

EVENTS

5 September 2009

PAM CPD Seminar**Construction Law: Year 2008 In Review**

By Mr Teng Kam Wah

9.00am – 12.30pm

• Auditorium Fakulti Alam Bina, Universiti
Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

12 September 2009

PAM CPD Seminar**Calculations under the Sixth Schedule (Limit of Unprotected Areas) and Fire Escape Provision Calculations under the UBBL 1984-Worked Examples**

By Ar Chee Soo Teng

9.00am – 12.30pm

• PAM Northern Chapter, 3, Amoy Lane,
Pulau Pinang.

7 October 2009

PAM Design Lecture Series**Topic – to be confirmed**

By Ar Leong Yew Kooi

6.30pm – 8.30pm

• Kuala Lumpur

10 October 2009

PAM CPD Seminar**The Use of Malaysian Timber in ID Work**

By Mr Ian Davies Iskandar

9.00am – 12.30pm

• Kuala Lumpur

10 October 2009

PAM CPD Seminar**National Heritage Act 2005 (Act 645) and Authenticity in Reconstruction Projects**

By: AP Dr Yahaya Ahmad

9.00am – 12.30pm

• PAM Northern Chapter, 3, Amoy Lane,
Pulau Pinang.

4 - 8 November 2009

PAM Architecture Students' Work Exhibition 2009**Theme: "Evolution Towards Green Technology"**One Utama Shopping Centre,
Petaling JayaKindly note that the scheduled events above
are subject to change. Please call PAM at
03-26934182 for confirmation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR, THE SUN

IN RESPONSE TO THE SUN'S HEADLINE "CONSULTANT SOLELY RESPONSIBLE" ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2009

INCIDENT AT THE FORMER JAYA SUPERMARKET, SECTION 14, PETALING JAYA

First, let me, on behalf of Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM), convey our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the seven victims of the mishap at the construction site of the former Jaya Supermarket. We concurred with MTUC that the families of the seven unfortunate workers killed in the building collapse should be duly compensated.

PAM believes it is important that the government, professional bodies, CIDB, contractors, local authorities and developers should work closely together to regain the public's confidence in the building industry instead of making confusing statements and creating further fears and doubts in the minds of the public on the building industry. Under the 1 Malaysia policy, public safety is paramount. Full investigations and audit of the incident must be made in a transparent manner, what are the lessons learnt must be made public, and our priorities must be to ensure such incident will never recur.

PAM strongly believes that it is inappropriate and confusing to relate the tragedy to the Certification of Completion and Compliance (CCC) because as in more developed countries, demolition works especially for high rises is a specialist site preparation trade that actually precedes the CCC process.

The CCC was introduced by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 2007, to expedite the delivery system so as to make Malaysia more competitive. CCC was formulated taking into consideration that there are many parties involved in the entire delivery system and all parties involved will now be held accountable for their respective scope of works under the matrix of responsibility. In fact one of the biggest improvements under CCC was to allow Contractors (including Trade Contractors) to be held accountable, over 21 stages, instead of solely by the Submitting Person. As seen in the Highland Tower incident, the court had absolved the local authority of any responsibilities over the collapse, and had apportioned the responsibilities to a number of parties including the submitting person, i.e. the registered draftsman, and structural engineer. And that was before CCC was introduced. Before CCC, it has always been the submitting person who is responsible for the building from start to finish. After CCC was introduced, the responsibility of the submitting person remains unchanged. Unlike Australia or the UK, by law, our local authorities were never made responsible for the buildings.

The fact is, even if we were to revert to the old ways of having the Local Council issuing Certificates of Fitness (CF), the Local Council would still not be responsible for the buildings, because that's the Law, nor could that prevent



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- Standardization of OSH Program in the Construction Industry.

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- Actively participation among SHEQ's member.
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- Enhancing effectiveness.
- Enhancing profit.

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REGISTRATION FORM

A. COMPANY'S INFORMATION

Name of Company :

Address :

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Tel : Fax : E-mail :

Name of Contact Person : Designation :

CIDB Registration No :

(Please provide one copy of Registration Certification)

CIDB Grade : _____

Category / specialization (eg: CE01, B01, M01, E01)

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- CIDB EMS SHEQ SCHEME**
 i - ISO 14001
 (Open to all contractor grade)
 ii - CIDB EMS
 (Open to all G1-G6 contractor grade)
- CIDB OSHMS MS 1722/OHSAS 18001 SHEQ SCHEME**

OTHERS

We hereby declare and confirm that the information given are true.

1. We wish to participate in the SHEQ Scheme and enclosed a money order / Bank Draft as per schedule made payable to Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan Malaysia for the training, on-site consultancy services and pre-compliance audit (SHEQ fees). Certification Fees to be paid separately to Certification Body
2. By participating in the SHEQ Program, we agree to abide to the training and pre-compliance audit terms & conditions as stipulated in CIDB/D.I.Y.18001/C-R2.
3. We understand that we shall make no claim against CIDB should we decide not to continue the SHEQ Scheme for whatever reasons after the registration and failing to be certified.

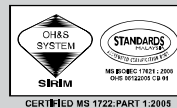
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buildings from collapsing before, during, or after construction. The implementation of CCC does not take away the rights of the local authority to inspect the site during construction. In fact, the intention of CCC is also to allow the local authority more time to carry out enforcement. However, Local Councils were never involved in monitoring the structural soundness of the demolition of existing works, nor the construction of new buildings, post or pre CCC. Site safety during erection is already covered by other laws. Therefore, the old CF system will not prevent the unfortunate mishap of collapse similar to the former Jaya Supermarket.

The erection of a building from site preparation, to construction, to completion is a very complex process. While the submitting person is generally the architect, who is responsible for the general health and safety aspects of the building, there were many other professionals and government departments

who are responsible for various aspects of the building before, during and after construction. For example, when a Planning Permission or Development Order is required for a development, the submitting person could be either a planner or an architect who would be responsible only on the planning aspects such as plot ratio, car parking, height, etc compliance.

When it comes to building plan, the submitting person could be an architect, a registered draftsman or an engineer depending on the type and size of building. Assuming the redevelopment of the former Jaya Supermarket site had an architect as the submitting person, there would still be infrastructural and structural engineering submissions responsible by the Civil and Structural Engineers; sanitary, plumbing, lifts and Bomba submissions, by the Mechanical and Electrical engineers, and needless to say, the demolition submission and works responsible by specialist demolition engineers etc.

Once works commence on site, the site would be handed over to the contractor who is fully responsible for the whole site. There are environmental and safety measures to be observed

on site and all construction sites are supposed to be fully covered by public liability and other insurances to safeguard the health and safety of both the workers and the public, including possible damages to surrounding properties. At times, the demolition could have been awarded to a specialist demolition contractor who may not be the main contractor for the new building. In such a situation, the demolition contractor would be fully responsible for the environmental, health and safety of the site and the surrounding areas during demolition.

The demolition of multi-storey structure is a specialized aspect of engineering consultancy with its own sets of rules and regulations and safety measures by the Department of Occupational Safety and Health to protect both the workers and the public. There are several ways to pull down a building, each requiring different methods and implications. Each option requires analysis of the present structural system before a 'method statement' is agreed upon. PAM would leave this specialist area for comments by our engineering colleagues.

In addition, according to the Uniform Building Bye-Laws, in the event of a failure to a building, the submitting person should submit to the Local Authority within one week of such failure explaining the cause of failure and stating the remedial action/s taken.

PAM therefore urge the public, media, and the Local Council to be patient in waiting for the full and comprehensive audit report on the accident to be completed by the parties concerned before issuing any statements that could further create confusions and fears in the public's collective psyche. And until any party is found guilty by the findings through due process, we strongly believe it is wrong to summarily imply and implicate any particular party or firm, and unjustly affect their reputation as well as the image and integrity of the architectural profession.

Ar Lee Chor Wah
President, Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia
4 June 2009

Rules of the Building Industry Presidents' Council (BIPC)

1. The Building Industry Presidents Council (BIPC) was formed to be a pro-active meeting of Presidents of institutions in the Building Industry. It was to be informal. In line with this concept, the proposed structure of the BIPC is to be an informal but with some rules for ease of conduct of meetings and for follow-up action.

2. Membership of the BIPC shall be the permanent members who have been attending the BIPC as listed in item (4) below.

3. All current Presidents of permanent member organizations shall automatically be a council member of the BIPC.

4. The BIPC shall select the Chairman, on a yearly basis, from amongst the current Presidents of permanent member organisations based on a rotation system in the order given below. The Chairman will hold office for no more than two terms of the calendar year that is 1st January to 31st December.

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| 1. PAM | 5. ISM |
| 2. REHDA | 6. IEM |
| 3. MBAM | 7. MIP |
| 4. ACEM | |

5. The current Chairman's organization shall be the host for the BIPC meetings. The host organization shall be responsible for making all necessary arrangements for convening the meetings of the BIPC.

6. The Secretariat shall remain with PAM permanently who shall prepare (in conjunction with the relevant organization) and issue out all correspondences, memorandums, notices and minutes of meetings. All records shall be kept by the Secretariat.

7. The Secretariat will liaise with the Chairman for vetting of the minutes and to seek guidance on any follow-up action to be taken.

8. The BIPC shall have the power to approve resolutions by circular.

9. The BIPC shall meet as often as they wish but shall have at least two meetings a year. The quorum shall be at least 4 organizations of the permanent members.

10. The BIPC shall have the power to set up committees or sub-committees with membership from its permanent member organisations.

11. The BIPC shall have the power to permit observers to attend its meetings.

12. The BIPC shall formulate its own rules for the conduct of its meetings.

Effective date: 23 June 2009

Masterskill Plumbing Supervisor Training Workshop

The inaugural Masterskill Plumbing Supervisor Training Workshop organized by Architect Centre in collaboration with the Master Plumbers & Mechanical Services Association of Australia (MPMSAA) was held at PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur from 2-4 March (Workshop 1) and 4-6 March (Workshop 2). The participants comprised of site supervisors, maintenance supervisors, plumbers, architects, M&E engineers, and handymen. A total of 27 achieved plumbing supervisor competency level and was also accredited as PAM-Johnson Suisse Certified Plumbers.

The 20 hour workshop covered topics from hydraulic design principles to hands-on practical training on installation and fault finding to problem solving with the aims of enabling participants to trouble-shoot typical and uncommon plumbing problems effectively.

A mini-workshop equipped with mock-up floor and wall with water supply and discharge points were constructed on the outside compound of PAM Centre where participants were trained to install, test and commissioning water closets to be fully functional.

Overall, the participants felt that the trainer was informative and imparted valuable knowledge to them. They have learnt a lot from the workshop in terms of having formal theoretical knowledge on hydraulic principals to translating technical theories to practical installation. With the combined theory and practical training, the more senior participants felt that it was a timely refresher course that also provided them information on the latest trend (techniques and materials) in plumbing.

Plumbing is one of the most common and costly problems with long term serious implications faced by building owners. From pipe leakages to low water pressure or weak toilet flush, wastages is incurred as a result of water leakages and cost to repairs. This is essentially due to poor installation practices and the lack of know-how to resolve plumbing problems. On the other hand, resolving them effectively is not easily achievable due to several disparities and unskilled plumbers within the industry. From Architect Centre's inspections, we have found that there are major implications on costs, health and social to end-consumers critically to those living in stratified properties.

From the trainer's point of view, the practical component was really useful to the architects especially to understand practical on-site issues faced by the builder and end-user in reality.

Participants also shared their feedback on the problems they faced on-site which should be looked into within the industry from design to construction stage to address factors compounding plumbing problems. They are as follows:

- How to overcome the problem of installing a pan level on a graded floor?
- How to not pierce a water proof membrane when screwing a pan to a concrete floor?
- Plastic pipe cleaning fluid and inspection openings in fittings are not readily available.
- Sewer pipes are some time blocked during construction by tile glue, paint and rubbish and the problem were not found until the building is opened.

- The importance of flushing water pipes before connecting cisterns etc.

The Plumbers Association of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor is keen to send more of their members for this training because most local experienced plumbers derived their skills and knowledge through years of apprenticeship from their "sifu" with no formal theoretical training. It is encouraging to see the positive attitudinal change of skilled local plumbers towards continuing education which is vital to support our growing building industry.

In conjunction with the training workshop, a research was conducted to understand current plumbing practices in Malaysia and a formal research report on the findings with recommendations is in progress. The report findings will be made available by May.

The Architect Centre will continue to develop and further enhance the training programme levels of targeted participants and may collaborate with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) for future trainings.

This training workshop is part of Johnson Suisse's Corporate Social Responsibility programme to contribute to the industry by enhancing the skills of plumbers through training. It is hoped that this initiative would garner industry-wide and government support to continue providing such critical training to our local plumbers to support the growth of Malaysia's building industry.

We would like to thank CIDB for their co-sponsorship including Ar. Patrick Ho and Ar. Anthony Lee who helped in putting together the training workshop.



Mr Greg Tink giving the finer points on plumbing tools



What's the problem? Architects figuring out the cause of water leaking from the pan.



Masterskill Plumbing Supervisor Training Workshop
2 - 4 March 2009 (Workshop 1)
4 - 6 March 2009 (Workshop 2)
Venue : PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur



Pioneer batch of PAM-Johnson Suisse Authorized Plumbers



Demonstration on the proper way to ensure pipe alignment



Handymen fixing toilet suites

Executive Summary of The Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of PAM Council 2008-2009

26 June 09 • PAM Centre, KL



PAM Education Fund agreed to sponsor one student from each year of study at each School of Architecture in Malaysia, to attend Datum:KL2009.

PAM did a good presentation on Malaysian architects' capabilities at the roundtable meeting with UAE officials in Abu Dhabi, organised by MATRADE.

Graduate Membership

Neoh Kim Hin, Muhammad Rusly Hussin, Tham Wai Leong, Rozaidi bin Mohamed, Hasrizal bin Mohamed, Intan Zubaidah bt Munap, Michael Cheu Teck Lian, Mohd Irfan Che Mat Wan Mohd Khairi b Wan Mohd Zabarria

Associate Graduate Membership Ng Wai Tuck

Student Membership Teoh Jin Yong, Chong Jia Wen, Lai Kok Seng, Cheong Yew Ping, Agnetha Foong Li Yik, Lau Siew Ting, Leong Hui Min, Lim Ker Chwing, Narges Jaber, Ng Yip Ching, Ng Zhi Min, Ooi Khee Yuen, Tarshaini d/o Krishnamoorthy, Thomas Lai Kok Wai, Yap Haw Ping, Yong Wai Soon, Alex Lee Kuan Chien, Chen Cherng Yu, Chew Chia Nee, Chiew Pooi Yee, Choi Lee Yee, Chong Sook Yuan, Chow Ken Wei, Elson Tan Keng Kee, Faliq Aimran b Ahmad Kamarul Baharin, Fatima Ali, Grace Chit Tze Hui, Gue Yan Ting, Gwendoline Lee Hui Wen, Hazwan Shamsul b Hisham Badrul, Ho Ming Han, Kang Woi Keat, Kelvin Lee Qivjan, Kuan Wei Jian, Lam Yi Xiang, Lee Car Rol, Lee Sze Keat, Lee Wee Peng, Lim Hsien-Yi, Lim Mao Zhi, Lim Pad Yee, Lim Pek Yeng, Lim Xuewei, Ling Sie Kiat, Loo Qiao Rou, Lum Si Jat, Mathen Raj, Matthias Fabian Alexander, Melody Ng Zhi Tian, Mohd Azim b Abdul Majid, Mohd Khairi b Abdullah Zawawi, Naafiah Saleem, Ngu Ping Xin, Niragiran Lisette, Niven Ng Hon Wynn, Omer Abdullah Salam Alhamed, Ong Shee Ling, Patrick Ting Pek Kieng, Piedadna Anne Rasiah, Quek Yuan Miao, Ryan Seah Kok Siong, Samantha Ting Ying-Hoang, Serene Chee Wen Jie, Sofia Goh Lee Xin, Somayeh Taslim, Tan Mei Shing, Thiriguna Dewi a/p Sivashanmugam, Timothy Cartland Manggau, Wan Kamarul b Wan Rastam, Wong Chui Nee, Wong Tzi-Li, Yan Yen Qun, Mohd Safuan b Azman, Ruhil Athirah bt Alias, Siti Maisarah bt Mohd Zailon, Abdul Fattah b Ghani, Aisyah Fajri Johari, Noor mardia Mohd Fadzil, Nik Abdul Aziz b Nik Din, Ezdihar Ahmad b Ibrahim, Amira Sharena bt Ahmad Nozrin, Nurafni Anissa Musa, Mohd Makhatir b Yatiban, Abdul Azim b Marzuki, Aszhahari Munir b Mukhtar, Irfan b Hassan, Mhd Hafiz Karami b Mhd Zain, Muhammad Firdaus b Zamin @ Md Zamin, Tasnim Mohd Hatta, Farhana bt Mohammed Isa, Khazani b Kahadi, Nur Balqis bt Ahmad Safawi, Sofiyah bt Sahalan, Mohd Arshad b Basirum, Muslihah bt Mazlan, Nurdiyana bt Zainal Abidin, Azahar b Mansor, Nur Hafeeza bt Nordin, Yow Chin Seng, Yuslizza bt Idris, Muhammad Khairi b Ismail, Siah Pon Leong, Phung Kwong Seng, Soon Hui Fang, Leng Pau Ching

Reinstatement

Ar Liaw Shak Sang, Paul, Ar Raja Azmanshah Omar Din

Ar Chris Yap accepted the appointment of **Election Officer 2009-2010** and **Ar Rosli Mohd Ali** accepted appointment of **Deputy Election Officer 2009-2010**.

PAM Northern Chapter was preparing a letter to MIDA on the

application of SSCDF. The application is for funding of **BIM software courses** to be held in Penang for **PAM Northern Chapter**.

Sabah Chapter proposed to purchase a property of a 4-storey shop/office block which is part of a small and successful shopping complex with spacious parking lots and convenient location at City Mall, Kota Kinabalu for its new office.

Majlis Bandaraya Kuching Selatan (MBKS) for organised an **Open Counter session on 9 June 2009** to attend to any members of the public or consultants that might have problems with Building Plan Submissions.

The Sarawak Government was in the process of implementing central sewage systems for most of the major towns in Sarawak. The Chapter received an invitation from SSDS to attend a meeting on the draft guidelines.

PSDC organised a meeting with various Professional Institutes in Kuching on 23 June 2009. The Sarawak Chapter raised a proposal to PSDC to have a One Stop Centre to advise consultants on the various grants and services available for consultants.

PAM agreed to support the **2S Architectural Glass Award**. Kien Safety Glass Sdn Bhd would have the award ceremony at Renaissance Hotel on 29 October 2009. The closing date of submissions is 18 September 2009.

The next CPD seminars would be held on **18 July 2009 by Joe Eades on 'Eco Towns for Asia'** and **25 July 2009 by Ho Chin Soon on 'Digital Mapping and Property Market'**.

UKM had been selected to host the **2010 Architecture Students Jamboree**.

Architecture Students Exhibition at 1Utama would be held at the end of October 2009.

ARCASIA 30th Council meeting and 15th Forum would be held from **17 to 23 August 2009 in Ulan Bator, Mongolia**. Council agreed to nominate Ar Tan Pei Ing as Chairman-Elect of ARCASIA for term 2010-2011.

Dato' Ar Haji Esa has been appointed by **Union of International Architects (UIA)** as member of UIA PPC Implementation Task Force.

PAM Golf 2009 was successfully held on 16 June 2009 at Tropicana Golf and Country Club, Petaling Jaya. Ar Alvin Lim Hai Seah won the "Overall Best Nett Medal A" while Ar Lim Eam Hooi won the "Overall Best Gross Medal A".

PAM Convention 2009 Golf tournament would be held on 1 July 2009 at Kota Permai Golf and Country Resort.

DBKL will be organising its "Green Forum" on 29 July 2009.

Council agreed to nominate Ar Boon Che Wee to represent PAM at the **SIA's Roundtable Discussion on Sustainable Architecture on 29 October 2009** in Singapore.

International Forum ARCHITECT 09: RE-VISION

01-03 May 09 • Bangkok, Thailand

The international forum was held at the Muangthongthani Convention Centre, outside Bangkok where the adjoining architectural exhibition was also held. This year commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Association of Siamese Architect (ASA) thus justifying the grand celebration in both halls.

International Forum

The speakers at the forum were well represented for the theme RE-VISION; architects on a mission to improve poverty and help the poor; architects addressing the global concern of sustainable and community architecture; architects with big ideas which will carry well into the future; these were the topics being discussed in the forum. The sub-themes were divided between the three days making the sub-theme for each day very clear. The audience were enthralled by each speaker even with the language barrier (majority using language conversion headphones) and the response in the Q&A session confirms it. Without fail, one will leave the hall each evening feeling architecturally refreshed and inspired.

Exhibition ARCHITECT 09

In the adjoining hall, the architectural exhibition was held on large scale. In comparison, our ARCHIDEX would probably be one third in size but the much bigger difference was the amount of money being spent on each of the exhibition booth. This being a creative lot, put on their thinking caps and created wonderful masterpieces that would seem too beautiful to throw away at the end of the show. Having said that, the ASA booth would probably be my choice for the most creative, using cardboard to make almost all the props and furniture used in their exhibition. And it is 100% recyclable. That's what I call sustainable practice.

Being present at both the events has been an eye opener for me. When the PAM President suggested that a few of the Convention committee members attend the ASA Convention, I gladly accepted the offer as being part of the DATUM:KL team for the past 3 years, it would be a great opportunity to see how our Thai counterpart organizes such big events. The spirit of camaraderie amongst the organizing team was obvious, even the Chairman of Organizing Team for both events was hands on to make sure of the smooth flow of events. Another big surprise for me was the huge participation of the students from all the architectural schools in Bangkok. To see them so high spirited, it will somehow rub off on you too. I hope to carry this feeling of enthusiasm right to DATUM:KL in July 2009.

Reported by Ar Suhaila Mat Abas

Architecture Students Jamboree 2009 - rumi

7 – 11 June 2009 • Universiti Teknologi Mara
(UiTM) Shah Alam, Selangor

The event was hosted by UiTM Shah Alam with the theme *rumi*, derived from the Malay language character. The Jamboree was packed with activities for the participants including activities such as Thesis Design Appreciation; Design Competitions for Part I and Part II students, IMBAS Installation contest, Multimedia contest, Short Essay contest, Photography contest and Sketches contest. It was reported that 400 participants from 22 architecture schools participated in the Jamboree. PAM members, Ar Liaw Kok Chuan, Yg Bhg Dato' Ar Hj Fauzi Yusof, Ar Jasmeet Sidhu, Ar Zamri Ismail and Ar Abu Zarim were invited to become judges for a few competitions held. There was also a performance by Ar Hj Hamdan Abdul Jamal with his band H2O during the dinner. PAM Education Fund provided sponsorship to assist the UiTM's Faculty of Architecture to organise this event.



One of the student prize winner receiving his prize from PAM President



Ar Serina Hijjas, one of the guests during the Opening Ceremony of the Students Jamboree

Letter of Gratitude

To: Board of Directors PBSB, PAM Council Members,
Vincent Lim, C.I.S Network Sdn Bhd

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to CIS & Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd for their valuable sponsorship channeled to me, a young member of the PAM Convention Committee to attend ASA Forum & Exhibition 2009, and I promise their sponsorship will be fruitful and beneficial to the future best interest of both parties. I admit that I was excited because I had never attended an international building industry exhibition and forum outside of Malaysia before. As a convention committee member for 2 years, I needed this opportunity to broaden my perspective and hopefully to help bring Archidex & Datum to a higher level by observing and learning from other countries.

In this article I will highlight the pertinent points that I had observed throughout the trip and what had ASA achieved that we should take note and learn from them.

Firstly, the strength that binds the university students and professional body in Thailand is obvious. Students play a big role there as a supporting force, from registration counter, escort for speakers, back stage coordination and etc.; students from different universities were exposed to the national event and took part as a organizing committee, and that really moved me. There is one of the volunteered students who told me that it is in their culture that the professional body guides university students and organize this international event together because they know that in future, these students will become part of the professional body as well, and they will in turn guide the junior students too.

The forum, can be considered good overall for this is the second year that they are organizing the forum on such a large scale, but can be better. Overall the selection of speakers is not as good as Datum's. However, those speakers who had spoken at previous Datum conferences, stood out as being excellent speakers and gave in-depth presentations of their work and were very entertaining too.

They used a long horizontal screen as a backdrop which is interesting, letterings flashing in and out accordingly. Live video cameras on the speaker's face are in control. They should have a spotlight or dim light shining on the speakers when they are doing their presentations. What happened was that during the lecture shown on live screen, it was totally dark and the audience could hardly see the speaker's facial expressions.

The building industry exhibition was truly an eye opener. They have a large hangar look alike exhibition space that every exhibitor took advantage of in their product displays and they even set up a temporary show unit in the exhibition. Besides that, they had areas for university students and architectural firms to showcase their work. They had a gathering space for students to do performances or even live band playing light instruments. Never to forget foot massage pit stop for those tired legs.

Thanks to Fay's schedule and wanting to include us as part of her social programme, we managed to have dinner with the speakers and talked more in depth in a casual way. The way of thought and the natural behavior of the speakers truly inspired me. A true designer pays a lot of attention and has faith on whatever things they do and be focussed. John Hardy, Bjarke Ingels, Kevin Mark Low and Matthura Prematilleke are truly inspiring individuals. Thanks to the organizer and Fay, we had some delicious local delights for dinner at the end of forum and we also hung out at the open-air sky bar which is on the 55th floor of the hotel were were staying in, till late at night, talking about everything and anything.

I had a wonderful and fulfilling trip to Bangkok, where I saw, experienced and learnt a lot, all of which will help develop my sense of self and confidence as a young architect. Thanks again to CIS and Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd for their sponsorship. After I had witnessed what ASA has done, I will try my very best to do better for DATUM 09 & ARCHIDEX 09 and hope to improve every year.

By Bruce Tan Wei Han

Other Highlights

13 June 2009

**GBI Malaysia MSI525:2007
Code of Practice on Energy
Efficiency and Use of Renewable
Energy for Non-Residential
Building**

**Speaker Ir Looi Hip Peu, Ar Von
Kok Leong, Ar Serina Hijjas &
Ir Ahmad Izdihar Supaat**

PAM Centre, KL



Ir Looi Hip Peu

13 June 2009

**Architects-Meet-The Public
Session**

PAM Centre, KL



16 June 2009

PAM Golf

Tropicana Golf and Country Resort



Ar Alvin Lim receiving trophy for Overall Best Nett Medal A

23 June 2009

BIPC Meeting at ACEM

ACEM Office, KL



19,20&21 June 2009

GBI Facilitator Training Course

Universiti Malaya



Ar Chan Seong Aun



Participants at the Facilitator Training Course

27 June 2009

CPD Seminar

**Sustainable Neighbourhood -
A Practitioner's Perspective**

Speaker Ar Mazlin Ghazali

Universiti Malaya



Ar Mazlin Ghazali

30 June 2009

Meeting with MIP

MIP Office, Kelana Jaya



Discussion on Planners Issue at MIP

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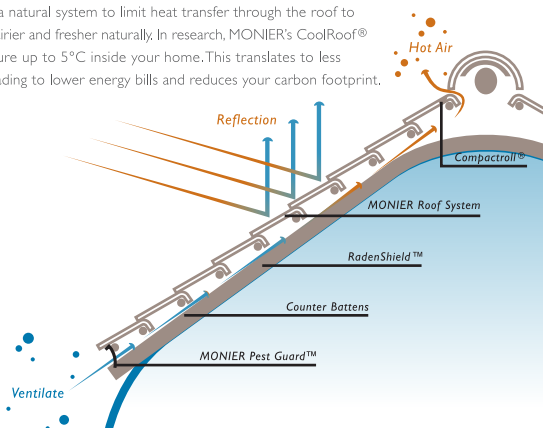
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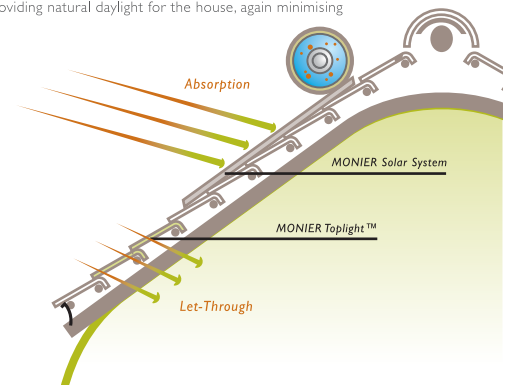
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