



NOTE FROM PAM PRESIDENT Letter to UIA

As one of the recipients of the 2007 Aga Khan Award for architecture, the University of Technology PETRONAS by Foster & Partners and GDP Architects was featured on the cover of the March issue of the UIA newsletter. UIA is the International Union of Architects – very much like the United Nation, it is the international umbrella body where every architect in the world is automatically a member regardless whether one is registered or one is a member of the local institute of architects or not.

While I was happy to see one of our members, GDP's work being featured on the cover of this newsletter, I was disappointed that UIA only gave credit to Foster & Partners as the only architect for the project both on the cover and in the article inside the newsletter. They even gave credit to the photographer on the cover!! The photographer had probably spent one day photographing the building and got his name on the cover while GDP, who had a team of people working on the project for years was not given any recognition at all!

It is a shame that our world body of union of architects who is supposed to protect the interest of each and every individual architect in the world is now suppressing the local architects. The UIA Accord clearly proclaims that foreign architects should work with local architects of the host nation.

At the Aga Khan Awards ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur last year, GDP and Foster shared the stage in receiving the Award, they also shared the lectern at the forum on the following day in front of international press and media. In fact, the UIA President Gaetan Siew was present at the ceremony and he should be well aware of the involvement of local architect on this project. Even if his memory failed him, there should have been a policy or guidelines on publication to give due recognition to local architects so that such slip-up would not happen.

I have written to the UIA President Gaetan Siew and UIA Vice-president for region IV, Louise Cox and we will keep members posted on this.

By Ar Lee Chor Wah
President PAM 2007-2008

Note: Small quantities of the UIA newsletter are available at PAM Centre.

EVENTS

18 June 2008
Design Lecture Series
By Ar Lillian Tay Wai Fun
6.30pm – 8.30pm • PAM Centre, KL

21 June 2008
Smart Cool Homes
By Mr Lincoln Lee
9.00am - 12.30pm
PAM Centre KL

27 June 2008
Project Management for Property Development: A Tactical Mapping Approach
By Ar Eric Gan Cheong Luan
9.00am – 12.30am • PAM Sarawak Chapter

29 June – 3 July 2008
The 23rd International Congress of the International Union of Architects (UIA) "Transmitting Architecture: Culture, Democracy, Hope"
Turin, Italy
Union Internationale Des Architectes (UIA)
www.uia2008torino.org

4-5 July 2008
DATUM:KL "Distinction"
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC)
Organised by Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd
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27 October 2008 –
1 November 2008
13th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA-13) "Boundary and Beyond: A Trans-Disciplinary Recharging of Architecture"
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Kindly note that the scheduled events above are subject to change. Please call PAM at 03-26934182 for confirmation.

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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 squareness of internal wall



Checking fall of floor in wet areas



Checking hollowness of internal wall



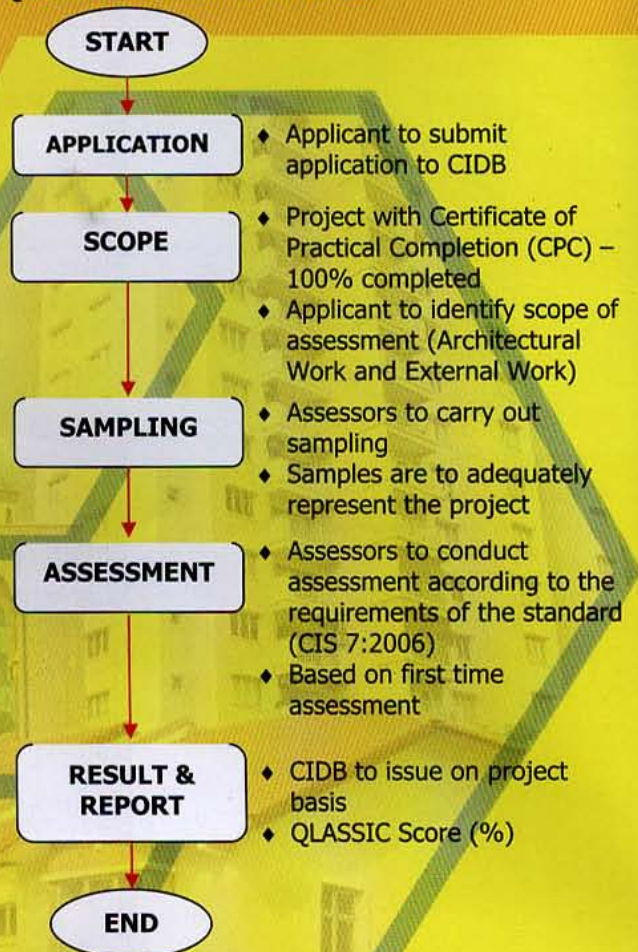
Checking hollowness of tiled floor

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- Contractor
- others

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DO THINGS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME AND EVERY TIME

Members' Night at PAM Sarawak Chapter

25 March 08 • Kuching

It was a night of fun and merriment for members of Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (PAMSC) at their Members' Night 2008 held at the Garden Hill Restaurant on 25 March 2008. The theme for the evening was "Going Green". Among the guests for the evening were the PAM President Ar. Lee Chor Wah, building suppliers, and exhibitors of the Building Trade Shows (BTS).

In line with the theme for the evening, PAMSC Chairman Ar. Ng Chee Wee highlighted the importance of 'green' and sustainable architecture. He then made a brief presentation on the upcoming forum on Sustainable Design which is scheduled to be held in May 2008, and urged members to participate in the forum.

PAM President Ar. Lee Chor Wah, in turn, gave a brief report on the upcoming events and professional development programmes

in Kuala Lumpur. He encouraged members from Sarawak Chapter to give their full support by taking part in the various events and programmes drawn up.

There was also a slide presentation on the PAMSC past years' activities and Building Trade Show (BTS). BTS which was first held in 2003 with the last one being held in March 2007 has been scheduled for March 2009. Potential exhibitors were reminded to come for the launching of BTS 2009 soon.

Members and their guests also had plenty of fun and laughter watching and taking part in the various games during the evening with lots of prizes and lucky draws being given out. On top of these, there was also a live band and best costume contests to entertain the crowd.



Going Green is the theme for PAMSC Members' Night 2008



Ar Lee Chor Wah, President of PAM



Opening speech by Ar Ng Chee Wee, Chairman of Sarawak Chapter

id-x 2008

Interior Design Exhibition

20 March 08 • Kota Kinabalu

id-x 2008 (interior design exhibition) displaying the outstanding works that have won the highly coveted "Malaysian Interior Design Awards (MIDA) for Design Excellence in the 5th Decade was launched at City Mall, Kota Kinabalu on 20 March 2008. It also showcased masterpieces which exemplify interior designs best within the context of arts, development and environment in Malaysia.

Resource Development and Information Technology Minister, YB Datuk Dr Yee Moh Chai, who officiated the launching ceremony, said the exhibition provides a one-stop sourcing hub for buyers, suppliers, contractors and owners to help start the art of interior designs and decorations for higher achievement. He believe that the designers in Sabah are already embarking on a bold step to educate potential clients and the public at large to appreciate the beauty and essential aspects of interior designing for business and leisure. The four-day exhibition jointly organized by the Malaysian Institute of Interior Designers (IPDM) Sabah Chapter and Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) Sabah Chapter, is a showcase for the latest innovations in building and construction technologies as well as the latest interior design products and services available in the market.

Organizing Chairman cum the Protem Chairman of IPDM Sabah Chapter, Ar. Ronald Tang, said that the id-x 2008 also provides a platform for interior designers, architects, developers, tradesmen and other industry players to network and synergize in design innovations and challenges.

During the 4-day exhibition, other interesting events such as daily lucky draw and children's colouring and drawing competition was held.

A "Thank you" dinner was held on 24 March 2008 to show appreciation to all exhibitors and sponsors who helped to make this event a success.



Resource Development & Information Technology Minister Datuk Dr Yee Moh Chai delivering his address at the opening ceremony



Datuk Dr Yee, Ar Ronald Tang, Ar Syed Abdullah Othman and Ar Sim Sie Hong performing the launching mechanism.



Presenting the memento to Guest of Honour.

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

28 March 08 • PAM Centre KL

The Contract Review Committee agreed to organise a seminar on the **PAM Form of Contract 2006** in Penang and Kota Kinabalu tentatively on 19 April 2008 and 28 June 2008 respectively.

Council agreed that PAM should arrange for a **courtesy call to the new Minister of Housing and Local Government**, YB Dato' Ong Ka Chuan, as well as to the **Chief Ministers / Menteri Besars** to highlight and offer PAM's services to assist with forming any new policies. Council deliberated and agreed that PAM should request to have representation in the local council.

Architect Centre Sdn Bhd (ACSB) was on schedule to be launched on the third week of April 2008. ACSB had invited the new Minister of Housing and Local Government as Guest of Honour. A seminar, free community talk and joint PAM-NST competition would also be organised in conjunction with the launch. Three staff had been appointed. The premises on the ground floor of PAM Centre would be used as the ACSB office. The first training session was held on 26 and 27 March 2008. 130 architects had registered to be on ACSB's panel of architects while 47 turned up for training.

Council approved the **list of applications for Membership** as follows:

Corporate Membership

Eric Chang, Charly Cheng, Hisham bin Ali, Mohd Najib bin Mohd Salleh, Nor Zaiha bt Hamzah, Pong Vui Thien, Tan Ching Kee, Kenneth Tan Kok Loong, Wahidul Azam bin Dato' Raja Mohd Dom and Zahari bin Ahmad.

Graduate Membership

Ang Wen Hsia, Chok Liong Hoi, Michael Chuo Siew Ling, Hisham bin Ali, Belinda Lee Swee Ling, Jacky Lim Chung Yer, , Lua Beoh Keat, Lye Wei Khang, Mohammad Royzad bin Musa, Nur Elmi Faiz bin Ishak, Roselind Pan Siew Lin and Teh Eng Keat.

Student Membership

Ahmad Iskandar bin Mohamad, Chung Pui Gin, Ee Pei Ping, Jong Lee Fung, Lee Siaw Ling, Leong Kim Ling, Lim Kar Wai, Lim Keian Ann, Norhalawati binti Md Yusof, Elizabeth Phun Su Ching, Rosnizal bin Baharum, Rudi Hakimi bin Mohd Nasrumi, Shazuin binti Yaacob, Tamp Giap Li, Te Boon Siong, Wong Hau Yee, Wong Lot Yee, Yeap Sze Min, Yong Leng Chee, Yoon Chi Ming and Yoo Siau Ling.

Reinstatement

How Peng Jin and Noraishah binti Ahmad

A Workshop on Residential Building Setbacks for Kota Kinabalu City on 25 March 2008 was co-organised by Dewan Bandaraya Kota Kinabalu and PAM **Sabah Chapter** with 30 participants and managed to come up with a positive result. The Chapter was also working with the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) to set up similar training programmes as that done by SIA, starting with "Sketch-up".

The **Sarawak Chapter** received names of two volunteers to participate as trainers for the Part III Tutorials. The dates of the Part III Tutorials in Kuala Lumpur were set on 12 and 26 April, and 10 and 24 May 2008. Council encouraged the other Chapters to also send volunteers to be trained as the Chapters' tutors for the respective Chapter's Part III Tutorials.

The **Government and Liaison Committee** was organising Courtesy Visits to Pusat Tenaga Malaysia, CIDB and several local councils.

The **Membership Committee** nominated and Council agreed on the names to be conferred Fellow Membership.

The **Professional Practice Committee** had formed a sub-committee to review the past practice notes and would prepare one Practice Note every month

Council endorsed the **Publications and Information Committee's** acceptance of the Sketch-up discount offer for members and requested for 5 complimentary copies of the software.

To date, the speakers confirmed for **Datum:KL "Distinction"** were Kengo Kuma, Li Hui of Steven Holl's Beijing office and Dr Tan Loke Mun.

Council decided that the **PAM Notice Board** is for notice of vacancy of staff of Members' firms and for PAM notices only, and not for other purpose.

Council agreed that PAM should support the **EAROPH World Congress** to be held in Malaysia later this year.



Clockwise from left Ar Sim Sie Hong, Ar Datin Teng-Chiu Chew Ying, Ar Hjh Nor Aini Juffery, Ar Hamdan Abdul Jamal and Ar Dato' Haji Esa Mohamed



Clockwise from left Ar Lee Chor Wah, Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun, Ar Boon Chee Wee, Ar Abu Zarim Abu Bakar, Ar Jerry Sum, Ar Tan Pei Ing

publication alert

New books on Architecture and other related areas are available at PAM Resource Centre:

- 01 Conservation & Sustainability in Historic Cities
- 02 Architecture & the Urban Environment
- 03 Courtyard Houses
- 04 Digital Photography for 3D Imaging & Animation
- 05 Facilities Planning & Design
- 06 In Detail: High - Density Housing
- 07 Residential Planning & Design
- 08 Sustainable Living
- 09 Tadao Ando Colours of Light
- 10 Energy - Efficient Architecture
- 11 Architecture of Modern Italy
- 12 Glass Construction Manual
- 13 Sustainable Urban Housing in China
- 14 In Detail: Interior Space
- 15 In Detail: Japan Architecture, Constructions, Ambiances
- 16 Semi - Detached and Terraced Houses
- 17 In Detail: Housing for People of All Ages

PAM's Courtesy Visit to Pusat Tenaga Malaysia

31 March 08 • Bandar Baru Bangi



Ar Lee Chor Wah presenting a souvenir to Dr Anuar Abdul Rahman



From left Ar Ong Chong Jing, Ar Kalsom Mohamad, Ar Sarizal Yusman Yusoff, Dr Anuar, Ar Lee Chor Wah, Ar Chan Seong Aun and Mr Steve A Lojuntin



During courtesy visit at PTM building

PAM made a courtesy visit to Pusat Tenaga Malaysia (PTM) on 31 March 2008. The representatives from PAM were Ar Lee Chor Wah, Ar Chan Seong Aun, Ar Sarizal Yusman Yusoff, Ar Kalsom Mohamad and Ar Ong Chong Jing; while from Pusat Tenaga Malaysia (PTM) comprises of PTM's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Anuar Abd Rahman, Mr Hishamudin Ibrahim, Mr Steve A. Lojuntin, Mr Ahmad Zairin Ismail and Ms Nor Azaliza Damiri.

The issues discussed were as follows:

1 MS 1525 : Energy Efficiency for Non-Residential Buildings

The MS1525: Energy Efficiency for Non-Residential Buildings standard has been submitted to the government and has been approved. The standard covers commercial buildings only.

2 Energy Building Rating System

PAM hoped that PTM would create a building rating system like LEEDS in Singapore and GREENSTAR in Hong Kong to encourage construction of more green buildings using low energy.

3 Building Energy Audit

PAM proposed to PTM to set up the following:

- An independent consultant to audit the buildings during the Design Stage and Post Occupancy which could be initiated for government buildings first.

- Publish reports on the outcome of audit especially that done to school buildings, hospitals, etc.
- Collaboration with PAM for training of independent consultant focusing on audit passive portion.

4 Incentives

ZEO building is one of the examples of the incentive that PTM offer to the public.

5 Continuous Awareness

For continuous awareness, PTM should organise lectures among architects, consultants, developers and building owners on the need for low energy architectural design. PTM also confers the Energy Awards annually to those who apply energy efficiency factors in their construction and conduct seminars to promote awareness. PTM also encourage students to do practical training at PTM.

6 Formation of Passive and Low Energy Architectural Design

PAM and PTM agreed to work closely with other interest groups to promote Passive and Low Energy Architectural Design.

7 Solar Heat

PTM is actively promoting use of solar heat in residential buildings as it can reduce the cost of electricity consumption.

PAM Sabah Chapter's Study trip to Singapore

22-26 February 08 • Singapore

A group of 14 architects and graduate members headed by PAM Sabah Chapter Chairman Ar Sim Sie Hong visited Singapore on 22-26 February 2008.

On arrival, the first itinerary of PAM Sabah Chapter's Singapore trip was a courtesy call to Singapore Institute of Architect's (SIA) office at Neil Road in Tanjong Pagar. The representative at SIA presented a slideshow of SIA's organization chart as well as an overview of SIA current activities and vision statement. Next, the group headed to the New Majestic Hotel for a short tour of the hotel's noted interior décor and design concept.

The next day, the group visited two interesting places of worship, the Al-Mukminin Mosque and the Church of St. Mary of the Angels. On the same day, the groups journeyed on to Glentrees Condominium for a tour hosted by MKPL Architects before heading to VivoCity shopping complex designed by Japanese architect Toyo Ito.

On the third day, the group went on an architectural walking tour along Marina Bay, starting at the Esplanade, all the way to Merlion Park and ending at Clarke Quay's shopping complex.

On the fourth day, some of the PAM Sabah delegates went on a tour of the Glimex's factory while others went to the exhibition at the URA (Urban Redevelopment Authority) building. Later, the delegates regrouped at the DP Architect's office for a brief tour and Q&A session hosted by SIA President Ar. Tai Lee Siang.

On the last day, the group toured of Changi Airport's new Terminal 3 building.

PAM Sabah Chapter expressed appreciation for the assistance and hospitality from SIA on the group's enjoyable and enlightening visit to Singapore.



Futuristic metal composite louvers create an interesting screen for the building's staircase



The various interesting exhibits displayed at Singapore's URA Centre, aimed at public education about future urban developments, architectural conservation issues as well as architectural appreciation

The PAM Sabah delegate touring the Al-Mukmin mosque's new extension building

Architect centre

Inaugural Building Inspection Training

26-27 March 08

Architect Centre Sdn Bhd held a two-day training session on 26 & 27 March 2008 for accreditation as an Architect Centre-trained Architect to provide building inspection service come May 2008.

Architect Centre Sdn Bhd is a newly formed business service centre by Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) in joint venture with an Australian service provider Archicentre Ltd, which aims to provide property inspection and building advisory services to the Malaysian public.

The first batch of 44 architects were trained by Archicentre Ltd's NSW State Manager, Angus Kell and Brad Ingwood, who have together in total 30 years of accumulated experience in building inspections.

The first day session was packed with technical briefing on becoming an accredited architect - Accreditation Process, Delivery of Service as an Accredited Architect and Reporting and Technical Information on Defects and Detection.

The PAM's building was the first site inspected by the trainees to identify defects and jot down their analysis on the inspection report form. The 300-point checklist reporting format allows architects to conduct a thorough inspection systematically while commenting on the cause of the defect and recommending a suitable rectification. Trainees were also trained to use a damp tester and power point tester correctly. They are some of the compulsory equipments to be taken on inspections.

During the site inspection conducted at a bungalow and a three-storey linked house, the Trainers gave a comprehensive overview as well as insights on what and how to look out for defects, especially places where objects are oddly positioned. Useful tips include utilising natural light where possible from the right angles to sight cover-up jobs.

Checking for dampness, the safety of power points, type/age/capacity of distribution board, working of doors/windows and their security are among the more general areas for inspection. Accessibility is key to effective assessment. Trainees were briefed on gaining access for further investigation taking into account site circumstances and safety issues.

Inspection reports submitted by Trainees were appraised on their reporting skills. As part of Architect Centre's induction programme, three trainees, namely Ar Lim Peng Keang, Ar Anthony Lee Tee and Ar Rosli Ali have been selected to act as Mentors to current and future trainees.

Architect Centre would like to thank all architects who attended the training - we shall be contacting you very soon on the next steps to becoming an Accredited Architect of Architect Centre.

Interested architects kindly register with Architect Centre by contacting

Vi Vien Koay or Mustaza Mustafa at **03-2689 2488** or email to **info@architectcentre.com.my** today!



From left Angus Kell and Brad Ingwood



Participants of the Inaugural Building Inspection Training



Brad Ingwood explaining to participants on building inspection



Participants during the site inspection

Other Highlights

01 March 08

Design Discourse

Speaker Akira Kuryu

*The Shangri La Tanjung Aru Resort
Kota Kinabalu
PAM Sabah Chapter*



Opening address by Mr Yukio Hagasawa



Representative from Nippon Paint (Sabah), and PAM Members with Mr Akira Kuryu.



Ar Sim Sie Hong presenting a memento to Mr Akira Kuryu.

15 March 08

CPD Seminar

Effective Multi-Cultural Project Management - Designing, Managing and Administrating Building Contracts in Thailand

Speaker Ar Lokman Mansor

PAM Centre, KL



Ar Lokman Mansor

22 March 08

CPD Seminar

Building Envelope Design

Speaker Russell Cole

PAM Centre, KL



Mr Russell Cole

26 March 08

Design Lecture Series

18 Years in Borneo - An Adaptive Response to Architecture in Sarawak

Speaker Ar Mike Boon Chee Kian

PAM Centre, KL



Ar Mike Boon Chee Kian



Participants at the seminar

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