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23 April 2008

Design Lecture Series

Encountering the Tropics – Some
Thoughts on Architecture in
Malaysian Context

By Ar Wooi Lok Kuang

By Ar Wooi Lok Kuang 6.30pm – 8.30pm PAM Centre, KL

26 April 2008 A Visit to TSA Industies Sdn Bhd 8.30am - 1.00pm

8.30am - 1.00pm LAM CPD point has been applied for this event

3 May 2008 Green Pasts - Green Futures

9.00am – 12.30pm PAM Centre, KL

17 May 2008
Extension of Time- The Role and
Responsibility of the Contractor
and Architects Under The PAM
Contract 2006 (With / Without
Quantities)

By Ar Jerry Sum PAM Centre, KL

24 May 2008
"Information Technology
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Technology" and "Dare to
Change"

By Ms Rhitney Wong, Ms Foo See Yee and Mr Billi Lim 9.00am – 12.30pm PAM Centre, KL

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Courtesy Visit to Dato' Seri Ong Ka Ting, Minister of Housing and Local Government 11January 2008 •

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government



The courtesy visit was attended by Ar Lee Chor Wah, Ar Chan Seong Aun, Ar Abu Zarim Abu Bakar, Ar Tan Pei Ing, Ar Dato' Haji Esa Mohamed, Ar Erdayu Os'hara Omar, Ar Hamdan Abd Jamal, Ar Lim Hai Seah, Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An.

The issues discussed were as follows:

Draft Paper on "Kaedah-kaedah Kelayakan Menyedia dan Mengemuka Pelan Serta Dokumen untuk Kebenaran Merancang"

PAM has submitted a letter expressing concern and objection over the proposed "Kaedah-kaedah Kelayakan Menyedia dan Mengemuka Pelan Serta Dokumen untuk Kebenaran Merancang" which requires all the consultants who submit the various types of planning application to be registered with different states and the limitation of architect's right on planning submission.

The Minister agreed that there should not be separate registration with the states as the professionals are already registered with the respective Boards. However, in order to avoid unnecessary confusion, it was agreed that PAM and MIP would work with the Town and Country Planning Department of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MOHLG) on the schedule to agree on the scope of work of the respective professionals. The KSU had briefed the Minister that it was previously agreed during the discussion with PAM and MIP on the OSC that PAM and MIP would revert on the agreed schedule.

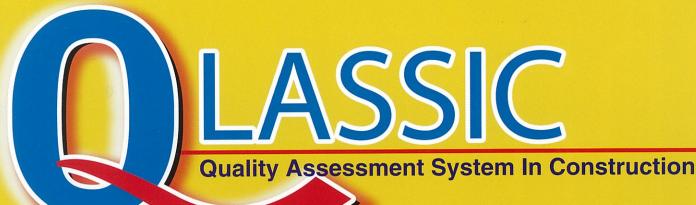
Building Surveyors Act

PAM has submitted a memorandum to all the Cabinet Ministers pertaining to PAM's stand on the proposed Building Surveyor's Act. The Minister acknowledged that there are issues to be addressed.

The proposed Act is under the purview of the Ministry of Works and PAM and LAM are still pursuing this matter under Ministry of Works. Meetings have been conducted on the proposed scope and implication on the existing acts and regulations. Further meetings will be called to discuss the issues.

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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 reassessed. 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:

- Structural Work
- **Architectural Work**
- Mechanical and Electrical Work (M&E) Work 3.
- External Work 4.

CIS 7 also specifies the sampling guideline and the weightage allocated for each component according to the category of building.



Checking squareness of internal wall



Checking fall of floor in wet areas



Checking hollowness of internal wall
Checking hollowness of tiled floor

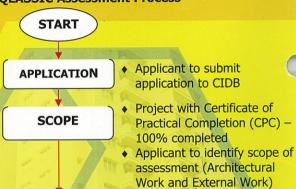


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- Contractor
- others

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SAMPLING

ASSESSMENT

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DO THINGS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME AND EVERY TIME

Seminar to evaluate the effectiveness of the new initiative to improve the Government's service delivery system

15&16January08 • PAM Centre KL

On 15 and 16 January 2008, a Seminar to evaluate the effectiveness of the new initiative to improve the Government's service delivery system was organised by the Local Government Department, Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MOHLG) at Putrajaya International Convention Centre. The purpose of the seminar was to get feedback from Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBT) and to launch the revised guidebooks. Ar Chong Lee Siong presented a paper on how PAM arrived at the development of the 2nd Edition of the guidelines of OSC, CCC and Common Properties Act. Below is an extrect from the presentation.

PAM fully supports the Ministry's initiative and efforts in implementing the OSC and shall continue to assist the Ministry in the fine-tuning and improvement of the OSC. PAM will provide the Ministry with regular feedback from PAM Members on issues, problems and suggestions on the OSC

Feedback from PAM

- 1 Inconsistency among PBT in the OSC submission and approval process.
- 2 Some PBTs adopt the OSC in parts only or apply the incorrect OSC rocedures for some projects.
- **3** Some PBTs impose blanket conditions on all projects, without consideration of the scale and nature of the projects.
- **4** Most of PBTs still insist for Town Planners to endorse layout plans and LCPs for all projects.

Implications

- 1 Inconsistency among PBTs in the OSC submission and approval process:
- More upfront time is required to find and learn the submission requirements of the respective PBTs. Most of these requirements are

administrative in nature, e.g. the number of sets of plans, type of forms to fill in, or even the colour of the forms.

- **2** Some PBTs adopt the OSC in parts only or apply the incorrect OSC procedures for some projects
- The Ministry's guidelines allow for submissions to be concurrent or staggered, depending on the nature of the project. A simple small scale building can have all the components designed and finalised for submissions at the same time, but for a large scale project it is necessary for macro decisions to be approved before micro designs can be finalised.
- **3** Some PBTs impose blanket conditions on all projects, without consideration of the scale and nature of the projects
- This especially affect small scale works like a single detached house on a pre-planned single bungalow land: some PBTs have imposed DO submissions, 21 sets of plans complete with LCP before building plans are even accepted for OSC. There are also requirements which does not correspond with the scale and nature of the works, e.g. over survey of 100m into adjoining land, regardless of the size of the subject land.
- **4** Most of PBTs still insist for Town Planners to endorse layout plans and LCPs for all projects.
- This issue has since been addressed in the Ministry's revised guidelines, and PAM is now collecting new feedback in the light of the revised guidelines.

In conclusion, PAM believes the concept is a step in the right direction and fully supports the Ministry in the implementation of the OSC. PAM would suggest for the PBTs to engage industry players such as PAM, ACEM, MIP, ISM and REHDA in dialogues or working sessions to formulate practical administrative procedures that adheres to the objectives, the policy and the spirit of the OSC.

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Courtesy Visit to Dato' Seri Ong Ka Ting





Latest amendment to the Housing Development Act – Schedule G and H

PAM brought up the implication of the latest changes in the wording for "Stage Certification under Schedule G and H." The Minister agreed that the change in wording has a lot of implications and agreed to make the necessary amendments.

The Ministry will liaise with the AG Chamber on how these amendments are to be made. In the mean time, PAM was asked to revert on any other comments on the documents.

Inclusion of modular coordination and rain water collection in the UBBL

The Minister has taken note of PAM's concerns expressed on the inclusion of modular coordination and rain water collection in the UBBL. He requested that the drafting committee to consult PAM on the amendments.

Malaysia Services Exhibition (MSE 2008)

13to15January2008 • Expo Centre Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation, MATRADE, organised the Malaysia Services Exhibition (MSE 2008 Sharjah) for the first time in Sharjah, United Arabs Emirates from 13 to 15 January 2008. The exhibition was meant to be a branding exercise in the Middle East and aimed to strengthen Malaysian services providers' visibility in the global market by networking with key decision makers in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) market and eventually, securing projects.

The MSE 2008 was officiated by the Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, HH Sheikh Sultan Mohammed Sultan Al Qassimi, and the Minister of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, YB Dato' Seri Rafidah Aziz.

A total of 168 companies representing firms in construction, engineering, healthcare, information and communications technology (ICT), oil and gas, education, management, energy and power generation, financial, logistics and transportation services participated in the inaugural event. Professional Services Sector for Architectural Consultancy Services was represented by ArchiCentre Sdn Bhd, Arkitek Daya Seni Sdn Bhd, Akitek Jururancang (M) Sdn Bhd, Arkitek Karya Budi Sdn Bhd, Arkitek N. Kang, SN Low and Associates Sdn Bhd, TAK Design Consultants Sdn Bhd, and PAM.

In addition to the exhibition, MATRADE also organised a forum, the MSE Forum, on 14 and 15 January 2008. At the MSE Forum, PAM President, Ar Lee Chor Wah, represented the Professional Services sector for architects and interior designers and spoke on the topic "Malaysia: Your Choice for Innovation and Diversity in Architecture and Interior Design"

During the briefing to Malaysian exhibitors by the Advisor on Public Sector Reform of the UAE's Ministry of Finance and Industry on 12 January 2008, Dr Mohammed Emir Mavani advised Malaysian services providers on how to do business in UAE with the following pointers:

- Do not do it alone! Join with a local company as the culture is different from what Malaysians might be used to.
- Bring a "trade" or "brand".
- UAE is very keen to work with Malaysian companies.
- Do a survey before venturing into UAE understand your aim and target, understand the development requirements, understand why you are venturing into UAE.
- Regulations differ from state to state.
- It is not cheap to do business in UAE, you need at least UAE Dirham 500,000 to start.
- The environment is very competitive, demand is huge and Malaysians must compete with world-class businesses
- Pricing is not the definitive factor, quality is.
- How successful you are might be determined by how much the UAE people is able to trust you.
- · Know your partner well.
- Understand the culture and etiquette to do business in UAE.

According to a report in the Business Times dated 16 January 2008, a total of US\$11.48billion (RM37billion) worth of potential projects were identified at MSE 2008, the bulk of which came from the construction sector including jobs for townships, commercial centres, business parks, hospitals and highways in the UAE, India, Morocco, Syria, Iraq and Libya estimated to be worth US\$5 billion (RM16.3billion).







Malaysia Services Exhibition Expo Centre Sharjah, U.A.E 13th January 2008











Executive Summary of The Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of PAM Council 2007-2008 18January 08 • PAM Centre KL

Council was informed that PAM participated in the "Seminar to evaluate the effectiveness of the new initiative to improve the Government's service delivery system - Upgrading Development Proposals and Property Management and Maintenance" on 15 & 16 January 2007, organised by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MOHLG) to get feedback from Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan (PBTs) and to launch the revised guidebooks on One Stop Centre (OSC). During his speech, the KSU reminded the PBTs to be flexible when processing the submissions by architects and during the questions and answers session, criticisms were also leveled to consultants who were late in responding to the PBTs. PAM agreed to constantly give feedback to MOHLG on the implementation by PBTs on the OSC and CCC processes.

Council was informed that some students who failed in the **LAM Part III examinations** requested to know why they failed and LAM would conduct a forum to respond to this request.

Council approved the list of applications for **PAM membership** as follows:

Corporate Membership Abdul Rashid bin Oyop, Abdul Razak bin Sapian, Ahmad Azilan bin Abdul Manaf, Ahmad Zulhizan bin Zulkifli, Awang bin Ngah, Azimi bin Yusof, Azwan bin Abdul Aziz, Chang Siew Wei, Cheah Kah Lip, Chia Wei Wenn, Chin Kuen Cheng, Chin Lee Kat, Chok Koh Siong, Chong Seng Fueng, Chong Yen Hui, Jeffrey, Chuah Chee Ching, Efizan bin Ehwan, Fahruddin bin Amat, Faizah Mohd Isa, Gan Heng Thor, Goh Kar Sheng, Karlsson, , Johann bin Ahmad Nawawi, Khor Peng Chin, Kuek Wee Chien, Kwek See Keng, Lau Chin Keong, Lau Hong Sean, Lau Kim Too, Liza Yap, Lock Chee Wai, Md Rashidi bin Hamid, Mohamad Zaki bun Yusof, Mohd Asri bin Mohd Salleh, Mohd Azli bin Mohd Yusof, Mohd Hayazi bin Agusi, Muhammad Kamar bin Ya'akub, Muhammahd Johari bin Kasmuni, Noor Azman bin Hargus, Ong Sin Yin, Pang Wei Ji, Pan Kok Chin, Phang Siaw Foong, Jeffery, Rushdan bin Md Salleh, Ruslan bin Razak, Salwati binti Mohamed Yusof, Sarlee Adre bin Sarkum, Tamrin Hamzah bin Hamzah, Tan Chor Pin, Toh Yen Ping, Wan Rahmah binti Mohd Zaki, Wong Ching Hee

Graduate Membership Awang bin Ngah, Azwan bin Ab. Aziz, Azwan bin Othman, Chew Li Bing, Erman bin Abdul Razak, Mohamad Zaki bin Yusof, Mohd Asri bin Mohd Salleh, Mohd Azli bin Mohd Yusof, Mohd Rashidi bin Hamid, Muhammad Johari bin Kasmuni, Muhsin bin Abdul Ghani, Ruslan bin Razak, Sashitaran a/l M. Mohan, Yap Kim Wee

Student Membership Mohd Noor Izwan bin Mohd Roslan and Teh Woan Chin

Reinstatement of Graduate Membership Ahmad Azilan bin Abdul Manaf and Wan Rahmah binti Mohd Zaki

The Chairman and eight Committee members of the **PAM Sabah Chapter** paid a courtesy visit to Datuk Iliyas Ibrahim, Mayor of Kota Kinabalu City Hall on 14 January 2008. The issues raised at the courtesy visit included a request for an architect to be represented on the KK City Hall Planning Review Committee, offer of commitment by PAM Sabah to continue assisting KK City Hall with drafting the legislative guidelines and byelaws, to test run Certificate of Compliance and Completion (CCC) on single ownership and private building, to recommend to KK City Hall to legalise the existing extension by submitting "as built plan", and to propose to KK City Hall to implement new guidelines to help the present traffic and parking condition in the city.

The **Sabah Chapter's Public Relations' Sub-Committee** invited interested members of the Chapter to register as a member of a panel of architects providing building inspection services to the public.

Council was informed that some members received **letters of intent from the Ministry of Education** and found out later that there had been duplication of invitation where two architects had been appointed to the same project. The Chapter was advised to write to LAM. At the **Sarawak Chapter's Graduate's Night** held on 14 December 2007, a few issues were raised by the graduates: on the lack of mentoring from senior architects, difficulty in getting relevant and necessary work experience in preparation for the Part III examination

and request for tutorials to be held locally. Council deliberated on why graduates have the above problems and highlighted that one of the issues was that graduates demanded salaries of RM2,500 to RM3,000 and wanted to be trained at the same time. If they were prepared to receive lower salaries, employers would be more willing to provide the training. Employers were of the view that graduates were more interested to get high salaries, not training. If graduates were serious to learn, they must have initiative and not have the attitude of just wanting high salaries. On the request for Part III tutorials in Kuching, it was suggested that a few Sarawak Chapter members should attend the tutorial in Kuala Lumpur as trainers and return to Kuching to give the tutorials locally.

Council was informed that Claytan Sdn Bhd pledged RM10,000 to coorganize with PAM a **competition for students**.

Council was informed that at a meeting at the **Pusat Tenaga Malaysia**, the organisation expressed interest to organise a competition among students and would write to PAM officially on the matter.

Council was informed that the Committee would start planning for a condensed version of the **PAM Contract 2006 Seminar** to be held at the Chapters.

The CPD Committee would be organising a seminar on the **Penang Global City Centre (PGCC)** so that members would be informed of its development and it was not for the purpose of PAM to make any decision or comments on the development.

Council was informed that PAM had supported the stand that CIDB is the body that should register **Clerk-of-Works** provided that PAM is consulted for the syllabus and setting-up of the criteria for registration.

Council was informed that at the courtesy visit to the Minister of Housing and Local Government (MHLG), when PAM highlighted the amendments done to **Housing Development Act (HDA)** with respect to the Schedule G & H for 2(b) and 2(e), the Minister agreed that the change in wording has a lot of implications and agreed to make the necessary amendments. PAM Council expressed gratitude to the Minister for making time for PAM's courtesy visit.

The Heritage and Conservation Committee planned to invite the Local Council of Malacca to give a talk on **conservation of the Malacca Fortress** to PAM Members.

Council was reminded that in 2008, the **foreign equity under AFAS has risen to 49%**. Council expressed concern whether members are aware of the matter and its implication.

The next **APEC Architect Central Council Meeting** would be held in Vancouver, Canada on 7 and 8 August 2008.

Council was informed that from the point of view of the architects exhibiting at the **Malaysia Services Exhibition in Sharjah UAE (MSE 2008)**, MATRADE did a good job of organising but the MSE 2008 was not successful due to the poor number of visitors, poor location of the Expo Centre and poor weather, when it rained for five days during the exhibition.

PAM Members Night would be held at the Royale Bintang, The Curve, Damansar Perdana on 29 February 2008.

A sub-committee under PAM Professional Practice Committee had been formed under the leadership of Ar Alvin Lim to prepare and publish **PAM Practice Notes**.

Erratum

The Editorial Panel would like to apologise for the error published in the Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Second Meeting of PAM Council 2007-2008 of the BA October 2007 issue and withdraw the whole of the third paragraph on page 4.

Other Highlights

12January08

Theater Architectural and Engineering

Speaker Mr Mac Chan PAM Centre, KL



26January08

Quality Assessment Systems in Construction (QLASSIC)

Speaker En Mohammad Faizal Abdul Hamid, Ar Chan Seong Aun & Ir Mukhtar Ali

Grand Seasons Hotel, KL





30January08

Econography – Ecology Typology and Iconography

Speaker Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun KL Performing Arts Center



<u>Announcement</u>

PAM Form of Contract 2006

We are pleased to inform that the PAM Forms of Contract 2006 have been launched since April 2007.

The PAM Forms of Contract 2006 are available for purchase at Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd, 4 & 6 Jalan Tangsi, 50480 Kuala Lumpur. The price of The PAM Contract 2006, With and Without Quantities, is RM12.00 each while the PAM Sub-Contract 2006 is RM10.00 each.

The PAM Forms of Contract 1998 will be phased out and will no longer be printed once stock finish.

The booklets with the comparisons of the PAM 1998 Form and The PAM 2006 Form of Contract (With, Without Quantities and Sub-Contract) are available for purchase at PAM Secretariat at RM50.00 each or RM150.00 for the set of three booklets.

Architect Centre Sdn Bhd

On behalf of PAM, we are pleased to inform that PAM is setting up Architect Centre Sdn Bhd, which aims to provide Housing Inspection services to the public. Among the services to be offered are

- Building Inspection Services
- Architects Advice
- Home Improvement Service

Some of the benefits for those registered with Architect Centre Sdn Bhd are:

- Fees to be collected upfront by Architect Centre Sdn Bhd
- Promotion and marketing to be carried out by Architect Centre Sdn Bhd
- Training will be provided by Architect Centre Sdn Bhd
- All necessary documentation will be provided by Architect Centre Sdn Bhd
- New business opportunity for smaller practices

We are compiling a list of architects who would be interested to offer their services to the Architect Centre Sdn Bhd.

Interested PAM Members are to register by sending duly filled form, available for download at PAM's website to PAM Secretariat by fax at 03-26928782 or e-mail at info@pam.org.my.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Zarina Ibrahim or Siti Aminah Hussin at PAM Secretariat.

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