However, the figure should be kept to a lower level in view of the effort of various skills training program conducted by various government agencies. As the country strives to become a developed nation by 2020, shoddy works cannot be allowed to continue without any constructive interference from both the professionals and the construction industry players. This begs the question of the role and the extent of control by the developers over the quality of the end product. Unlike the old regime of CFO, the new concept of CCC requires the certification of the respective contractors, tradesmen besides the architects and engineers as the submitting persons for the particular project. In short, all these stakeholders are collectively responsible and accountable for the stability and serviceability of the buildings they delivered. I hope the self-regulating system will lead to self-discipline and self-control of the developers for the good of the building industry and the image of the professionals involved.

On the dispute of defects, I am pleased to know that Architect Centre with the assistance of their Australian partner will be formulating guidelines as to what constitutes acceptable tolerances in defects and work quality so that homebuyers and the related industry players will have a common yardstick to follow.

Good maintenance culture requires good asset management, which is vital for the property enhancement to owners or investors. It should transcend through

the whole process of construction and life cycle of the building. Having property inspection before acceptance of building alone is not enough as the whole life span of the building requires various stages of maintenance and upgrading to maintain its optimum level of functionality and serviceability. I have no doubt of the competence of commercial complexes management in up-keeping the building and facilities. However, these are lacking in some of the housing apartments particularly the lower end range as it involves multiple owners who are from diverse background and cultures. The concept of good asset management should be promoted to all parcels owners of housing apartments so that good maintenance practices can be implemented effectively leading to a more pleasant and environment to live in and hence better market value for the property.

Since the property inspection entails visual inspection on site by accredited persons to identify defects, one should be mindful of a provision in the Streets, Drainage and Building Act, 1947 relating to the periodical inspection of building. Section 85A of the Act provides power of Local Authority to order owner of building of more than 5 storey to be inspected for structural integrity once every 10 years. This provision is necessary as many buildings have changed its originally intended use over a period of time such as the conversion of office space to restaurant or health center or undergone a series of renovation and retrofitting. The extra loading may be detrimental to the structural stability, which may not have catered for the extra loading. There is already few buildings failure overseas due to ignorance of building owners of additional loads imposed on the building over a period of times. It is in the interest of building owners to engage qualified inspectors to inform periodical inspection to avoid untoward incidence that can be costly.

In this regard, I hope the Architect Centre besides providing building advisory services can also alert the owner or authority if there is any sign of suspicion on structural stability during your inspection round. The structural inspection should be conducted by a structural engineer.

Once again, I wish congratulate the organiser for taking this initiative to set up the Architect Centre which I regard as our partner in championing quality product and quality culture in the building industry. I hope you will benefit from the inaugural seminar covering a range of pertinent topics relating to property by renowned speakers both abroad and local. I do hope you will have a fruitful exchange of views and experience and more importantly, contribute your knowledge and expertise to the enhancement of Malaysian property.

Thank you



"Malaysia's Leading Property Inspection Service Provider"

- **PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT**
- **ASSET PROTECTION**
- **SAFETY & PEACE OF MIND**

Home-owners and home-buyers can now be rest assured that their property is protected from early devaluation by having it inspected by accredited architects at a minimal cost.

first few home inspections undertaken by the newly launched **Architect Centre Sdn Bhd**, an architectural service centre of Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM) set-up in joint venture with Australian service provider, Archicentre Ltd., have proven to home-owners and home-buyers that investing a little goes a long way.

The home inspections found a number of significant defects resulting from lack of maintenance and repair such as:

- Dampness in internal walls surrounding bathrooms and wet areas
- Termites in the flooring and door frames
- Dangerous electrical wiring left without disconnection
- The absence of safety switches on switchboards
- Poorly maintained services, including water pipes, hot water systems, and drainage

With proper maintenance, a minor issue costing less than RM500 to repair would not turn into a major problem costing thousands to repair, placing people in danger and adding to health concerns.



It is recommended that house-owners prepare a maintenance program to ensure they do not also devalue their property over time.

Architect Centre Sdn Bhd provides property inspections and building advisory services by Accredited Architect Centre Architects to the Malaysian home-buyers, home-owners and property investors. It was officiated by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 8th of May 2008, with support from major players in the building industry to improve the quality of housing and buildings in Malaysia.

Architect Centre Services

- **Property Inspections**
- **Building Advisory Services**
- **Seminars & Skills Training**

PROPERTY INSPECTION SERVICES

A professional assessment through a systematic visual inspection of an existing building providing an analysis of the building condition prior to the purchase, rental or renovation.

- A 300-point checklist report includes identification of defects, possible causes and suggestions on remedying the defects
- A specialist trade guide is referenced for rectifications or improvements
- Same-day verbal report and fast turnaround
- Repair and maintenance advice

Architect Centre conducts Pre-Purchase Inspection, Established Property Inspection, Pre-Tenancy and Post-Tenancy Inspection and Pre-Renovation Inspection.

BUILDING ADVISORY SERVICES

Professional advice on planning, procedural, technical matters, design and defects issues.

- **Architect Advice Report**
- **Ask An Architect**

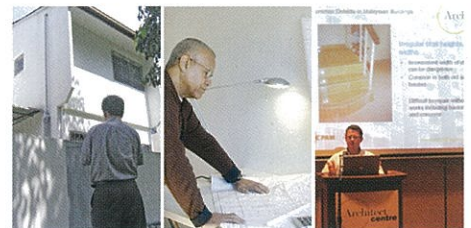
For those who are planning to buy a house or an apartment, retail shops, factories or any other commercial property for investment, make sure you don't take unnecessary risks.

SEMINARS & SKILLS TRAINING

- To create awareness and educate Malaysian home-owners and home-buyers on the quality standards of buildings
- To provide skills training to tradesmen to upgrade their skills and produce quality workers

Why Architect Centre?

- Accredited Architects are specially trained to carry out systematic visual inspection on site to identify defects and recommend solutions.
- Services are "packaged" into streamlined set fee, set-service formats
- Public now have access to a range of professional architectural services at affordable rates.



Aims

As an independent property inspection service provider, the centre aims to be the foremost national authority on property related issues (housing) throughout Malaysia providing advice on issues which affect the properties and construction industries. The centre also aims to strengthen the housing and building industry, and empower the public through education.

Benefits:

- A comprehensive visual inspection and 300- point report of the property
- Provides basis to assist in evaluating the appropriate purchase price of the property
- Risk assessment – provides building condition analysis
- All services are independent, therefore are completed without bias to the client or a third party

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PAM-ASA Presidential Talk (Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage)

1 May 08 • Impact Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok, Thailand



From left Ar Hamdan Abdul Jamal, Chairat Chantikul, Veerachit Phromsorn, Ar Lee Chor Wah, Sinn Phonghanyuh, Thaweejit Chandrasakha, Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An, Sathirut Tandanand, Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun, Smith Obayawat and Ar Boon Che Wee.



Ar Lee Chor Wah and Sinn Phonghanyuh, President of ASA



ASA delegates during the PAM - ASA Presidential Talk



Thaweejit Chandrasakha and Ar Boon Che Wee

In conjunction with ASA's annual exhibition and conference, ASA Expo 2008 - "Unplugged", PAM was invited to attend a dialogue with ASA to exchange information and update each other on issues affecting the profession in respective countries. PAM representatives were also invited to attend their conference and exhibition held as part of ASA Expo 2008.

PAM's representatives to the dialogue were Ar Lee Chor Wah, Ar Boon Che Wee, Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun, Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An, Ar Hamdan Abdul Jamal and Zarina Ibrahim. ASA was represented by Sinn Phonghanyuh, Thaweejit Chandrasakha, Smith Obayawat, Sathirut Tandanand, Veerachit Phromsorn, Chairat Chantikul and Suthasinee Semaangern.

ASA expressed appreciation for PAM's support to attend its event and wished to develop a meaningful relationship with PAM so that both the institutes could help each other regionally. ASA was just setting-up its CPD programme and requested assistance from PAM in this aspect.

ASA informed that they will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of ASA in 2009 and if possible would like to organise next year's conference to the scale similar to PAM's UIA Regional Forum held in 2007. ASA requested PAM's assistance and sharing of experience in organising the event.

PAM and ASA exchanged their respective activities held throughout the year. On the professional side, ASA was in the process of setting up the Internship Programme Development (IPD), Code of Practice especially on Anthropometry (Thai dimension), publish in English samples of professional service fee proposal and scope of services, research on professional service fee criteria to streamline the association's scale of fees with that of both government and private sectors, and to collect information on projects of architectural design firms in order to analyse the market condition.

On the education side, ASA is participating in seminars relating to energy conservation, resources planning, impact

of globalisation to Thai society, and "Sufficient Architecture" series following the King's "Sufficient Economy" theory. Other ASA's activities include setting up the "Contemporary Thai Architecture" exhibition to initiate MOMOB (Modern Architecture Museum Bangkok), fighting to maintain and prevent the demolition of the Supreme Court buildings, getting more international exposure by joining all regional and international activities, and organising architectural tours to Tokyo, Burma and Laos.

PAM in return informed ASA of PAM's activities which include holding CPD seminars throughout the year, organising PAM Convention consisting of Datum:KL, Archidex, KL Design For etc, PAM Awards 2008, setting up a property inspection services centre - Architect Centre -, organising road shows to promote PAM Form of Contract 2006, streamlining the process of CCC, organising a forum with Kuala Lumpur City Hall to define "Tropical Architecture, architectural tours to Vietnam and Beijing, and dialogue with Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA).

PAM is also working on several publications namely on Sabah Architecture, Sarawak Architecture, PAM Gold Medalists, PAM Directory, in addition to the bi-monthly magazines Architecture Malaysia and Architecture Asia. Other activities include working with the press to organise "My Dream Home Contest", and "Worst Nightmare Contest", an essay-writing competition on home defects.

PAM supports SIA's bid to host the 2014 UIA Congress and is working on provisions in the PAM Constitution to allow for free student membership. PAM is also working on promoting procurement of public buildings through competitions.

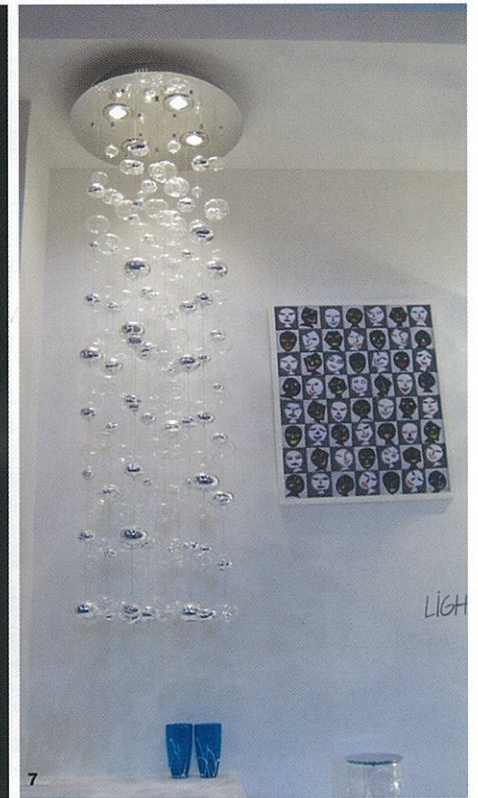
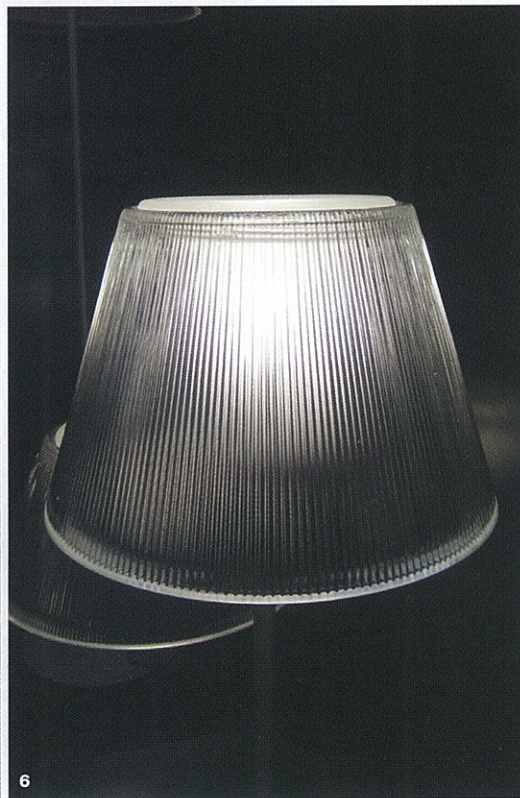
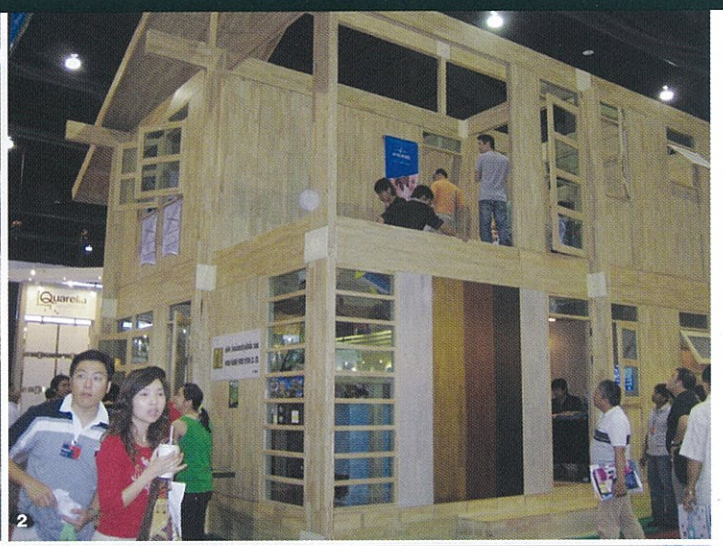
PAM and ASA agreed to implement the proposal to publish a joint publication on "Andaman Architecture" and work together to promote the ASEAN way of working, which is, respect for local content, preserve local environment and encourage environment-friendly, ecological-friendly policies for the good of the future.

Exhibits at the ARCHTECTS08 exhibition

1 ASA Club Area

2, 6 & 7 Exhibits from various suppliers of the interior lighting and building industry in Thailand

3, 4 & 5 Students exhibition based on the theme of sustainable architecture



Visit to Hanoi

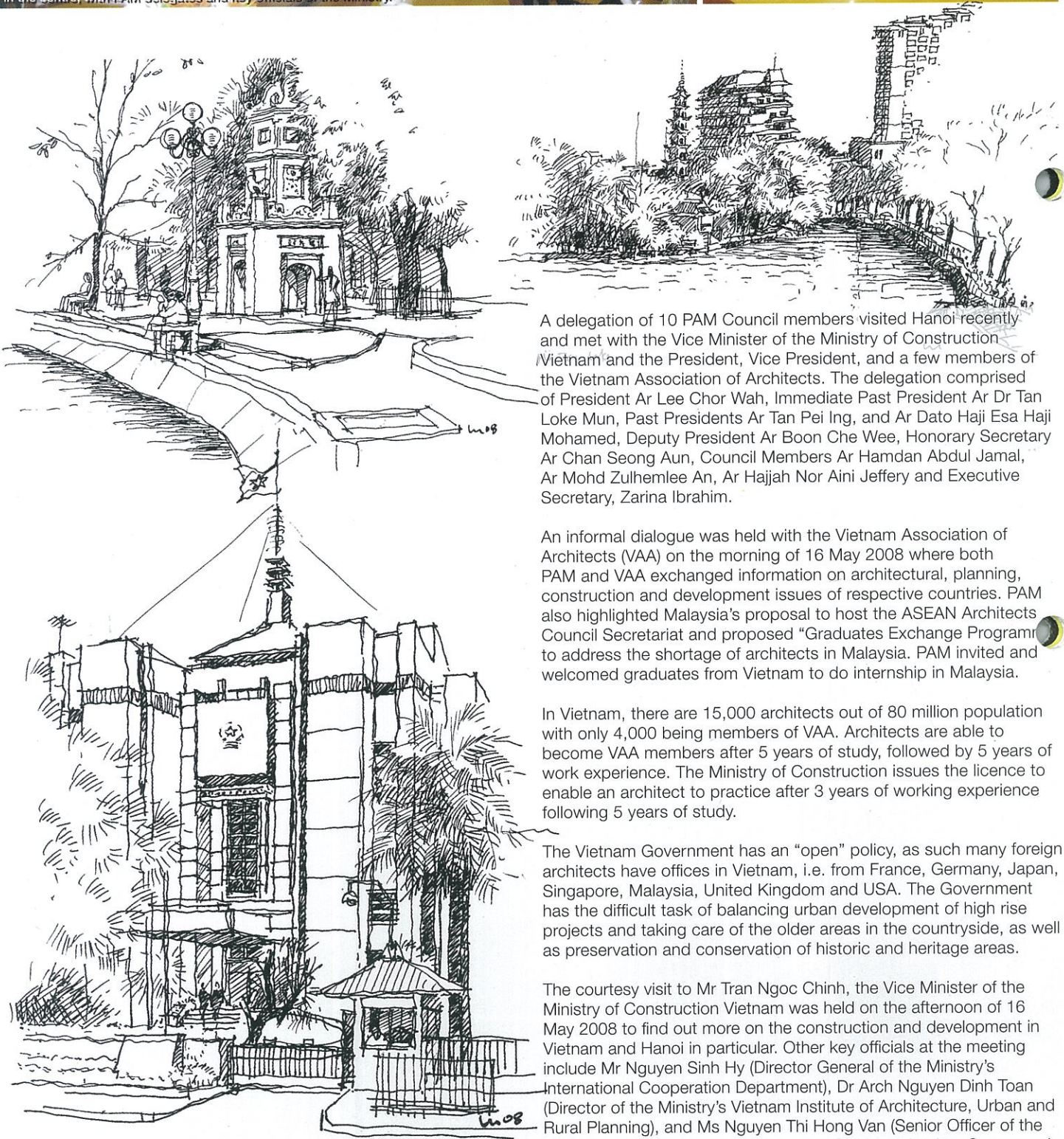
16 May 08 • Vietnam



The Minister of Construction, Vietnam, Mr. Tran Ngoc Chinh next to Ar Lee Chor Wah, President of PAM in the centre; with PAM delegates and key officials of the Ministry.



PAM delegation at the meeting with the Ministry of Construction Vietnam



A delegation of 10 PAM Council members visited Hanoi recently and met with the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Construction Vietnam and the President, Vice President, and a few members of the Vietnam Association of Architects. The delegation comprised of President Ar Lee Chor Wah, Immediate Past President Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun, Past Presidents Ar Tan Pei Ing, and Ar Dato Haji Esa Haji Mohamed, Deputy President Ar Boon Che Wee, Honorary Secretary Ar Chan Seong Aun, Council Members Ar Hamdan Abdul Jamal, Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An, Ar Hajjah Nor Aini Jeffery and Executive Secretary, Zarina Ibrahim.

An informal dialogue was held with the Vietnam Association of Architects (VAA) on the morning of 16 May 2008 where both PAM and VAA exchanged information on architectural, planning, construction and development issues of respective countries. PAM also highlighted Malaysia's proposal to host the ASEAN Architects Council Secretariat and proposed "Graduates Exchange Program" to address the shortage of architects in Malaysia. PAM invited and welcomed graduates from Vietnam to do internship in Malaysia.

In Vietnam, there are 15,000 architects out of 80 million population with only 4,000 being members of VAA. Architects are able to become VAA members after 5 years of study, followed by 5 years of work experience. The Ministry of Construction issues the licence to enable an architect to practice after 3 years of working experience following 5 years of study.

The Vietnam Government has an "open" policy, as such many foreign architects have offices in Vietnam, i.e. from France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, United Kingdom and USA. The Government has the difficult task of balancing urban development of high rise projects and taking care of the older areas in the countryside, as well as preservation and conservation of historic and heritage areas.

The courtesy visit to Mr. Tran Ngoc Chinh, the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Construction Vietnam was held on the afternoon of 16 May 2008 to find out more on the construction and development in Vietnam and Hanoi in particular. Other key officials at the meeting include Mr. Nguyen Sinh Hy (Director General of the Ministry's International Cooperation Department), Dr. Arch. Nguyen Dinh Toan (Director of the Ministry's Vietnam Institute of Architecture, Urban and Rural Planning), and Ms. Nguyen Thi Hong Van (Senior Officer of the Ministry's Department for Construction Soil Investigation, Survey and



PAM delegation at the meeting with Vietnam Association of Architects (VAA)



PAM delegation at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum



Ar Lee Chor Wah and Arch Nguyen Tan Van, President of VAA



From left Dr Prof Arch Hoang Dao Kinh, Arch Nguyen Tan Van and Ms Thu with PAM delegates



Design). The visit was also to reciprocate the various departments of the Ministry's visits to PAM last year and upon the Ministry's invitation to assist the Ministry on their expansion plans for Hanoi.

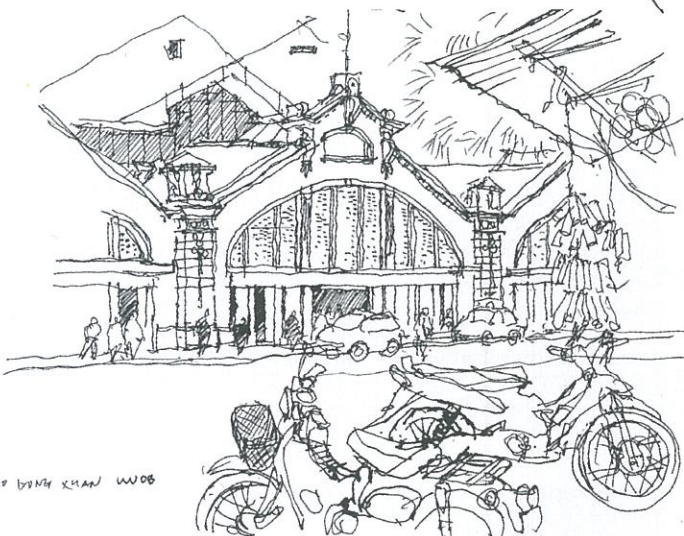
The Ministry of Construction Vietnam had prepared the master plan for Vietnam and will be submitting it to their national assembly for deliberation this month. Once the master plan is approved invitations will be sent out for bidding. A competition for the expansion plan of Hanoi has also been established and PAM is invited to participate. PAM would communicate directly with the Ministry's Institute of Architecture, Urban and Rural Planning for more information on the competition and disseminate to members for their participation.

The Minister expressed his good experience on the planning of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya. PAM took the opportunity to inform him of the draft city plan KL2020 which was just launched.

The Vietnam Government is also planning to expand Phu Quoc Island, which is situated on the south-east of Vietnam and has beautiful beaches and clean water. The expansion would allow for hotels and resorts, airport, shipyard, tourist, residential and commercial areas and casinos and invite foreign investment to the island. The Ministry planned to get international advice to plan the island and should get approval for this from the Government within the next six months.

PAM invited the Minister to join the Vietnam Association of Architects on a study trip to Malaysia to learn on the professional examination process and registration of professional consultants. At a forthcoming meeting of the ASEAN CCS (architectural services sector), Malaysia will be proposing an offer to host the ASEAN Architects Council Secretariat and requested for Vietnam's support. Malaysia would also be proposing a "graduate architects exchange programme" at the meeting, a proposal to address the shortage of architects in Malaysia. PAM welcomed architects from Vietnam to work in firms in Malaysia. The Ministry informed that Vietnam produces 50,000 graduate architects every year.

Other information exchanged were on the PAM Form of Contract 2006 and on sharing of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes. As Vietnam has not established the above, the Ministry requested for PAM's assistance. PAM expressed its wish to also learn from Vietnam especially on their advanced conservation work and expressed commitment to would work closely with the Ministry.



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Sketches by Ar Lee Chor Wah

PSDC's Courtesy Visit to PAM

12May08 • PAM Centre Kuala Lumpur



From left Ar Saifuddin Ahmad, Ar Boon Che Wee, Ir Ahmad Asri Abdul Hamid, Ar Lee Chor Wah, Puan Zuraidah Hj Musib, Puan Diah and Mr S. Arokiadass.

PSDC - the Professional Services Development Corporation - made a courtesy call to PAM on 12 May 2008. PSDC was represented by its new President, Ir Ahmad Asri Abdul Hamid, Puan Zuraidah Hj Musib, Vice President and Head of Corporate Communications, Mr S. Arokiadass, Manager and Head of Voice of Professionals and Puan Diah, Manager. PAM was represented by President, Ar Lee Chor Wah, Deputy President Ar Boon Che Wee and Council Member, Ar Saifuddin Ahmad.

The purpose of the visit was to introduce the management team of PSDC and explain the role of PSDC as well as to get views from PAM on how PSDC could assist PAM to promote the development of architects' services.

The main role of PSDC is to develop professional services and Malaysian professional services to be export ready. PSDC is able to also assist PAM to get funding for PAM's capacity-building and export-ready exercises from bodies which provides grants, for example MATRADE and Exim Bank. PSDC could also help to form consortiums with other professionals in the event that there are jobs identified overseas. PSDC believed that it would be difficult for architects to embark on overseas projects on their own.

The following are the feedback given by PAM on PSDC:

- PSDC's role is not clearly understood and one of the reasons was possibly because PSDC also stands for Penang or Pahang State Development Corporation
- PSDC could promote themselves and make known to members how they can help export-ready members by making road shows to the professional service providers. PAM invited PSDC to talk to PAM Members at events such as PAM's seminars in KL and the Chapters
- PAM International Affairs Committee is organising "Tea Talks" - informal evening for members who export services to share with those who plan to do the same - and invited PSDC to participate in the event
- PAM invited PSDC to provide an advertorial in PAM's newsletter, Berita Akitek

PAM informed PSDC some initiatives which PAM is planning to take to promote Malaysian architects and assist in capacity-building for members, which PSDC could fund or assist with getting finance:

- Venice Biennale or similar events around the world
- Development of a Malaysian 3D drawing software to compete with existing software whose licence is expensive
- Training for BIM (Building Information Modeling)
- Drafting of a uniform international contract similar to FIDIC
- Language classes such as Vietnamese and Arabic. The previous Mandarin class which PAM organised and was held with the grant provided by SMIDEC through PSDC was well-received

PAM and PSDC agreed to meet regularly to ensure implementation of initiatives and so that PAM members can benefit from the services offered by PSDC.

PAM-ACEM Dialogue

31May08 • Kuala Lumpur



Standing from left Ir Chen Thiam Leong, Ar Hamdan Abdul Jamal, Ir Dr Lim Phaik Leng, Ir Bruce Chan, Ar Chan Seong Aun, Ir Dr Abdul Majid, Ir Douglas Chow, Ir Sabirin Salamat and Ir Wong See Foong, Sitting from left Ar Tan Pei Ing, Ar Boon Che Wee, Ir Yap Kok Ming, Ar Lee Chor Wah and Ir Prem Kumar

PAM was represented by Ar Lee Chor Wah, Ar Boon Che Wee, Ar Chan Seong Aun, Ar Tan Pei Ing and Ar Hamdan Abdul Jamal. ACEM representatives comprised of Ir Yap Kok Ming, Ir Prem Kumar, Ir Dr Abdul Majid bin Abu Kassim, Ir Douglas Chow, Ir Dr Lim Phaik Leng, Ir Sabirin Salamat, Ir Wong See Foong and Ir Chen Thiam Leong

The issues discussed were as follows:

Certification of Completion and Compliance (CCC) / One Stop Centre (OSC)

A guidelines on how to fill up the CCC forms have been prepared by LAM and the guidelines are published both on PAM and LAM's website.

Comments on the first Guidebooks on OSC were submitted by PAM, ACEM and MIP to KSU of Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The committee urged all the comments to be incorporated in the revised publication of the Guidebooks.

Support for Architect Centre

ACEM expressed support for the activities organised by Architect Centre.

Planning Submission

PAM and ACEM would make a position on how to address local authorities that do not accept planning submission by the architect and engineer.

Grading System for Local Authorities

It was proposed that in the long term, PAM through Architect Centre should conduct a survey in grading the performances of local authorities. The statistics could be used as a benchmark.

Procurement of professional consultancy services by the government

The meeting agreed to arrange a dialogue with the Ministry of Finance to discuss on the procurement of professional consultancy services by the government.

Quality of Graduates in the Engineering and Architectural disciplines

PAM informed that the quality of architecture graduates are good and their communication in English is also good. ACEM informed that they have encountered problems with poor quality graduates. The demand of graduate engineers is more than the supply.

Joint activities between PAM and ACEM

PAM and ACEM agreed to organise more joint activities such as seminars and training programmes to promote working together in harmony.

Stakeholders of Architect's Fees

The mechanism for the proposed "LAM as Stakeholders of Architect's Fees" has been established. It had been agreed to implement the method for housing projects first.

Visit by the Architecture Offices Association of Chile (AOA)

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President of AOA- Architecture Offices Association of Chile - David Rodriguez, and 31 members of the association visited PAM on 22 May 2008. PAM Deputy President, Ar Boon Chee Wee, and Council Member Ar Saifuddin Ahmad, met up with them.

AOA is an association of architects' firms unlike PAM which is an institute for individual architects. AOA was on a technical tour of Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam to study the architecture of these countries and to look at urban planning models.

Both AOA and PAM exchanged information on the practice of architecture and architecture education in their respective countries. In Chile, there are about 9,000 architects (out of a population of about 16.5 million) and about 50% are employed by the Government and Universities. There are 40 universities and colleges offering architecture programmes in Chile and like Malaysia, not all have accredited courses.

AOA enquired about how local architects feel about buildings by foreign architects. PAM informed that PAM encouraged genuine collaboration where exchange of expertise and technology could take place; but does not approve the architect as only the submission person on behalf of the foreign architect.

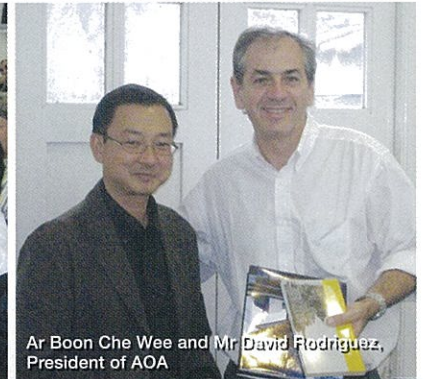
The Chilean architects visited the Petronas Twin Towers, and wanted to know more about Putrajaya which they would be visiting the next day.



Delegates from AOA with Ar Boon Chee Wee and Ar Saifuddin Ahmad



Delegates exchanging information



Ar Boon Chee Wee and Mr David Rodriguez, President of AOA

New titles available at PAM Resource Centre May 2008

- Construction Quarterly Statistical Bulletin Fourth Quarter 2007** • CIDB
- PAM Directory 2008/2009** • Pusat Binaan Sdn. Bhd.
- Jurutera** • December 2007
- Architectural Record** • 196/5 May 2008 • American Institute of Architects
- PAM Academic Journal, Volume 1/2007** • PAM Education & Resource Centre Committee
- ACEM Directory, 2008** • ACEM.

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- **Chile AOA Magazine, Asociacion de Oficinas de Arquitectos de Chile (AOA) 2007**
• Santiago, Chile.
- **Patrimonia Cultural De Chile, 2008** • Asociacion de Oficinas de Arquitectos de Chile
- **Embassy of Finland**
Villa Maireia, Alva Aalto. Ed. Juhani Pallasman, 1998 • Alva Aalto Foundation and Maireia Foundation, Finland.
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- **Faculty of Design and Architecture, University Putra Malaysia.**
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announcement

Dear PAM Members

INVITATION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON DRAFT KUALA LUMPUR CITY PLAN 2020

We are pleased to inform you that the Draft Kuala Lumpur City Plan 2020 has been launched by Kuala Lumpur City Hall on 15 May 2008. The plan will determine the strategic directions to guide the future development of Kuala Lumpur until the year 2020.

PAM has now set-up a task force to study the draft in detail and we plan to present our comments to DBKL by Tuesday, 22 July 2008.

You are invited to provide your comments to improve the plan.

Kindly forward your comments to PAM Secretariat by Monday, 28 July 2008 via email at info@pam.org.my or fax at 03-2692 8782 for our compilation and onward transmission to DBKL.

Thank you.

Executive Summary of The Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of PAM Council 2007-2008

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PAM received a reply from the Customs Department to PAM's enquiry, which confirmed that architects who provide arbitration services are provided for under the **Service Tax** provision and required to be licensed.

The next road show of the **PAM Form of Contract 2006** would be held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 28 June 2008. A joint PAM-MBAM seminar on the 2006 Contract would be held on 3 July 2008 in Kuala Lumpur.

Council agreed that PAM representatives should attend the Oxford Conference 2008 to be held in London, UK from 21 to 23 July 2008.

PERPUN – Persidangan Perpustakaan Akademik dan Perpustakaan Negara - would be visiting PAM on 2 June 2008. PERPUN's special interest group on architecture would like to look at the resources and facilities available at PAM Resource Centre.

Council approved the list of membership applications listed below
Corporate Membership Haryati binti Abdul Halim, Lisa Ngan, Loke Wan Fah and Teoh Hui Hua

Graduate Membership Azman bin Md Hashim, Chua Chee Yong, Nik Mohd Samhan bin Nik Azman, Norhasni binti Mohd Kasim, Clara Voon Yee Chiat and Wan Ahmad Termizi bin Hj Abdul Aziz.

Student Membership Mohd Fairuz bin Razali, Ng Han Luong and Teoh Lee Moi.

Reinstatement Corporate membership Md Ridzuwan bin Mansor
Reinstatement Graduate Membership Mohd Sabri bin Mohd Nadzir

Membership Committee would get the list of **PAM Defaulters** and invite them to be reinstated. The members would be given 3 months to make payment of only 2 years' subscription fees regardless of the number of years they were in arrears.

Council deliberated on the declining number of **membership** and agreed that the Membership Committee should look into ways to get members.

The **Northern Chapter's** AGM would be held on 2 August 2008.

The **Sabah Chapter** would be proceeding with the book on Sabah Architecture. Ar Richard Nelson was appointed as the Editor.

The Sarawak Chapter would be drafting the **Guidelines on the Distribution of Electronic Drawings**, the proposal of which would be submitted to Council in due course.

PAM Sarawak Chapter proposed to award qualified candidates a grant to undertake research on topics relevant to the architecture profession.

119 nominations were received for the **PAM 2008 Awards** at the close of nominations.

The **PAM Award for Colour on Buildings 5** would be launched on 30 May 2008 and the closing date for submissions would be on 23 June 2008.

30 entries were received at closing of the **My Dream Home Contest** on 13 May 2008. The judging was held on 20 May 2008 and winners would be announced in July 2008.

The **PAM School Liaison Meeting** would be held in Universiti Sains

Malaysia (USM) in Penang, on 12 June 2008, in conjunction with the Architecture Students Jamboree.

PAM would make a position on the **Draft City Plan KL2020**. A task force was set up to compile comments on the Draft City Plan KL2020 for submission to DBKL.

Guide to filling up **Forms F & F1 and G1 to G21** would be posted up on PAM's website.

PAM, MIP and ACEM had jointly prepared the **draft revised guideline for OSC**. If the revised guideline is adopted, it would make the OSC process very clear.

PAM, MIP and MIP were meeting regularly to resolve issues on **planning submission entitlement**. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government accepted that the architect is able to submit for planning permission but the local authorities are not implementing it.

State tourism representatives expressed interest to work with PAM to publish a similar book as the **"Architectural Heritage – Kuala Lumpur Pre Merdeka"** book for each state.

The **Dialogue with Association of Siamese Architects (ASA)** was held on 1 May 2008 in Bangkok and exchanged information on activities organised by the respective Institutes.

PSDC's management team, led by its new President, Ir Ahmad Asri, visited PAM on 12 May 2008. PAM was impressed with the vision of the new President. PAM presented our views on how to enhance PSDC's role to the stakeholders.

The **Visit to Hanoi, Vietnam** was held on 16 and 17 May 2008. PAM had dialogues with the Vietnam Association of Architects and the Vietnam Ministry of Construction during the visit. The Ministry briefed PAM Delegation on the Vietnam Government's expansion plan of Hanoi and Phu Quoc Island. PAM expressed Malaysia's interest to host the secretariat of the ASEAN Architects Council (AAC) and requested Vietnam's support. PAM also informed of our proposal on the graduates exchange programme on a bilateral basis.

The **Building Industry Dinner** would be organised to coincide with Archidex 2008 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on Friday 4 July 2008 with the Minister of Housing and Local Government, YB Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan as the Guest of Honour.

The **PAM Annual Dinner** would be held on 23 August 2008 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

Council agreed that PAM would make a **donation** each to Mercy Malaysia to assist in humanitarian relief efforts for the people in Myanmar and for the earthquake victims of China through any of the Malaysian newspaper's aid centre.

Architect Centre successfully conducted several inspections and advisory services this month. The **Modern Communities Conference** series, supported by Architect Centre, would kick off with its first programme, ModCom 1, on 12 June 2008.

PAM-ACEM Dialogue would be held on 31 May 2008, while the PAM – SIA Joint Council Meeting would be held on 13 June 2008.



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AN ARCHITECT'S TRIBUTE TO CHEN VOON FEE

Chen Voon Fee

20 February 1931 - 28 April 2008

The eulogy to Voon Fee at the Trinity Methodist Church presented by Valerie Albakri on the 30th April on behalf of the Badan Warisan was a wonderful and moving tribute to a person who had given so much of the last years of his life to the heritage movement. Indeed many of Voon Fee's architect friends are probably unaware of his dedication to the movement in his last years. Voon Fee was the type to let his work follow his heart, and that was probably where it laid in his final years.

In the architectural circle, Voon Fee is friends to very many and known at least in name to every Malaysian architect of all ages. To many of us, he seemed always around and even in his later years, he still pops up at architectural events. The impression anyone will get of Voon Fee from first acquaintance is someone cultured, cerebral, kindly perhaps, a stickler to principles, who is averse to mere materialism. Later when I collaborated with him on the architectural volume of *The Encyclopaedia of Malaysia* in the early 1990's, I found him to be still the person of my early impressions but also one who is not easily rushed, detailed and knowledgeable, yet unimposing - an easy person to collaborate with and an easy friend.

Voon Fee is legendary for his role in the Malayan Architects Co-Partnership (MAC) with Lim Chong Keat and William Lim, an extremely successful architectural practice although it only existed for several years in the 1960's. He later collaborated with William Lim on the rehabilitation of the Central Market in Kuala Lumpur, which introduced postmodernism to Malaysia in a significant way. His rehabilitation of the old Majestic Hotel into the National Art Gallery demonstrated his eye for details and integrity of structure. Both the Central Market and the National Art Gallery projects won PAM awards for relevant categories of design.

The reason why Voon Fee built so little on his own despite his reputation is not difficult to fathom. I once met a client of his who explained that he had to first work at locating Voon Fee and then work at persuading him to take up the commission. It was a case of the client marketing himself to the architect rather than the other way round. I knew at the time Voon Fee had already shifted his interest to the heritage movement.

I last met Voon Fee at a restaurant one and a half years ago at the invitation of William Lim and Lena, who were partially on the look out for their old friend, who had then recently had an incredible close encounter with a landslide that nearly took his life, and that happened in his own kitchen at home. Voon Fee was incredibly stoic and understated about the whole thing but we all knew the impact an episode like that would have on the emotional state. As he calmly narrated the event, we were all quietly stunned. Other friends were at the lunch but the centre of attention was Voon Fee's well being, but he typically underplayed it and the afternoon passed by nonchalantly but we all understood.

Voon Fee carried a lonely demeanour, or seemed to do so, but it also seemed to be one of choice as along with it was steel and character, and steady contentment.

We all knew that if Voon Fee had chosen he could have been a giant architectural practitioner but to him accolades were only passing things but the more lasting legacy he left behind was his humanism which were attested in his heritage work, which could save a nation's character, and the memories carried in his family and friends. To many architects, he is like the old battleship cruising in the horizon, made of iron and steel, handsome, elegant, with powerful potential which had finally docked.

Ngiom • 30th April 2008

President of PAM's Opening Remarks for Safety Glass Seminar

12 May 08

Glass, steel and concrete are the 3 major construction materials for modern architecture. While glass has a 5000 years old history, its use in building is a relatively recent development. We learned in schools that glass is actually liquid in a solid state. It is therefore a peculiar and interesting material to be used for building. We use sheet glass in buildings for windows and doors for its transparency, and as partitions or finishing materials for its translucent and hardwearing quality and the ability to take on colours.



While glass, steel and concrete are synonymous with modern architecture, it is the design of the glass facades, especially of high-rise commercial towers that defines the character and style of contemporary architecture. In the current concern for sustainable architecture, the way glass is being used in the building, the type of glass being used, the amount of glass being used will, to a large extent influence how green a building is.

This seminar is most timely in this regard as now the whole world is talking about green building and hence energy saving design. Safety and energy saving glazing for buildings is one of the important aspects of sustainable design.

In the Victorian era, Joseph Paxton gave us the famous Glass Pavilion for the World Exposition. Today, we are yet to witness any really great and significant buildings coming out of the World Expos. In the 20th century, 3 glass buildings stood out as groundbreaking for their use of glass in the building. They are Philip Johnson's glass house and Crystal Cathedral, and Mies Van der Rohe's Farnsworth House.

Through seminars like this, and competition like the Kien glass competition, architects, contractors, suppliers and engineers would be better equipped and inspired to be more innovative in the use of glass in buildings. And hopefully, some significant buildings may emerge out these efforts.

The challenge for glass in the future, for me, would be the use of glass in the structural elements of building such as columns and beams. There have been small attempts to use glass structurally in a glass bridge and canopy, but I believe we will see more of structural glass being used in the very near future.

With that I wish you all the success in the seminar, and I hope you will have an enjoyable time learning from the experts about glass.

Thank you.

Other Highlights

03 May 08

CPD Seminar
Green Past Green Futures
Speaker Dr Gwynn Jenkins
 PAM Centre Kuala Lumpur



Dr Gwynn Jenkins

17 May 08

CPD Seminar
Extension of Time:
The Role and Responsibility of
the Contractor and Architect
Under PAM Contract 2006
Speaker Ar Jerry Sum Phoon Mun
 PAM Centre, KL



From left Ar Jerry Sum and Ar Lim Peng Keang



A short briefing by a representative from the sponsor, Bluescope

22 May 08

PAM Golf 2008
 Kelab Golf Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah (KGSAAS)



Participants of the PAM Golf 2008 at KGSAAS

28 May 08

Design Lecture Series
The Sum Sum Valley House
Speaker Ar Choo Gim Wah
 PAM Centre, KL



Ar Choo Gim Wah



Ar David Lim introducing the speaker

30 May 08

Briefing on Draft City Plan
KL2020
 Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur



PAM delegation at the briefing on Draft City Plan KL2020 at DBKL

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