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The Amendments...

It is a fact that one of the Professional Board's intent is to open up 100% of the holding of equities to those other than professionals registered with the professional allied bodies including non professionals and non citizens. PAM had, in August 2011, made known our stand to the Board of Architects Malaysia (LAM) that the Architectural Profession should not follow this intention and should only be opened to the members registered within the three boards and/or within the allied profession.

In principle, PAM has concurred with the Government's decision to liberalise trade and services including allowing non citizens to own equities in the architectural consultancy firms. PAM strongly opined that if the equity is opened up to anyone, issues such as conflict of interest which may affect public safety and interest will arise. If an architectural firm is owned by non professionals, the firm's interest may be influenced during decision making including decisions related to health and safety standards which may be compromised or undermined owing to personal interest.

PAM, together with IEM and RISM, have decided to write to the YB Minister of Works to jointly state our stand on this matter.

Recently Jabatan Perancangan Bandar dan Desa Semenanjung Malaysia organised a meeting together with stakeholders on the proposed amendments to the Town and Country Planning Act 1976 (Akta 172) at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre on 3 November 2011. PAM has formed a committee headed by Ar Mok Chee Pan to review these amendments. PAM has always made its stand clear that no amendment should be made if it denies the existing right of the profession and affects the public at large. The committee has noted that there are sections and sub subsections that are due for amendment which shall give rise to this. PAM will be issuing an official objection on this matter to the Director General of Jabatan Perancangan Bandar dan Desa Semenanjung Malaysia.

Any amendments to the Acts should not compromise the existing rights of professionals as well as public health and safety.

Ar Saifuddin Ahmad, PAM President

DIARY

11 February 2012

PAM Inter-Firm Bowling 2012

Venue Wangsa Walk Mall

28 April 2012

PAM AGM

Venue Sime Darby Convention Centre

12 May 2012

PAM Annual Dinner

Venue Shangri-La Hotel

1 October 2012

International VELUX Award 2012

(for students of architecture)

For further details on participation,

kindly visit the website:

<http://iva.velux.com/>

Closing date for registration:

1 March 2012

29 October – 3 November 2012

ARCASIA

Venue Bali, Indonesia

Kindly note that the scheduled events above are subject to change. Please call PAM at **03-2693 4182** for confirmation.

VISIT TO LAOS

Ar Saifuddin Ahmad, Ar Mohd Zulhemlee and Ar Tan Pei Ing visited Laos on 7 – 12 November 2011 on the invitation of the ALACE President. The group visited Luang Prabhang which is a heritage city and Ar Saifuddin proposed that PAM Northern Chapter work together with Luang Prabhang Chapter of ALACE on heritage issues.

A meeting between PAM, ALACE, ASA and Singapore Board of Architects (SBA) was held on 11 November 2011 and attended by PAM representatives, Sengkham Phinith, Phonxay Sonthiphong (ALACE), Sathirut Tandanand (ASA) and Rita Soh (SBA). The matters discussed are as follows:

- Architectural Service Fee and Fee Scale
- Architectural Competition
- Foreign Architects Working in Laos
- Architectural Standard of Practice
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- ASEAN Architects Issues
- Social Responsibility Issues
- ALACE Architect Divisions



INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE THROUGH DESIGN UITM / DEAKIN / IIUM / PAM – IDIDE 2011 MALAYSIA

The program of “Intercultural Dialogue through Design” UiTM / Deakin / IIUM/ PAM – IDIDE 2011 Malaysia was held on 24 November 2011 – 3 December 2011 at the Faculty of Architecture, Planning & Surveys [FSPU], UiTM Shah Alam throughout ten days.

It was participated by 38 students and academicians from Deakin University Australia, University Technology MARA and the International Islamic University of Malaysia, as well as PAM Practitioners, Akitek Rekabina, David Chan, ATSA Architect, HL Design Group and Arkitek Jururancang.

Whilst Australia and Malaysia have been actively engaged in the exchange of trade and culture for over 50 years, there is but sparse public and physical recognition of this vibrant and multifaceted exchange.

Therefore, by means of a speculative project and intercultural dialogue between architecture students, academics and practitioners, collaborative teams developed schemes for a landmark pavilion, from which to celebrate and give greater impetus to the current artistic and cultural dialogue between Australia & Malaysia.

Throughout the workshop, the practitioners provided a

conducive workstation and crucial design counsel with the participants. The final evaluation of the outcome of the students’ works for the IDIDE was held at the National Textile Museum. The Panel of Jury comprised of Ar Hj Saifuddin Ahmad, Ar Lee Chor Wah and Ar Lillian Tay Wai Fun.

The students from Deakin University Australia, University Technology MARA and the International Islamic University of Malaysia, collaborated in mixed groups of six to design an **Australia Malaysia Pavilion for Contemporary Art**. This Pavilion is based on a profound understanding of the current cultural and artistic exchanges between Australia and Malaysia. Therefore, the challenge as a collaborative group is to develop an architecture that will concretise, for the users, an appropriate sense of these cross-cultural exchanges.

The closing reception of the programme was held at National Textile Museum. The closing remark was given by Mr Miles Kupa (Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia). The awards for the Best Overall Design were presented by President of PAM, Ar Hj Saifuddin Ahmad to the winners, Studio Group 4 (first place), Studio Group 1 (second place) and studio group 2 (third place). The certificates of participation and appreciation were also presented to all participants and host firms.



From left Assistant Prof Dr Nurul Syala Abdul Latip (Lecturer, IIUM); Susan Ang (Lecturer, Deakin Univ); Assoc Prof Dr Masran Saruwono (Dean, FSPU, UiTM); Prof Dato’ Dr Abdullah Mohamad Said (Deputy Vice Cancellor, UiTM); Siti Aishah Raimi Ramli (Secretary, organising committee, UiTM); Ar Haji Saifuddin Ahmad (President, PAM); Assoc Prof Ramli Abdullah (Lecturer, UiTM); Assoc Prof Dr Ar Norhati Ibrahim (Lecturer, UiTM); James Coulson (Senior lecturer, Deakin Univ)



From left Ar Haji Saifuddin Ahmad, Assistant Prof Dr Nurul Syala Abdul Latip and Prof Ar Dr Asiam Abdul Rahim



Participants setting up their presentations for evaluation



Final evaluation session of the outcome of the students’ works of IDIDE 2011

AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1976

This is a summary of PAM's objections on the Amendments to the Town and Country Planning Act 1976 [Act 172] to be submitted to the Ketua Pengarah, Jabatan Perancang Bandar dan Desa Semenanjung Malaysia.

1) Proposed Additional Sub-section 2B (1) (db)

The new term "to issue any circular relating to the administration of this Act as it deems fit", seeks to empower the Director General to issue administrative circulars directly without having to refer to the National Physical Planning Council (Council). This is a contradiction to the functions of the Director as stated in Subsection 2A (3). According to the existing subsection 2A (3), the Council may from time to time give directions to the Director General in line with the provisions of the Act and the Director General shall implement the directive. The existing Act has provided enough power through the direction of the Council to be implemented by the Director General.

Additional terms of the new sub-section 2B (1) (db) is not appropriate as the Director-General is authorised to issue a circular that 'deems fit' without having received instructions from the Council. This is a contradiction of the government's intention to ensure that all implementation is based on national interest as decided by the Council.

2) Proposed amendment to the Paragraph 9 (2) (a) and Subsection 13 (1)

The proposal to change the Notice of Notification for the Draft Local Plan to one issuance is not suitable. Release of this notice should be maintained at three issues to ensure that the notices are served to the public effectively.

3) Proposed amendments to Subsection 13 (1)

The proposal to change the Notice of Announcement of the Draft Local Planning to one issuance is not suitable. The notice of announcement shall be maintained at three issues to ensure the announcements of the notices are served to the public effectively.

4) Proposed amendments to Subsection 16 (4)

Proposal for the exemption the Publicity Process (section 13) and RT investigation and hearing (section 14) of any development is not appropriate. Publicity process should be maintained as the existing provision for public feedback in the interest of the people and country.

5) Proposed amendment to the Section 21C

The basis to change the reference for "All plans, details, layout plans..." to Development Plan (LPP) is unclear. As the "LPP" is not specifically mentioned in the Acts of other professionals, it is likely the proposed amendment would prevent other professionals to submit applications for planning permission. The proposed amendment is inconsistent with the true intent of the original section which allows other professionals to submit applications for planning permission for all types of applications as mentioned in reference to "all plans, details, layout plans ...". In order to avoid conflict with reference to the actual section for the same purpose in any sections and other legislation, the proposed amendment is not appropriate.

The new term for Sub-section 21C (a) "Registered Town Planner as prescribed under Town Planning Act 1995 [Act 538];" proposed to replace the original term is confusing and unclear. The existing provisions of Sub-section 21C (b) which is termed "a person entitled to do so under any other written law" is sufficient to explain the meaning of Section 13 (1) Town Planning Act 1995 (Act 538). In addition, the Town Planner is already allowed to submit applications for planning permission as stated in the existing section, as other professionals. The proposed amendment is likely to be misinterpreted and cause confusion that applications for planning permission can only be done by registered Town Planner.

SURAT BERSAMA KEPADA YB MENTERI KERJA RAYA TERHADAP CADANGAN PINDAAN AKTA ARKITEK 1967, AKTA PENDAFTARAN JURUTERA 1967 DAN AKTA JURUUKUR BAHAN 1967

Berikut adalah ringkasan surat bersama daripada Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM), Institusi Jurutera Malaysia (IEM), dan Pertubuhan Juruukur Diraja Malaysia (RISM) kepada YB Menteri Kerja Raya, berkenaan cadangan pindaan Akta Arkitek 1967, Akta Pendaftaran Jurutera 1967, dan Akta Juruukur Bahan 1967.

Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Shaziman bin Abu Mansor, Menteri Kerja Raya, Malaysia,

Kami telah difahamkan bahawa antara cadangan pindaan kepada Akta-Akta tersebut di atas adalah untuk membenarkan pegangan ekuiti sesebuah firma perunding arkitek, jurutera, dan juruukur bahan kepada sesiapa sahaja termasuk bukan professional dan warganegara asing.

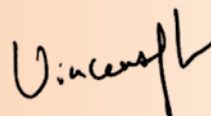
Kami dengan rendah hati ingin menarik perhatian YB Datuk Seri kepada isu tersebut memandangkan ia merupakan sesuatu yang penting dan melibatkan kepentingan serta keselamatan awam. Pada dasarnya, kami menyokong keputusan Kerajaan untuk meliberasasi perdagangan dan perkhidmatan (trade and services) termasuk membenarkan warga asing memiliki ekuiti di dalam firma perunding arkitek, kejuruteraan, dan juruukur bahan. Namun kami berpendapat bahawa pegangan ekuiti sesebuah firma perunding arkitek, kejuruteraan, dan juruukur bahan wajar dihadkan kepada arkitek, jurutera, dan juruukur profesional yang berdaftar dengan badan berkanun masing-masing atau badan profesional yang diiktiraf sahaja. Kami juga berpendapat sekiranya pemilikan ekuiti dibuka kepada sesiapa sahaja, isu pertembungan kepentingan (conflict of interest) yang boleh menjejaskan kepentingan serta keselamatan awam berkemungkinan akan timbul.

Sekiranya sesebuah firma perunding arkitek, kejuruteraan, dan juruukur bahan dimiliki oleh mereka yang bukan ahli profesional, mereka yang berkepentingan serta mempunyai pengaruh untuk membuat keputusan termasuk keputusan yang berkaitan dengan piawaian kesihatan dan keselamatan, berkemungkinan cenderung membuat keputusan yang kurang tepat lantaran pertembungan dengan kepentingan mereka, atau membuat keputusan yang dikompromi demi memelihara kepentingan perniagaan.

Bagi pihak PAM, IEM, RISM, kami berpendirian bahawa 100% ekuiti perlu dihadkan kepada ahli-ahli profesional yang berdaftar dengan Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia, Lembaga Jurutera Malaysia, dan Lembaga Juruukur Bahan Malaysia, termasuk arkitek, jurutera dan juruukur warga asing yang diiktiraf dan berdaftar dengan badan pendaftaran bagi profesion berkenaan di negara ini atau melalui Perjanjian Pengiktirafan Bersama (Mutual Recognition Agreement) antara Malaysia dengan negara warga asing tersebut.



Ar Haji Saifuddin Ahmad
Presiden, PAM



Ir Vincent Chen Kim Kieong
Presiden, IEM



Sr Ahmad Fauzi Nordin
Presiden, RISM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF PAM COUNCIL 2011 – 2012

18 November 2011, PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur

Ar Haji Saifuddin Ahmad welcomed Ar David Teh, Past President on Council, attending his first meeting.

Election of New Members Council approved the list of applications for 1 Fellow, 8 Graduate Memberships, 3 Associate Graduate Memberships and 220 Student Memberships.

Southern Chapter: Proposal to purchase unutilised land The chapter reported that they realized that there is unutilised state land in Johor and would like to purchase such property. If the Chapter is able to obtain the property from the Government, the Chapter would like to use the property as PAM Southern Chapter Centre. The Chapter would submit a paper for this endeavour for Council's information.

Sarawak Chapter: Dialogue with members in Kuching, Sarawak A copy of the notes for the Dialogue with Members held on 22 October 2011 had been submitted to PAM. Ar Haji Saifuddin thanked and congratulated the Chapter for organising the Council meeting, Members Night and Dialogue with Members.

PAM agreed to support the **Bluescope Steel Technical Seminar**. PAM's role would be to send the invitation to PAM Members, registration and application of CPD points.

PAM White Paper The Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) organised on 24 October 2011 for a full day workshop, attended by Ar Haji Saifuddin Ahmad, Ar Boon Che Wee, Ar Mohd Zulhemlee and Ar Wan Sofiah. The workshop decided that MOHE would summarise the findings and circulate the documents to participants for comments before tabling the findings to the Minister. Following the Roundtable held in February 2011 and the workshop organised by MOHE, the Committee was of the view that there should be more interaction and collaborations between practising professionals and the academicians.

PAM School Liaison Panel The Committee proposed to organise two school liaison meetings with the architectural schools at the end of 2011 or early 2012. The first meeting would be held with the heads of public and private universities, and the second meeting with Polytechnic, Kolej Kemahiran Tinggi MARA, Community College and Institut Kemahiran MARA. The meetings were proposed to be held separately due to the two groups having different agendas and issues.

PAM Travel and Research Scholarship PAM received 13 applications for the scholarship and 6 students have been shortlisted to be interviewed.

Submitting person for planning works PAM received a copy of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MOHLG)'s circular informing the decisions made at the KSU's meeting with the Board of Planners Malaysia, MIP, LAM and PAM on 23 June 2011. PAM would arrange for a meeting with the KSU for a clearer picture of the circular.

Proposed Amendments to the Town Planning and Country Act A meeting was held on 3 November 2011, organised by MOHLG to get stakeholders' feedback on the proposed amendments. UiTM has submitted a Memorandum of Objection while an objection letter has been submitted from PEJUTA. PAM Secretariat is following up with UiTM and PEJUTA to get copies of the Memorandum and letter of objection, as well as the proposed amendments to the Act.

Majlis Daerah Perak Tengah (MDPT) MDPT sought PAM's permission to appoint an architect practising in Perak to join its Committee "Jawatankuasa Panel Profesional Bebas" to study and re-assess the construction cost of MDPT's office building. Currently, the construction of the building is postponed due to non-availability of budget. Council agreed to reply to MDPT that PAM has no objection to the appointment as long as all terms and conditions follow LAM's regulation.

Meeting on MOHLG on Implementation of Property Development Lab Initiative. The Government and Industry Liaison Committee is preparing a form for members to submit the feedback on local authorities to MOHLG. PAM was also welcomed to do courtesy visits to local authorities jointly with JKT.

ASEAN Architect Council (AAC) Council agreed to endorse Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An and Ar Boon Che Wee, as PAM representatives for the AAC.

EAROPH Malaysia PAM is now a Council member of EAROPH Malaysia and PAM representative for EAROPH Malaysia is now PAM President or his nominated representative. EAROPH International has collaborations with International affiliates, and would organise the next congress in Korea, and the following in London.

ALACE Ar Tan Pei Ing, Ar Saifuddin and Ar Zulhemlee visited Laos on the invitation of the ALACE President. The group visited Luang Prabhang which is a heritage city. PAM Northern Chapter would work together with Luang Prabhang Chapter of ALACE on heritage issues. PAM has forwarded to ALACE a copy of PAM Competition Guidelines, and both institutes agreed to collaborate on CPD, competition and heritage issues. ALACE requested a formal meeting annually and since ALACE has hosted twice, PAM would host the next meeting tentatively during KLAF.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

3 November 2011

**Malam Anugerah Bersama PAM
Politeknik Port Dickson
Negeri Sembilan**



12 November 2011

**PAM CPD Program
The Confessions of a Low Cost
Architect - A Talk
by Ar Mazlin Ghazali
Taylor's University
Lakeside Campus**



19 November 2011

**PAM CPD Program
Procurement System: Public Private
Partnership
by Prof Sr Dr Khairuddin Abdul
Rashid
Taylor's University
Lakeside Campus**



23 November 2011

**PAM Design Lecture Series
NAME
by Makoto Tanijiri
UCSI University North Wing Campus**



30 November 2011

**PAM Northern Chapter
Chairman's Night 2011
Penang**



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BECOMING A CORPORATE MEMBER AFTER 1 JAN 2013



WHY?

- In January 2010, the Registrar of Societies has approved an amendment to PAM Constitution clause II.2.2 (b) to allow the provision of two (2) years Graduate membership before qualifying as Corporate member of PAM.
- Effective on **01 January 2013**, a Graduate member of PAM **shall not be able to register as PAM Corporate member unless he/she has been a Graduate member of PAM for a minimum of two (2) years.**
- **Currently, a candidate can shorten the process by paying a levy of RM150 as processing allowed under PAM Bye Laws Item 3.3 which states:**

QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

3.3 Where a Graduate Member applies to be a Corporate Member, and he has been a Graduate Member for less than 6 months; a processing fee of RM150 shall be levied in addition to the entrance and subscription fee.

This particular bye law will be removed/deleted thus allowing Clause II.2.2 to be fully enforced in 1st January 2013.

WHAT?

- PAM Constitutions Clause II.2.2 (b) states that :
II.2.2 Ordinary Members
Any applicant who
 - (a) has obtained the architectural qualification from school recognised by the Institute and
 - (b) **has been a Graduate member of the Institute for a minimum of 2 years and**
 - (c) having obtained the necessary practical experience as required by the Institute and
 - (d) having passed the professional practice and practical experience Part 3 examinations recognised by the Institute or having obtained the academic qualifications, the necessary practical experience and professional qualifications as above which qualifies the candidate for registration with the Board of Architects Malaysia as an architect under the Architects Act 1967 (Revised 1973).

shall be deemed acceptable to the Council for admission to the ordinary Corporate membership of the Institute as per Bye-laws.

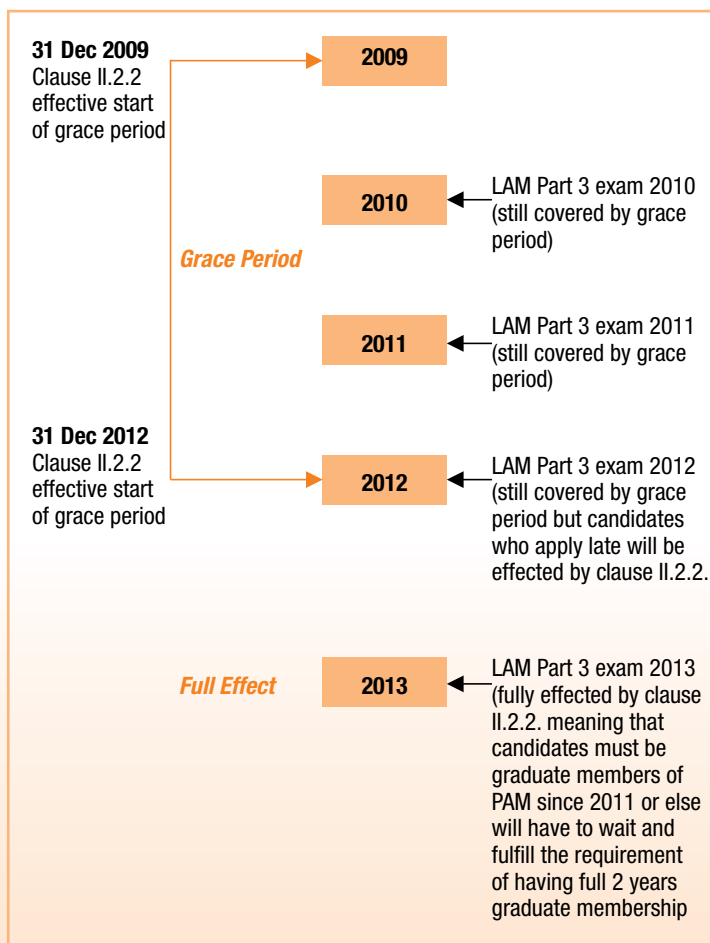
WHO?

- Those who wish to become Corporate member upon sitting for Part III Professional Examination and
- To be registered with LEMBAGA ARKITEK MALAYSIA as a Professional Architect

WHY?

- To be inline with the mandatory training period of 2 years required by Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia.
- Clause 7.4 of LAM's Handbook For The Part III Professional Examination states: The stipulated scope and period of practical experience as follows:
 - a) The minimum period of practical working experience required is two (2) years (104 weeks) which must be obtained subsequent to registration as an Architect with the Board of Architects Malaysia.
- To encourage graduate architects to be close to the fraternity and to be more involved in PAM and its activities.

HOW?



SCENARIOS :

Type 1 – As an Existing Graduate member of PAM as of June 2011

- Become a Graduate member of PAM up to 1 January 2011 is covered by a grace period which ends on 31 December 2012

Type 2 - IF not a GRADUATE MEMBER of PAM

- Candidates who intend to sit for **Part III in the year 2013**, normally held in July are advised to register as member **now or latest, by Oct 2011** in order to qualify the 2 years of requisite membership with PAM as GRADUATE MEMBER, prior to applying to become a CORPORATE MEMBER as Part III results are announced in November.
- In the event if a candidate applies to become a **GRADUATE MEMBER later than Oct 2011**, who then passes the Part III examination July 2011 will only have a short window period from the announcement of the Part III result till 31 Dec 2011 to make
- Thus candidates who are intending or planning to sit for the Part III are advised to plan their registration for PAM membership in order to allow for their Professional Registration with LAM to be effected accordingly.

Type 3 - IF register as Graduate Member on/after 1 January 2013

- Earliest for a candidate to become a Corporate member is on 1 January 2015 or 2 years after admission date as Graduate member of PAM.