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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 Jaya

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PAM PRESIDENT'S OPENING SPEECH DATUM:KL 2009 "BASIC DESIGN: THE NEW INTELLIGENCE?"

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As you might recall, at the end of last year's Datum, we had announced this year's theme as "Escalation". That was the time when a barrel of oil was hovering round 150 US dollars and predicted to touch 200 US dollars. Since then, things have changed so quickly, from the US subprime crisis to the collapse of financial giants and now the worldwide economic slowdown. With such drastic economic changes, the convener of Datum:KL 09, Ar Boon Chee Wee and team, saw the need to change the theme to Basic Design. And as PAM and ACEM had just launched the Green Building Index or GBI earlier this year to promote more sustainable development. This change is most timely and appropriate.



Ar Lee Chor Wah

Now, as the construction industry has slowed down in most parts of the world, instead of talking about mega projects and iconic super high rises, it may be a good time to look back and reflect upon the excesses of the past decade, and look for some new intelligence to design and build more responsibly for our future generations.

For this to happen, I want to thank the many international speakers, from the Netherlands, Turkey, Japan, Ireland, UK/Singapore, Austria, China, Bangladesh and the United States, as well as Malaysia for accepting our invitation in spite of their busy schedule to be here to share their thoughts and their works with us. Thanks also to our moderator from Hong Kong, Professor Lawrence Liaw for accepting to do the toughest job in the next two days in moderating the proceedings.

All this is made possible through the continuous sponsorship of Bluescope Steel. We must also thank Boon and PAM convention Committee, Fay and Pusat Binaan Staff, PAM Secretariat, and CIS for working hard in the past 12 months to bring this grand event to you.

We plan to grow Datum:KL into an international event. As such, this year we have invited the President of UIA, the Chairman of ARCASIA, Ar Mubasshar Hussain, who is with us here, and Presidents of other ARCASIA member institutes to participate in this conference with the aim of attracting more delegates from the region to our future conventions. For that we also want to acknowledge the presence of Jack, President of the Association of Siamese Architects, Ashvinkumar, the President of Singapore Institute of Architects, and Rita Soh, the Deputy Chairman of ARCASIA Zone B.

Also we know that there are big contingents of delegates from Singapore, Indonesia, Sabah, Sarawak, Penang and all around Malaysia. We thank you all for your support.

With that, I hope you have an inspiring and thought provoking time at this conference, and do take time to visit Archidex in between the lectures, and participate in many of the other events we have lined up for you.

Thank you.

Ar Lee Chor Wah
PAM President



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Speech by Ir Dr Abdul Majid bin Dato' Abu Kassim Chairman of Building Industry Presidents Council (BIPC) Building Industry Dinner

4 July 09 • Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre



The Building Industry Presidents Council or BIPC for short is a loose grouping of Presidents from ACEM, IEM, ISM, MBAM, MIP, PAM and REHDA involved in the building and construction industry. When I took over the Chairmanship of the BIPC just over 6 months ago from Y.Bhg. Dato' Goh from MBAM, little did I realized what was in store for us.

My Chairmanship of BIPC is really by chance as it is based on an annual rotation among member organization; and it so happened that this year was the turn of ACEM to take over the chairmanship and I being President of ACEM at the same time was suddenly entrusted with another portfolio.

During the past 6 months I have vivid memories of some of the Presidents in the BIPC notable amongst these are:

- Mr. Ng Kee Leen, President of MBAM who at that time fought for the liberalization of an important construction material; the reduction of prices of steel bars which was then RM4.00 per kg or more. He showed leadership in being able to bring together CIDB, SIRIM, MISIF, Customs Dept. and ACEM in forcing the issue of liberalization of the steel industry.
- Datuk Ng Seing Leong, President of REHDA and Datuk Eddie Chen showed leadership in the wake of the tragedy of Bukit Antarabangsa in resisting the reaction from the Town and Country Planning Department on the issue of hill slope planning guidelines without any engineering input together with ACEM.
- Ar Lee Chor Wah, President of PAM and Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun took the bold initiative of developing and finally launching the Green Building Index Malaysia in May this year by the Minister of Works. They have invited ACEM to be involved and at the same time spent a lot of money, time and effort to expand the market for consultants.

Similarly with the other Presidents of IEM, ISM and MIP together in BIPC we can work for the building industry in the coming months ahead where issues of common interest can be brought to the attention to all concerned. These are leaders within their own organization who has made an impact in the building industry and through the spirit of volunteerism has shaped the building industry in one small way or another. Yes, within the BIPC we sometimes do see eye to eye on certain issues or we see each other with only one eye; suspicious of the motives of each organization's intentions and needs but yet as Chairman of the BIPC I admire leadership qualities shown by the Presidents of each organization.

At the 19th Meeting of the Building Industry President's Council (BIPC) held on 23 June 2009, several issues were identified as having vital impact on the building industry in particular, and the nation in general. On behalf of my colleagues of the BIPC, I take this opportunity to highlight these issues.

1. IMPACT OF STIMULUS PACKAGE AND SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY SYSTEM

BIPC welcomes the Government's announcement regarding the

two stimulus packages for the economy. The news of the stimulus packages have been well received by the building industry as it shows the Government's seriousness and commitment to increase construction sector activities. On the other hand BIPC has also received feedback that consultants, contractors and suppliers in the building industry are already dipping into their reserves in order to survive. Some have stopped recruiting new employees and even some have undertaken a retrenchment exercise, freeze and cut salaries.

It is important to quickly bridge the gap between announcement and actual implementation in order to provide real stimulus to the whole supply chain in the building industry during this difficult and challenging period. At the same time BIPC appeals for the Government to award consultancy works based on a quality based selection procedure and construction projects transparently through open tenders so that projects could be expeditiously and successfully carried out by able consultants and contractors. A quality based selection and transparent process will help eradicate complacency amongst contractors/consultants as they would have to be competitive which is good for the industry when the building industry is liberalized in the coming years.

2. STAMP DUTY ISSUE

Early this year the building industry was hit by another tax – the Stamp Duty which caught all of us by surprise. The Stamp Duty Act has been amended to cover a wider area and is chargeable at the rate of 0.5% of the contract value. As a result of this, even a normal service agreement without security would now attract a 0.5% stamp duty.

The imposition of stamp duty of 0.5% is causing enormous repercussions to businesses. As a result a RM100 million Construction Contract, for example, will now attract a duty of RM500,000.00; whilst previously, only a nominal duty of RM10.00 per document was imposed regardless of the contract amount. The whole chain of the building industry such sub-contracts with sub-contractors, suppliers and transportation & shipping companies with be subjected to this tax. Consultancy Agreements and subsequent sub-consultancy agreements are also not spared from this tax.

BIPC believes that the imposition of additional stamp duty on Construction Contracts is counter-productive to the policy and objectives set out in the stimulus packages plan to boost the building industry. Instead of being a positive multiplier this tax is a negative multiplier. Should not the Government look instead to abolish this Stamp Duty including reducing corporate taxes in stimulating the economy as a whole?

The BIPC has requested the Government to consider exempting the imposition of the new stamp duty for the building industry with the support of CIDB and Ministry of Works. Unfortunately four days ago BIPC has just received a letter from the Ministry of Finance rejecting BIPC request for an exemption in the imposition of the stamp duty. BIPC is indeed disappointed with the decision of the Ministry of Finance.

3. LIBERALIZATION OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY

These are indeed challenging times with the world economy in turmoil and Malaysia registering a negative growth of 5%, the drop in foreign direct investments and the flight of foreign capital. Malaysia being part of the World Trade Organization and the Free Trade Agreements signed with various countries will have to open her doors to allow foreign participation in many sectors of the industry. One immediate impact that will definitely be felt is the liberalization of the building sector industry. Early this year the Government has liberalized the finance and tourism industries where foreign equity in firms providing services in these industries is no longer restricted. The Government through MITI has stated in no uncertain terms that foreign equity of companies in the building industry will be 51% by 2010, 70% by 2011 and 100% by 2012. Are Malaysian's companies ready to face the challenging times at home and abroad?

The Government recognizing this and through MITI, PSDC and CIDB is giving grants and loans and other form of initiatives in helping the building industry and professionals to build up their capacity and prepare defensive measures. Many of the companies in the building industry are world class being able to undertake development and construction projects overseas. Most become world class because of their strong presence in the local market which is our 'bread and butter'. Like any other industry for us to survive and prosper over the next challenging years, the building industry must be innovative, cost-effective, savvy in marketing, planning and ready to invest in new technology and highly qualified personnel. We should take this as a challenge and opportunity to expand our markets and built meaningful cooperation with global players in the industry which will be at our shores.

4. GREEN BUILDING

One such initiative is the Green Building Index; BIPC extends its support for the Green Building Index Malaysia developed jointly by PAM and ACEM. It is a profession driven initiative to lead the Malaysian property industry towards becoming more environment-friendly. It is intended to promote sustainability in the built environment and raise awareness among Developers, Architects, Engineers, Planners, Designers, Contractors and the Public about environmental issues. The rating system will provide opportunity for developers to design and construct green, sustainable buildings that can provide energy savings, water savings, a healthier indoor environment, better connectivity to public transport and the adoption of recycling and greenery for their projects.

The very definition of a "green building" remains elusive as the criteria for certification from different organizations are different from country to country. The rating that has been developed caters to meet Malaysia's own unique requirements. The green building should be seen as our honest efforts in promoting sustainability that stems from our humanitarian sense of social responsibility.

BIPC requests the Government's support to provide incentives and measures to promote the Green Building Index as the green rating tool for buildings in Malaysia. BIPC wish to applaud the Minister of Works in his enthusiasm, responsiveness and far sightness to this initiative. The Green Building Index for Malaysia is a bold initiative where traditionally it was the monopoly of foreign firms.

5. BUILDING FAILURES

The first half of my term as BIPC Chairman has been horrendous and dreadful for the building industry with the loss of lives at Bukit Antarabangsa due to slope failure and the collapse of Jaya Supermarket at Petaling Jaya during demolition works. This was compounded with the collapse of the Kuala Terengganu stadium roof and unsavory accounts of corruption of the Middle Ring Road Two project. These

dreadful events has resulted in a New Straits Times editorial headlines "The Collapse of Professionalism" which request all those involved in the building industry to stand-up and be accountable. The Minister of Work's statement on this matter to the public after the collapse of the roof stadium at Kuala Terengganu, which I shall paraphrase here when he said that "Bangunan lama pun roboh, bangunan baru pun roboh dan bangunan nak dirobah pun roboh".

BIPC is concerned of the negative image of the building industry due to the recent building failures as highlighted widely in the media. BIPC believes it is important that the government, professional bodies, contractors, local authorities and developers should work closely together to regain the public's confidence in the building industry. 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. BIPC would like to urge that any entity should not issue premature statements or actions until it is determined through proper study who is responsible for the failure.

On the issue of hill slope developments, BIPC commends the Government's effort to promote safe and orderly development of hillside areas. However, BIPC is of the view that the draft guideline is too prescriptive and simplistic to provide a sustainable solution to the issues surrounding not just hillside development but in fact any development that requires competent specialist engineering input. The classifications and conditions contained therein are geared towards punitive measures rather than promoting safe and sustainable hillside development.

Issues such as the stamp duty of 0.5% and guidelines on hill slope developments without prior consultation and input from the building industry does not abode well for us. BIPC believes that our country has the necessary expertise to assist the Government on many issues that affects the building industry.

The challenges BIPC face today and tomorrow and how we resolved them will depend largely on the continued attraction of BIPC in providing leadership in the building industry. The BIPC has been an effective platform for key players of the building industry to come together, in agreement or disagreement, and work towards the betterment of the industry. With the cooperation and support of all its members, I am confident the BIPC will continue to play a pivotal role in furthering the interests of the industry and the nation.

In conclusion, on behalf of BIPC, I would like to thank Y.B. Datuk Thomas George for your kind presence and for taking time off your very busy schedule to join us tonight including to those who are present here tonight to hear BIPC views, requests, proposals and grouses concerning the building industry.

Architecture Student Exhibition at ARCHIDEX09

2-6 July 09 • Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

The annual event ARCHIDEX was held on 2nd – 5th July 2009. In conjunction with the ARCHIDEX09, Education and Resource Committee organized an exhibition featuring student's best design work. The

Committee invited all 22 architecture schools to submit their best student's work but due to semester breaks, only 11 schools were able to submit. There were 18 panels displayed during the ARCHIDEX09.



Visitors viewing the students' works exhibited at ARCHIDEX09



Transcript of the interview with Ar Anthony Lee Tee of Architect Centre

15 May 09 • BFM 89.9 The Business Station

Architect Centre Sdn Bhd is an architectural service centre of the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM). The centre is set up as a joint venture with the Australian service provider, Archicentre Ltd. The centre provides independent property inspection and building advisory services to the Malaysian public.

BFM: How long has Architect Centre been around?

Anthony: We were opened on 8 May in 2008 and so we are about 12 months old now.

BFM: Why an inspection needs to be done?

Anthony: Currently most properties that are transacted are done purely on what purchasers think they want to buy. They really don't have a professional whom they can refer to or get an advisory from. So an inspection really helps purchasers to make informed decisions before they embark on probably the single biggest investment in their whole life.

BFM: What is the state of buildings here in Malaysia?

Anthony: If you look at the buildings in Malaysia, many of the stratified high rise buildings have been around for about 15- 20 years. So in this span of time many of them are now quite dilapidated. As you know our weather also is humid and this condition also promotes a lot of cracks and leaks in our current buildings. In the landed properties also you can see that many of the properties lack proper maintenance.

BFM: Sometimes the best solution is to get to the root cause of the problems and more often we know of residential buildings having a multitude structural deficiencies. I wonder how these buildings get their CFs in the first place? I'm not stepping on anybody's toes but I want your educated answer to that.

Anthony: Yes, but I think that's a really valid question. A lot of people are concerned about the structural deficiencies but I would like to debunk that. In fact I would like to say that in Malaysia most of our buildings do not suffer from structural problems. Most of the problems are visual and these problems are often related to architectural finishing - to do with roofing, plumbing issues and also settlement. But rest assured that most of our buildings are structurally sound.

BFM: Okay, I'm talking to Anthony Lee from Architect Centre Sdn Bhd and we are talking about Forensics Building Inspection, so it's a combination of CSI and FBI....so how is an inspection carried out?

Anthony: What we do is that we have a systematic approach. The first thing we do is that when we look at a building, we would analyze the cause of that particular defect. It is not just looking at the defect and say, look, there's a crack there or there's a leak here and there. We have to find out the cause of the problem and then we will provide a remedy to this problem. Now why is this so important? It is because it is no use of just picking up a mistake and then when somebody comes and fixes it up and they would just repair it in a way....you know we say "cincai cincai" when the work shoddily done, the problem comes back all over again. So it is important to get to the root cause of the problem. Often we get advice from the contractor. For example, the contractor says "Look you know we can kau tim everything for you",....that he would fix things up and the problems would go away. But in fact maybe most of the time the problem would recur so this does not resolve the root cause of the problem and it wastes your time and money.

BFM: I think you are supposed to carry a red flag but some say no problem and then there will be a problem in future. What kind of methods do you use for your inspection? Are

they like very technical or using high-end equipments or using sniffing dogs?

Anthony: Well, largely our inspection is largely based on visual. We use all our five senses. Most of the time we use our eyes, our hands and our nose. In fact, when we go into a building and if it is leaking, we can smell the dampness. This can lead to serious health problems. We also have several tools which we use to detect dampness. In Malaysia, many bathrooms are not waterproofed properly.

BFM: It's supposed to be. But from what I understand waterproofing can cost quite a bit so sometimes there may be incomplete work done...so if we have problems with our tiles, once you start ripping it off and there's no waterproofing there...

Anthony: Yes that's it, especially people who live in high rise apartments can vouch for this. For example, whenever a guy above takes a shower you take one as well...

BFM: What are the other problems that you see?

Anthony: Well, you mean the Kisah Benar stories? There are many, many stories...but I think in this segment we can't cover all. But there is one in particular that I would like to talk about. It's a very simple problem really. It's about somebody who lives in a high-rise building who faced this problem with the air conditioning pipe. Most people who fix air conditioning would face the problem a few years after that - when the pipe that drains the water out is leaking onto the little balcony below. What happens is the water seeps back in again and damages all of the parquat flooring below and because of the simple little thing, it has resulted in thousands of ringgit in damage.

BFM: What are the solutions do you provide actually?

Anthony: In Malaysia now, we tend to serve many of the Joint Management Bodies in apartments. Many of these apartments now are having issues to do with maintenance and also repairs. So one of the biggest solutions that we are providing to the industry is what we called by MRR which is Maintenance, Repair and Replacement program. Now this is really a smart and efficient use of their Sinking Fund. It is not just going out there and getting a contractor's quotation but it's really conducting a very detailed investigation and report or of condition of the building.

Take for example, if you are living in a condominium that is 10 years old and you want to repaint this condominium. It is not just only getting a quotation from a painter, it's really investigating to see whether there are any cracks or any other issues that that would result in the deterioration of the paint and also any other leaks that are normally found in the building.

BFM: When you talk about Joint Management Bodies and Management companies that actually manage a residential building, there's a question to ask: The developer, actually builds it all up. Then there's a transitional period before the management body takes over. For example, the same management company engages your forensics expertise to go and have a look at the building so that they can forward defects issues to them, and rectify all the problems before they take over because they are somewhat responsible for the building once they take over. Are there any situations where the developer will say, "No I'm no more responsible anymore because this is beyond and who are these guys?"

Anthony: Well, it goes back to the Sales and Purchase contract. Like if you bought a stratified property some two years ago, the defect liability period always say that the guarantee period is 18 months. Count the day when you get your vacant possession. If the developer is requested to fix up these problems within this time, then yes, he is bound by the contract to fix these problems.

But often the problems emerge way after that; in fact even two, three or four years after that. Now at this moment in time if you go back to the developer, I don't think it's fair to go back to him. Therefore, if that's the case you should fund the repair. It must come from your own pocket. So it's important then to try to capture a lot of these problems during the guarantee period if it's still valid. A developer does not mind actually carrying out this repair because they would have paid the contractor already to do this work. So if you brought up this complaint, it will just mean that the developer would just ask his contractor to repair it for you.

BFM: How do you actually ensure he does all these solutions and rectify all these problems as what you describe?

Anthony: Well, we'll go back and check it again. In our defect-cause remedy it is very clear we would ensure that the particular defect has to be repaired in this particular way and if it's not done in that way, we would bring this up to the resident.

BFM: Are Joint Management Bodies that take over building management responsible for the safety and property value depreciation of the building?

Anthony: This is a very interesting situation in our industry. The government recently introduced a new act called the BCP Act -The Building and Common Property Act. In this Act what it means is that the developer and the purchasers now have to form a joint body corporate. This is done while the strata title is in process so this is actually an interim act. During this time the body corporate actually has a common seal which means that they can sue or be sued. This means that the purchasers now have a responsibility to ensure that people pay up. It is ridiculous now that in a lot of places that you go to, people don't pay their maintenance charges. Now if you don't collect maintenance charges, then you are going to have no money to repair, to maintain and to upkeep the premises. This Act has been put in place so that this can be done. So this is one of the areas of responsibility of the Joint Management Body that has to be looked at.

BFM: How do you actually rectify and resolve maintenance issues?

Anthony: Like many other condominiums, they will engage their own technical people look at these problems. Most of the residents themselves are not technical people. So this is where we are trying to reach out to these people to say, ARCHITECT CENTRE is here now, contact us, we can conduct this investigation and reports for you so that problems can accurately be diagnosed and then remedied.

BFM: Okay, we'll talk about how to get in touch with you later on but here's the bonus question. How much do your services cost?

Anthony: For a double storey house, it is only RM900 to do a pre-purchase inspection. If you have bought a property and you want to take the keys from the property developer and you need us to help to identify the defects it will cost a range of RM700 – RM1200, if it is an apartment. But if you give us a bigger house, it can range up to a RM1500.

BFM: Do you cover commercial properties?

Anthony: Yes, we do.

BFM: Do you see people coming forward from commercial property seeking your services?

Anthony: Yes, in fact, commercial property people are excellent opportunities for us because we look at dilapidation reports and properties before things change hands and they would like to budget in renovation costs or upgrading costs.

BFM: Just wondering because with so many constructions happening especially in the city centre where one 20 or 30-storey building is undergoing construction where there is

20-storey building next to it - what happens to it with all the pounding and piling going on?

Anthony: Yes, this has in fact been a common industry practice that prior to a construction; we will do a survey to check that the pre-existing problems around the building are probably recorded.

BFM: Since you have been around for 12 months, how's the response been? Are people concerned and they see that it's useful to have your services?

Anthony: Well, I think that generally if people heard about our services and if they were the end purchaser they would say, Ah! Finally I have somebody I whom I can turn to who could actually give me a technical report. You know, we are not anti-developer or anti-contractor or anything like that. What we are, we stand for is anti – defects. We like to look at upgrading the entire industry so that people can make informed choices.

BFM: How do you think that Architect Centre can actually help upgrade the buildings in Malaysia? As you said most of our buildings are about 15 to 20 years old.

Anthony: Well, one of the things that we can do is to conduct an inspection to look at the building condition as it is and we can make recommendations for them to upgrade them or to improve them at the most optimal cost according to the correct specifications and the correct use of materials for them.

BFM: Based on the recommendations of course, you know, some defects may cost more than what they could actually afford, so what do you think would help drive the catalyst for people to arrive at whatever cost needs to be rectified?

Anthony: Take for example, if you live in a place where it is a safety issue. The fire doors to the fire staircase for example. Through time they tend to wear and breakdown. Now these are the things we always recommend that you have to replace or repair them and make sure that they are in functioning order. These include fire pumps, hose reels and things to do that are important for their safety and the safety of the building. Now of course there are things that would be the nice- to- do things, you know those are the things that the management corporation or the residents can decide for themselves but if you were to focus about getting value for money and protecting your investment, those are the areas that you would always prepare in protecting the properties as far as not making it into a rundown stage as it would cost so much more to repair them after it has broken down than to do preventive maintenance.

BFM: So how can one get in touch with ARCHITECT CENTRE SDN BHD?

Anthony: You can get in touch with us through our website www.architectcentre.com.my or call our office at 03-26982488.



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PAM Convention 2009

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The PAM Convention 2009 was held for 4 days from 2 – 5 July 2009 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. It featured several key activities and events with its highlights, DATUM: KL 2009 (International Architectural Design Conference), KL Design Forum 09 (Kuala Lumpur Design Forum), Green Building Forum 09 and ARCHIDEX 09.

Green Building Forum 09 (GBF09)

GBF09 is another new programme where the recently launched Green Building Index and other green technologies for building design was presented for discussion. It was held on Thursday morning, 2 July 2009 at the Plenary Theatre, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and was attended by 750 participants, locally and internationally. The theme for the GBF09 was “The New Green Industrial Revolution”. The speakers were Prof. Dr Wong Nyuk Hien, Shane Esmore and Tony Chan. While Ir Chen Thiam Leong, Ar Chan Seong Aun and Ar Serina Hijjas presented papers on the recent launched Green Building Index (GBI).

KL Design Forum 09 (KLDF)

The KL Design Forum was an afternoon forum held on Thursday, 2 July 2009 at Plenary Theatre, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre with attendance of 850 delegates. It was sponsored by Nippon Paint (M) Sdn Bhd. This year’s theme was “Biomimicry – Nature as Model, Measure and Mentor”. Biomimicry is the practice of developing sustainable technology inspired by ideas from nature. This event is jointly organized by PAM/PBSB, Institut Perakabentuk Dalam Malaysia (IPDM) and C.I.S Network Sdn Bhd. The speakers were Neil Thomas (UK), Andrew Grant (UK) and Meejin Yoon and Eric Howeler (USA).

DATUM: KL 2009 (International Architectural Design Conference)

This year’s theme for DATUM: KL 2009 was “Basic Design: The New Intelligence”. The thread of continuity which runs through DATUM: KL 2009 concerns the relevant, the elegance of basic design, a time for reflection and a reassessment of those intrinsic values that the architects apply to their work. It was sponsored by BlueScope Steel (M) Sdn Bhd. This two-day event was held on 3 and 4 July 2009 at Plenary Hall, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. This year’s DATUM: KL was successfully attended by more than 2,250 local and overseas delegates. This is due to the outstanding speakers as listed below. Datum: KL 2009 was moderated by Prof. Laurence Liauw from Chinese University of Hong Kong. Ar Mubasshar Hussain, Chairman of ARCASIA gave an opening speech. PAM was honoured to have the Presidents and representatives from the Institutes of Architects of Singapore, Thailand, the Philippine and Indonesia in our midst.

- Winy Maas, MVRDV (The Netherlands)
- Roman Delugan, Delugan Meissl Associates Architects (Austria)
- Junya Ishigami, Junya Ishigami + Associates (Japan)
- Han Tumertekin, Mimarlar Tasarim Danismanlik Ltd (Turkey)
- Ar Hud Abu Bakar, RSP Architects, Planners and Engineers (Malaysia)
- Zhang Ke, Standardarchitecture (China)
- Marina Tabassum, MTA/Urbana (Bangladesh)
- Meejin Yoon & Eric Howeler, Howeler + Yoon Architecture (USA)
- Stephen Pimbley, Sparch (UK)

ARCHIDEX 09 (10th Malaysia Architecture, Interior Design and Building Exhibition)

ARCHIDEX 09 is an exhibition jointly organised by PAM/Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd (PBSB) with C.I.S Network Sdn Bhd and held concurrently with PAM Convention 2009 from 2 – 5 July 2009 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. This trade exhibition was a showcase of the latest products in the architecture, interior design and building industry. This year, the exhibition saw an increase in exhibit space to 6 halls in the convention centre with more than 800 booths, occupied by over 300 companies, locally and from abroad.



Poster hung at the glass lift at KLCC depicting the three forums of PAM Convention 2009 : GBF09, KLDF09 and Datum:KL 2009.



Datum:KL 2009 speakers during the Q&A session.



YB Dato' Yong Khoon Seng during the Opening Ceremony of ARCHIDEX09.



Speakers of GBF09, from left Ir Chen Thiam Leong, Tony Chan, Shane Esmore, Prof Wong Nyuk Hien and Ar Chan Seong Aun



Ar Serina Hijias



Speakers of KLDF09, from left, Neil Thomas, Andrew Grant, Eric Howeler, and Meijin Yoon



Andrew Grant



Ar Lee Chor Wah presenting a memento to YB Dato' Yong Kibon Seng during the Opening Ceremony of ARCHIDEX09.



YB Dato' Yong viewing the ASA Sufficiency Exhibition at ARCHIDEX09.



Visitors to ARCHIDEX09



Band performing during the Professional Networking Night.



Ar Lee Chor Wah and Mr. Vincent Lim with Eric Howeler and Alastair Hall



From left Winy Maas, Han Tumertekin, Hud Abu Bakar, Stephen Pimbley, Alastair Hall and Prof Lawrence Liauw



Winy Maas



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Total number of participants to Datum:KL 2009 was about 2,250 people



Visitors to ARCHIDEX09 was estimated at 26,600 people



Some of the exhibition booths at ARCHIDEX09



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

24 July 09 • PAM Centre, KL

Council approved the list of new membership applications as follows:

Corporate Membership Khoh Kok – Hoong

Graduate Membership Salahuddin Abdul Hakeem, Mohd Lokman bin Shamsuddin, Choong Ghun Wei, Mohd Azizan bin Yahya, Chong Chou Zan, Ahmad Salman bin Mohd Sulaiman

Student Membership Muhammad Nabil bin Jarusman, Mohammad Shafiq bin Razak, Vinson Chiang Wye Hoe, Anith Shazana binti Aminuddin, Chong Tzu Huei, Nornazia binti Suhaimi, Nurul Nadia binti Mohamad, Nor Izyan binti Saleh

Reinstatement Raini bin Jaafar

Ar Chris Yap, Election Officer 2009-2010, reported on the list of nominations received at the closing of nominations at 5.00pm, 24 July 2009, as tabulated below. The nominations of three candidates for the post of Ordinary members of Council were disqualified in accordance with the PAM Constitution and Byelaws, Clause 12.1 of the Byelaws - Election Rules and Procedures. The list of nominations received for the PAM Elections 2009-2010 is as follows:

| Office | Candidate | Proposer | Seconder | Remark |
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| President | Ar Boon Chee Wee | Ar Dato' Haji Esa Haji Mohamed | Ar Chee Soo Teng | No contest |
| Deputy President | Ar Saifuddin Ahmad | Ar Datuk Dr Amer Hamzah | Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An | No contest |
| Vice-President | Ar Chan Seong Aun | Ar Boon Chee Wee | Ar Dato' Prof Elias @Ilias Salleh | No contest |
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| | Ar Sarly Adre Sarkum | Ar Lee Chor Wah | Ar Saifuddin Ahmad | |
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| Ar Sum Phoon Mun, Jerry | Ar Nik Mustapha Bin Nik Jacob | Ar Goh Hooi Suan | | |
| Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun | Ar Ng Hai Yean | Ar Lim Wei Hang | | |
| Ar Thang Boon Ann, Steven | Ar Chan Seong Aun | Ar Lee Kon Keong, Vincent | | |

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| | Ar Von Kok Leong | Ar Sum Phoon Mun, Jerry | Ar Tan Ah Tee | |
| | Ar Dato' Wee Beng Teck, Maurice | Ar Yap Foong Keng, Jonathan | Ar Dato' Ong Leng Chun, Michael | |
| | Ar Menaha Ramanath | Ar Chang Choong Yew | Ar Anthony Lee Tee | Disqualified |
| | Ar Tan Kok Chaon | Ar Chan Chin Yeow | Ar Wong Yee Shiong | Disqualified |
| | Ar Zamri Ismail | Ar Kalsom Mohamad | Ar Lucas, John Ashraf | Disqualified |

PAM Northern Chapter's AGM would be held on 1 August 2009.

Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA) had requested for assistance to help formulate green policies with IRDA. There was also discussion for IRDA to sponsor seminars on IBS and GBI.

Majlis Bandaraya Kuching Selatan (MBKS) organized a second Open Counter session on 16 July 2009 following the first session on 16 June 2009. The Chapter commended MBKS on this effort and expressed hope that this would become a regular session to expedite the submission process.

Ar Ng Chee Wee was invited as Session Chairman for the afternoon session of the **PSDC Seminar on 23 July 2009** on **"Liberalisation and Government support for Malaysian Professional Services Sector"**.

PAM Sarawak Chapter would be having its AGM on 1 August 2009.

Design Excellence Award, Johnson Suisse Scholarship Award, Travel Scholarship, PAM Scholarship and CIS Design Excellence Awards are the scholarships available and offered by PAM to architecture students.

Ar Dato' Haji Esa had chaired the inaugural meeting of the **ASEAN Architect Council (AAC)** held in Bagan, Myanmar on 30 June 2009. 6 member states submitted official notification of participation in the MRA. The meeting also launched the official AAC website and the AAC Logo Competition, which is open to architects and designers. The closing date of competition is 15 August 2009. **LAM** and **PAM** is to share the hosting of the **ASEAN Architect Council (AAC)** Secretariat.

Total number of firms invited for submission for **Architects Malaysia 2009** is 962 firms, total submissions received is 296 firms, number of complete submissions is 226 firms, number of incomplete submissions is 69 firms and current number of pages is 294 pages.

The **Pusat Tenaga Malaysia (PTM)** GEO Building was launched by the Prime Minister on 24 July 2009. PTM GEO Building is the first GBI certified building. During the launch, the Prime Minister announced that incentives for green building would be included in the 2010 National Budget.

The **Green Building Index MS1525 Seminar** would be held in Penang on 25 July 2009. The seminar would be officiated by the Chief Minister of Penang, YAB Mr Lim Guan Eng.

PAM Convention 2009 number of attendance: **ARCHIDEX09** visitors: 26,600, **Datum:KL2009** participants: 2,250, **GBF09** participants: 750, **KLDF09** participants: 800.

Pusat Teknologi PAM Sdn Bhd / Architect Centre Sdn Bhd (ACSB) would be doing more events to promote its services and increase income. PAM Sabah Chapter is helping to promote Architect Centre at its Ministry level. An Executive Officer had been recruited and would be reporting for work in September 2009.

Other Highlights

1 July 2009

ARCHIDEX Challenge Trophy
Kota Permai Golf and Country Resort



Participants of the golf tournament



Participant golfer in action

2-7 July 2009

ARCHIDEX09 PAM Booth
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre



25 July 2009

CPD Seminar
Digital Mapping and Property Market
Speaker Ho Chin Soon
Universiti Malaya



Ho Chin Soon

27 July 2009

Visit from Architecture Students of UTM Skudai
PAM Centre, KL



Ar Chan Seong Aun gave a briefing on GBI to the students



Participants at the seminar

29 July 2009

Design Lecture Series
Generative Architecture and Parametric Design
Speaker Prof James Steele
PAM Centre, KL



Prof James Steele



Participants at the seminar

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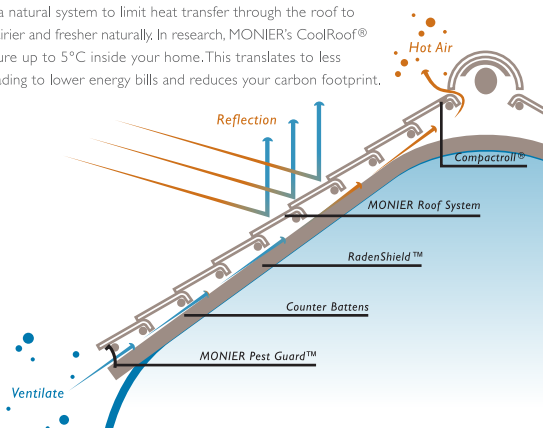
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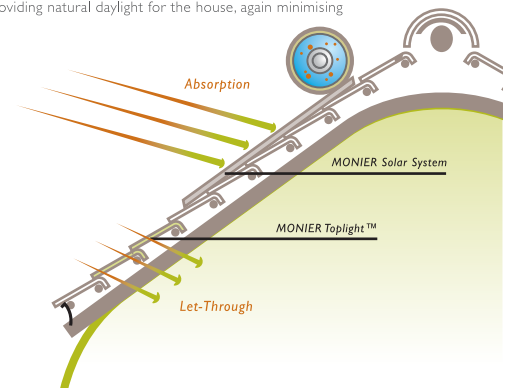
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