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WORLD DAY OF ARCHITECTURE 2010

4 October 2010_PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur



This is the first time Malaysia is celebrating the World Day of Architecture, and PAM is commemorating this celebration with a month-long exhibition titled Architects Malaysia, to present the profession's best works, and the profession's continued contribution to nation building.

This exhibition includes a timeline on the evolution of architecture in our country since the profession was first institutionalised in Malaysia in the 1920s, with an emphasis on its best contemporary works, indicated by those that had been honoured our prestigious PAM Awards over the last ten years and projects that were accorded international awards, as well as a timely showcase on the works of Jabatan Kerja Raya, a major contributor to Malaysian architecture over the years.

PAM also takes the opportunity of this historic occasion to celebrate the launch of our latest book, "Shapers of Modern Malaysia – The Lives and Works of the PAM Gold Medallists."

This section honours the five recipients of the PAM Gold Medals – the late Dato' Ar Kington Loo, the late Dato' Ar Hisham Albakri, Datuk Seri Ar Lim Chong Keat, Ar Hijjas Kasturi, and Dato' Ar Baharuddin Abu Kassim.

Looking forward and to showcase our current works that signal the new energy that typifies the creative state of Malaysian architecture today, Architects Malaysia also has a section featuring submissions by PAM members to the theme of the 2010 World Day of Architecture, and a highlight on Malaysia's debut at the Venice Architecture Biennale this year.

The hosting of this opening and major exhibition here in our home the PAM Centre demonstrates the potential of this historic venue to be developed as the centre of architecture, to present a continuing showcase on the evolution and advancement of architecture in our capital city, for the awareness of our Malaysian public, and is also very much in the interest of visitors to Kuala Lumpur.

With its proximity to Dataran Merdeka, we believe there is in fact, the possibility of this being the Centre for Contemporary Architecture and Arts for Kuala Lumpur, and PAM is presenting a brief proposal to Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur on this possibility.

EVENTS

16 February 2011

Green Building Index (GBI)
Facilitator Basic and Advance
Course Examination

Venue Taylors University Lake Side
Campus, Petaling Jaya

18 February 2011

Architect Centre:

IBS Training Course

IBS 02: IBS Scoring (CIDB Module)

Venue CIDB IBS Centre,
Kuala Lumpur

19 February 2011

PAM CPD SEMINAR

Pitfalls of Practice

Venue PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur

23 February 2011

PAM Gold Medallists

Design Lecture

By YBhg Dato' Ar. Dr. Baharuddin

Abu Kassim

Venue PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur

24 February 2011

PAM Membership Golf

Venue Kuala Lumpur

25 February 2011

PAM Members' Night

Venue Kuala Lumpur

26 February 2011

PAM CPD SEMINAR

Designing for Earthquake

Venue PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur

Kindly note that the scheduled events
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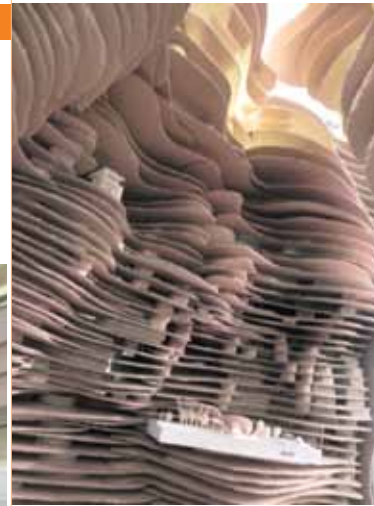




PAM Annual Architecture Student Works Exhibition 2010

18-24 October 2010_1 Utama Shopping Centre, Petaling Jaya

The 4th PAM Annual Architecture Student Works Exhibition was held at 1 Utama Shopping Centre, Bandar Utama Petaling Jaya, Selangor from 18 -24 October 2010 on the theme, "innovate, inspire", featuring works of students from 15 public and private schools or institutes in Malaysia.



GBI Exhibition at International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition & Conference Malaysia (IGEM) 2010

14-17 October 2010_KL Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

Green Building Index was invited to participate in the inaugural International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference (IGEM2010), jointly organised by the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water Malaysia over four days from 14 to 17 October 2010 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

The event attracted 86,372 visitors from 59 countries, and Green Building Index Pavilion was graced by His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Malaysia, their Majesties Yang Di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan & Tunku Ampuan Besar, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Cabinet Ministers, Ambassadors and High Commissioners and other foreign Ministers and dignitaries.



Response from The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MHLG) to PAM Local Authority Survey 2010

Following to the Local Authority Survey carried out by PAM, below is the response from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MHLG) on the findings, for members' information:

We thank MHLG for their response, being the only authority that responded.

NO	SURVEY FINDINGS	MHLG'S COMMENTS
1.	<p>Government Policies</p> <p>a. The system should be simplified.</p> <p>b. Terms and words sometimes are different from one to another Local Authority.</p> <p>c. Sometimes create new department i.e. OSA for handling small job. Changes were done without proper notification.</p> <p>d. Policies change too frequently.</p> <p>e. Government policies not standardised nationwide.</p> <p>f. Building Department allowed 24 hours approval for bungalow project but drag by planning department for months. OSC simultaneous submission is useless (MBPJ).</p> <p>g. In Ipoh - Form G1 to G21 to be purchased from MBI (RM100.00). Other Local Authorities accept the forms downloaded from LAM website, this should be standardised.</p> <p>h. Height control for bungalow is arbitrary without rationale (MBPJ).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSC was intended to simplify and standardise approval process. • Enhancement initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OSC's processes templated to ISO Standards (18 March 2009). - Common checklist for 11 external agencies (21 May 2009) - Common checklist for internal agencies (built into OSC online). - OSC Online (comprehensive submission and processing online). • Guidelines clearly stipulates that for building plan submission planning need not be referred. For simultaneous submission decision on each application to be made within a stipulated time frame. • DG's directive on procedure to procure F and G forms, (15 July 2008, ref:KPKT(02)566/5kl.10(15) • Height control stipulated in local plan. Draft local plans could also become basis in planning.
2.	<p>Local Authorities Paper Works and Digital Submission</p> <p>a. No inter-department coordination, loss in translation or communications.</p> <p>b. Instructions and requirements from officers vary due to not fully understand the submitted project.</p> <p>c. The forms are well structured however the officers didn't follows.</p> <p>d. All forms and requirements should be available on line at all time and it should not change too often.</p> <p>e. Incomplete checklist and form distributed to Architects. It depends on what the officers remembers in time. Architect need to meet the officers several times in order to obtain comprehensive form and checklist.</p> <p>f. Why so many sets of submission drawings required when a digital submission in place?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The whole processes and procedures of OSC from the receipt of submissions to the receipt of approvals to the issuance of formal approval are spelled out in the templated ISO documents. However, no taker for adoption in total. • Submitting persons are unaware of the templated ISO documents, common checklist for 11 external agencies and common checklist for internal agencies. • Should submitting persons comply to checklist applications should be accepted be accepted and processed. • Checklist posted in MHLG's website. • KPKT's letter dated 24 December 2009 (ref:JKT.T.800-3/1kl.2(16)) requested checklists to be linked to agencies websites. • OSC Online launched on 2 Feb 2010. • 25 local authorities are undergoing system trials involving submitting persons.

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	<p>g. Sometimes the entire submissions are rejected for one outstanding item, too bureaucratic.</p> <p>h. CAD Standard varies between one local authorities to the other and often create confusion and slow down the process.</p> <p>i. Too many forms, confusing paper works and not consistent.</p> <p>j. Dealing with OSC is a tedious experience. It takes almost a whole day for a submission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 are ready for real time submission in 3 months. • Web based and documents uploaded in PDF. • Technology driven – people neutral. • Technical working group SIRIM is formulating CAD standards for adoption. • Trainings for professionals organised by CIDB from September onwards. • OSC Online requires 3 sets hardcopies for proof of submission.
3	<p>Local Authorities' Implementation</p> <p>a. Feedback from related departments is not well informed.</p> <p>b. The comments were not promptly issued and delivered 1 month later when Architect asks for it from Bomba & OSC.</p> <p>c. Poor coordination between internal and external technical department.</p> <p>d. Poor files handling, even if it is well recorded, it will gone missing later.</p> <p>e. Authorities should be encouraged to fax the letter to consultant to expedite process.</p> <p>f. Not consistent, ask for additional site plan which were not stated in the checklist, consultants have to distribute the files to external department themselves.</p> <p>g. OSC keeps losing track of submission drawings document.</p> <p>h. Slow approval from other authorities, such as SYABAS, delays and affects the whole OSC system.</p> <p>i. The officers do not really monitor the progress of the approval. The onus is on the consultant to monitor.</p> <p>j. Very inconsistent in the implementation (as and when they are pleased).</p> <p>k. Finger pointing between OSA/OSC and planning department. Inter department letter and document missing,</p> <p>l. The reason why authority appears to be effective is because they reject the application instead of accepting them. Thus, date of acceptance is not recorded.</p> <p>m. In order to meet their internal deadlines, some department just comment without really checking the plans.</p> <p>n. OSC function in term of coordination process is weak. Consultants have to submit to external</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authorities poor response and adoption to Federal compliance. • Lack assertive from states. • Improvement to templates is continuous to also incorporate Property Development Lab's deliverables. However some local authorities are still deciding on the original templates. • Submitting persons to have good faith and trust the system. Likewise local authorities to submitting persons. • Guidelines stipulate that compliance check at each stage, has a time frame. Failing to comply with a stage's time frame, requires an agency to make up at the next stage which is tabling to OSC committee. • Integrity and competency issues will be addressed separately. • Failure of both parties, OSC and submitting persons to comply with the stipulated procedures.

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	<p>department themselves instead of OSC to distribute.</p> <p>o. The system is rigid and not flexible. Double reference number, double paper works required. If architect missed one document in the checklist, he has to come back the next day.</p> <p>p. The OSC department was reasonable efficient but architect still have to deal with the Technical Assistant from the building department for comment. The TA's at the service counter tend to give contradicting comment that could lead to waste of time and effort.</p> <p>q. Instead of reducing wastage and being economical, now 12 sets of plans are required for planning submission.</p> <p>r. OSC sometimes demands extra requirements that are not stated in the BP submission guidelines.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHLG will take up competency issue in a separate discussion with local authorities. • OSC online works on paperless concept. • Less face to face interaction in OSC online demands transparent requirement. • Requirements made known prior to submission.
4.	<p>Local Authorities Officers' Implementation</p> <p>a. Replacement officer should be in place while the officer in charge attending course, seminars, etc.</p> <p>b. The officers are inefficient and slow. They fake documents by back dating their comment to comply with their KPI, though in actual fact, they are very slow doing their works.</p> <p>c. Qualifications of certain officers are doubtful. Some cannot even read plans, what more to understand and approve them.</p> <p>d. Very difficult to call and reach the officers and always transfer the line until lost.</p> <p>e. Front desk officers at engineering and building department are not friendly and helpful.</p> <p>f. Big gap in officers knowledge between the senior and junior.</p> <p>g. MPK's policy for consultants to make appointments to see the officers were extremely inefficient. File retrieving could be hopelessly slow.</p> <p>h. Technical Assistants lack of experience and knowledge, blindly follow checklist without considering case to case basis.</p> <p>i. Blindly adherence to submission checklist. Sometimes situations differ but officers unable to differentiate or make judgement.</p> <p>j. Officers are influenced by personal interest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHLG will take up integrity issues in a separate discussion with local authorities. • Technical officers do not approve plans. They provide technical comments and recommendation for OSC committee to decide on submission. • By Law 258 – Not withstanding approval by local authority qualified persons who submit plan, drawing or calculation is responsible for failure of building. • Guidelines stipulates pre-consultation is not mandatory. • Submitting persons (not runners) request for consultation. • MHLG will provide for continuous competency programs to local authorities officers.

Executive Summary of The Minutes of the Second Meeting of PAM Council 2010-2011

29 October 2010_PAM Centre, Kuala Lumpur

Council approved the list of **membership applications** for Corporate Membership (3), Reinstatement of Corporate Membership (10), Graduate Membership (30), Reinstatement of Graduate Membership (8), Academic Membership (3), Student Membership (281) and Resignation (3), recommended by the Membership Committee.

Council approved the **proposed budget** tabled by the Honorary Treasurer subject to each Committee getting sponsorship for each activity, and the specific budget for each event/activity is approved by Council, Office Bearers or President separately.

Entries were received from 14 countries, including Russia, Cuba, Mexico, Australia, etc who participated in the **Urban Renewal for Rifle Range Penang Competition** for both professional and student categories. The results would be announced on 4 November 2010 and the exhibition on the competition is held at the Town Hall Penang.

Council unanimously adopted the **Terms of Reference for ADR Committee**. The ADR Committee would carry out the following activities this term:

1. Recruitment and training of new arbitrators and adjudicators; and
2. Drafting of PAM Mediation Rules.

The **Roca Cup Golf Tournament** this year would be held in Kuala Lumpur on 2 and 3 December 2010. The nations invited to participate in this event, in addition to Singapore and Malaysia, are Vietnam, India, Thailand and Indonesia.

The operations for the competitions organised by PAM would be handled by the secretariat whilst the **Awards, Competitions and Events Committee** would look into the policy aspect of competitions. Council agreed that the Convener and Panel of Jury to be prohibited from participating in PAM competitions and awards.

The proposed **CPD programmes for 2010-2011** are as follows: 22 half day CPD seminars in Kuala Lumpur, 4 full day workshops in Kuala Lumpur and 4 half day CPD seminars in each Chapter. All the seminars and workshops in Kuala Lumpur will be broadcast to the Chapters, subject to the availability of the necessary facilities at the Chapters.

14 schools participated in this year's PAM **Annual Architectural Student Exhibition** at 1 Utama. The Committee targeted to get 20 schools for next year's exhibition.

The **Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition** will be held until 21 November 2010. To date, there have been 18,000 visitors to Malaysia's pavilion. Many visitors were impressed with Malaysia's pavilion and the success at Venice Biennale should be a prelude for PAM to do more for Malaysian architecture.

The key areas that the **Professional Practice Committee** would be focusing on for this term 2010-2011 are: Practice Notes; Professional Practice Symposium (with Pusat Binaan); BIM training (with Pusat Binaan) and Clerks-of-works course.

Architects Malaysia Exhibition in conjunction with World Day of Architecture has been extended to the end of December 2010.

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