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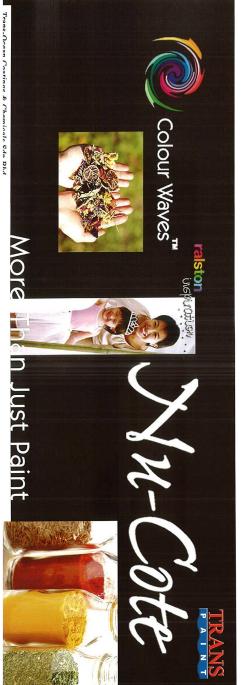
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#### Key Events in 2007

Events:

BTS 2007 Date: 22nd to 25th March 2007 Venue: Level 5 Permata Carpark, Kuching Web: www.bts.com.mv

The premier Building Trade Show in Sarawak organized by PAMSC. BTS 2007 is expected to feature over 100 booths and more then 20% of exhibitors from outside Sarawak. Other event highlights include a Gala Dinner, Golf Competition and Photographic Competition.

Cityscape Asia/ World Architecture Congress Date: 10-12 April 2007 Venue: Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore Web: www.cityscapeasia.com

Cityscape Asia will highlight regional investment opportunities, iconic architecture and development best practice to an international investment industry with a high level conference and 6,000 sq m Exhibition.

Confirmed and invited speakers for the Congress include Lord Norman Forster, Ken Yeang, Cesar Pelli, Fumihiko Maki, Kerry Hill, Jacques Herzog, Rem Koolhaas, Ernesto Redmar, etc.

Asian Building Technologies 2008 Date: 4th to 6th June 2008 Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Web: www.asianbt.com

ARCHIDEX07 / Datum KL 2007 Date: 5th to 8th July 2007 KL Convention Centre

Organized by PAM, this is one of the key events for Architects in Malaysia.

Malbex 2007 Date: 19th to 22nd September 2007 Venue: Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia

Hospitality Design Asia Date: 8th to 9th October 2007 Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Web: www.hdasiaexpo.com

Hospitality Design Asia is the leading tradeshow for hospitality design - the decoration of hotel, restaurant, and entertainment venues. Hospitality Design Asia gathers industry executives, suppliers, and designers for two days of innovative products, region-specific design education and an unparalleled exchange of ideas.

Cityscape Dubai 2007 Date: 16th to 18th October 2007 Venue: Dubai International Exhibition Centre Web: www.cityscape-online.com

Cityscape Dubai 2007 - the 6th international property investment and development - is an annual networking exhibition and conference focusing on all aspects of the property development cycle. In 2007, Cityscape Dubai is set to grow another 40%, it provides an annual forum that celebrates the very best in real estate, architecture, urban planning and design from around the world.

Hong Kong International Building Materials & Construction Equipment Fair Date: 27th to 39th October 2007 (Saturday – Tuesday) Venue: AsiaWorld-Expo, International Airport, Hong Kong

Competitions:

Greater Helsinki Vision 2050

- International Ideas Competition
Date: 15th December 2006 - 31st May 2007
Web: www.greaterhelsinkivision.fi

Greater Helsinki municipalities and State of Finland (Ministry of Environment) organize an open ideas competition for the future land use and spatial vision of Greater Helsinki. The aim of the competition is to find innovative ideas for the future land use planning and develop sustainable strategies and concrete solutions for strengthening the status and competitiveness of Greater Helsinki as an attractive region to live and conduct business in. The competitors are expected to present their general vision for the Greater Helsinki in 2050 together with the detail study supporting it.

#### **Chairman says**

How time flies? It has been nearly a year already since the revival of our quarterly newsletter Intersection. 3 issues have since been circulated among architects from beginning of this year and I am pleased to note that the support from fellow architects and building trade advertisers for Intersection is growing stronger and stronger. That, I must extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the first Intersection editor, Ar. Dominic Chuo, who had done an excellent job during his term as the Publication Sub-Committee Chairman from September 2005 till August 2006.

I would like to welcome the new editor Ar. Ng Chee Wee whom I know will be able to continue and spear ahead the plans to bring Intersection to new heights.

My first term as the Chairman of PAM Sarawak Chapter for Year 2005/2006 has been very challenging and enjoyable. A big THANK YOU to the previous Committee where everyone has contributed their valuable time and effort unselfishly towards the Institute.

I would like to thank all our fellow members for their confidence in re-electing me as Chairman and retaining most of the previous committee members for another term. I am also very pleased to see some new enthusiastic and younger members coming into the committee to offer their contribution for this new term. I really look forward to yet another fruitful term together with this team.

Wish you all a blessed new year.

Thank you.

AR. DAVID ONG YAW HIAN

Chairman

### **Editor says**

This is the first issue of the Intersection under my helm as the editor and I hope I can live up to the fine work done by my predecessor Ar Dominic Chuo.

The Intersection is a newsletter by members, for members and I urge all members to submit their contributions and suggestions to be included in the newsletter. Only with your active participation will we be able to make the newsletter better and more relevant to the profession.

In the future issues we are planning to include more information and calendar on events and seminars related to our industry which members will find useful.

Our next major event is the Building Trade Show (BTS) 2007 under the chairmanship of Ar Desmond Kuek. This will be also be the main highlight of the next issue. Having taken a break for this year, next year's BTS promises to be even bigger and better, with many new exhibitors coming in.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all PAM Members a Happy New Year and may you have a great year ahead !

Thank you

AR. NG CHEE WEE Editor







# About 90 attended PAMSC CPD Seminar & Workshop



Deputy chairman of PAMSC Ar Ng Chee Wee delivering his welcoming speech on behalf of chairman of PAMSC David Ong.

About 90 participants turned up for the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapters (PAMSC) full-day seminar and workshop on the topic of Feng Shui Part II and Geomancy & Town Planning that was held at the Kuching Hilton on Oct 7.

The speakers at the seminar and workshop are Master David Koh, Ng Geok Wah and Khaliah Ismail. The first topic is on Paints Technical Presentation part II on Paints Painting Defects Caused by Skim Coating by Ng Geok Wah. This was followed after the coffee break by Colour Trends & Futures for 2006 by Khaliah Ismail and immediately after that with Geomancy &



Speaker Master David Koh



Speaker Khaliah Ismail



Speaker Ng Geok Wah

Colour Part II by Master David Koh. In the afternoon, Master David Koh continued with his presentation on Geomancy & Colour Part II before he goes into Geomancy & Town Plan-

ning.

The Geomancy & Town Plannina is a long and detailed research and analysis by Master David Koh, exhibiting the well being of major cities in the world, providing a comparison of common factors that made cities prosper and those that do not. The talk also provides inside information of

major cities in Malaysia with similar features.

Among the topics covered are, What is weight? How does it affert town planning? What is gravity? Ho does it affert town planning? What is earth energy and its movements? What did the Feng Shui Founder Guo Pu said about earth energy? Why some cities are older than others and yet not as prosperous? What does landforms mean and how does it affect the well being of cities? How does rivers and sea affect the well being of a city?



## **PAMSC AGM 2006**

The PAMSC AGM was held on 29th July 2006 at the PAMSC Secretariate. During the meeting, the Chapter's Chairman Ar David Ong briefed Chapter Members on the activities organized during his term. He also touched on the recent improvements in the Building Plan approval process tollowing fruitful dialogues with local Councils and the Lands & Survey Department.

Other matters discussed during the AGM were - the Building Trade Show 2007, the PAMSC Web Site, MOE rimination of Appointments, LAM as stakeholder of Architect's Fees, Certificate of Completion and Compliance (CCC) which will be implemented in West Malaysia soon, the proposed new PAM Form Contract and PAM Awards 2006.

The Treasurer and 6 Sub-Committee Chairmen also



AGM in progress.

presented their respective reports. The Treasurer reported that most of the Chapter activities were self-financing and as a result the PAMSC financial position is very healthy even without the income from BTS which had skipped a year to be held again in 2007. The Conservation Sub-Committee which was just introduced in the 2005-2006 term reported on their involvement in the Sarawak Heritage Society. Since it's inception the Conservation Sub-Committee had worked closely with the

Sarawak Heritage Society to establish a framework for conservation in Sarawak. Among the projects being planned is the establishment of the Kuching Heritage Trail which is expected to be introduced in 2007.

Generally the Chapter Committee Members noted that participation from members have been encouraging since the introduction of the CPD requirements. However it was hoped that members' participation would extend beyond just attending CPD

events. There will be many issues and challenges in the near term which will require all the members to pool their resources and contribute their time and expertise to help the Chapter achieve it's objective. Among these are the on-going review of the building plan submission procedures, interpretation of building bye-laws, review of the building contract and so on. Members who are keen to contribute are requested to contact the Chapter secretari-



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## Over 60 attended Designing Pools & Water Features seminar

Over 60 participants attended the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (PAMSC) half-day seminar on 'Designing Pools & Water Features' by Ar Michael Lip Yoke Cheong which was held yesterday at the PAMSC Centre in Queen's Court beginning at 8:30am. The talk presented an overview of the types of pools and water feature designs popular today with considerations given to the type of materials, design, finishes and detailing.

Since time immemorial, swimming pools and water features have been elements of delight in many ancient civilisations. Baths and spas feature prominently during the Roman Empire and the classically styled fountains and water features of Versailles are renowed. In the Asian



A view of the participants.

culture, water is symbolic of prosperity and thus water gardens are created for the enjoyment of the Emperors of China. For the Japanese, partaking of communal baths is built into the fabric of Japanese culture.

Pools and water features continue to be essential landscape elements in our modern times as they add a new dimension to our environment with their visual, audio and sensory contributions.

The speaker, Yip, is one of the founders and directors of Malik Lip Associates Sdn Bhd, a leading environmental planning and landscape architecture consultancy firm in Kuala Lumpur. He grew up in Ipoh, Perak, and was educated at 5t Michael Institution there. He went on to gain a diploma in Technology



The speaker for the seminar Ar. Michael Yip Yoke Cheong.

in Architecture from University of South Australia and a Masters of Arts in Landscape Architecture from Universif of Sheffield, England. Among his notable projects are Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Berjaya Le Morne Resort & Casino, Mauritus, KL Pavillion, Kuala Lumpur and many other projects in Johore, Klang, Malacca and Selangor.











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# Sarawak Architect firms excel in 2006 PAM Awards

Previously dominated by West Malaysian firms, the PAM Awards this year took an unprecedented turn with Sarawak firms clenching a total of six awards. This feat demonstrates a growing degree of maturity in the Sarawakian architectural scene.

The biennual PAM Architectural Awards, organized by the Malaysian Institute of Architects, are conferred to recognize Malaysian architects who pursue excellence in design. The award promotes the advancement of quality util tenvironment that has beneficial, social, physical and cultural impact in Malaysian and to recognize the diversity of Malaysian Architecture.

The Awards programme is arranged so that the selection and recognition of winners serve two purposes. Firstly, PAM benefits from an information archive on important projects by Malaysian Architects and secondly, the public promotion of local architects, quality architecture as well as the recognition of the informed client.

Design Network Architects Sdn. Bhd., a Sarawakian architectural firm, was conferred awards in five categories during the PAM Architectural Awards held at Hilton Kuala Lumpur on 16 September



**PAMSC Centre** 

2006.

The awards included an Honorary Mention for Yap House under category Alterations & Additions,an Honorary Mention for Pam Centre Sarawak Chapter under category Interior Design, an Honorary Mention for 7th Avenue under category Repetitive Residential Buildings,a Mention for Ching Kwong Church under category Public and Civic Buildings and a Special Jury Mention for Steel Prototype No.1 under category Industrial Buildings.

Arkitek JFN Sdn. Bhd. also won an Honorary Mention for Kuching Old Courthouse under the category of Conservation & Adaptive Reuse Buildings.

The courthouse project has since won recognition from the Government as one of the fine examples of building conservation in Sarawak.



The old courthouse



Steel Prototype No.9

## **Professional** bodies hold dialogue session

PAMSC held a dialogue on October 5 at the PAMSC Centre with other professional bodies in which IEM, ISM and MIP representatives attended.

The dialogue session was called to develop a closer rapport among the professional institutions and to work out ways of working together on various areas relating to the building profession.

Among the issues discussed were:

- 1. Streamlining of Building Plans submission
- 2. Standardization of interpretation of Building Bye-laws and Regulations
- 3. Joint organizations of future CPD events
- 4. Other joint professional activities for mutual benefit.

Representatives jointly agreed that it is good to work together, to pool their resources and to reduce duplication of the individual professional bodys efforts.





PAMSC, IEM, ISM and MIP having discussions

### About 40 attended seminar on 'The Art of Meeting'

Around 40 participants turned up for the half-day seminar on 'The Art of Meeting' that was organised by the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (PAMSC) and held at the PAMSC Centre. The speaker for the seminar is Ar Anthony Lee Tee of Lee Tee Architect and the event is accredited with two LAM CPD points.

Most people loathe it or hate it; but cannot avoid it or escape from it. Yes, it's the "Dreaded Meeting". It takes up (almost) all of our time and inevitably, Architects end up spending nearly all their productive working hours traveling to and from meetings, chairing, attending back to back meetings and preparing minutes thereafter. One of the biggest complaints from most Architects (and Consultants) is meetings which waste too much of their precious

Architects as the Lead Consultant, through meetings possess one of the most effective ways that a project can self perpetuate a positive climate and culture. However, if Ar-chitects conduct bad, boring and time wasting meetings,



The speaker Ar Anthony Lee Tee of Lee Tee Architect addressing the participants.

1. Preparation for a

will be covered

Site Meetings, Technical and/or

Preparation to attend

a Meeting.
3. How to take and prepare

4. How to start & conduct the

Meeting - some specifics

for e.g. Client Meetings,

Coordination Meetings etc.

one else (and still appear

Follow Up (Action Items).
 How to "sit-in" for some-

Meeting.

Minutes.

then the people associated with the meetings begin to feel the same. Poor planning and a lack of involvement by the participants, result in bad meetings leading to more bad meetings, which cost even more time and money. Good meetings are important because that is where a particular project or organisation meets to discuss matters, seek clarifications and anticipate problems.

The speaker shared his experiences on "how to take control and establish protocol over your project".

- Ar Anthony Lee Tee, graduated with B.Arch (UNSW) used to think that PAM/LAM had secret quota pass mark for the received his rubber stamp and established LEE TEE ARCHI-TECT in 1995 after several years of "paying his dues" and last minute log book dramas. Like many others in his time, he struggled to maintain a practice during the recessions; having his share of bad paying clients

8. Best excuses if you are run-

involved). 7. How to avoid "Crisis Meet-

ning Late.

and abandoned works. He completed several Government-linked projects, hotels, commercial and housing development projects none of which won any particular awards but were all notably completed on time and on budget, and es-timated to have chaired over 2,000 meetings totaling 5,000 plus hours.

He despises bad meetings especially with the approving authorities and inexperienced project managers.

### **Government Liaison Committee Activities**

It has been a busy few months for the Government Liaison since the AGM on 28th July 2006. This committee chaired by Ar. Dominic Chuo and assisted by Ar Bong Joon Hin wasted no time in organising various meetings with the other professional institutes, dialogue and courtesy call with a State Minister and committee meetings.

Three(3) dialogue sessions with Institute of Engineers (IEM), Institute of Surveyors (ISM) and Malaysian Institute of Planners (IMIP) was held on 5th, 18th and 30th October 2006 to discuss and receive edbacks on the proposed Building Plan Submission Guidelines to be issued by MBKS and the other big Councils such as MPP, SMC, DBKU, MMC and BDA.

A draft copy of the Submission guidelines was received from MBKS and was distributed to PAMSC Government Liaison Committee, PAMSC Committee members, IEM, ISM and MIP for comments and feedbacks. We are fortunate to have discussion and feedback from a volunteer group of PAMSC Ar-



Ar. Dominic Chuo

chitects at the meeting on 27th October 2006. Thanks to the Volunteer Architects such as Ar. Stephen Liew, Ar. Kevin Wong, Ar. Michael Wong and Ar. Andrew Yong.

A dialogue and courtesy call was arranged and was held on 8H November 2006 which were chaired by YB Datuk Michael Manyin, Minister of Environment and Public Health and attended by representatives from the major Councils (MBKS, MPP, SMC, MMC, DBKU) and by representatives from PAMSC, IEM, ACEM, ISM and MIP. The dialogue was fruitful especially with the pro-activeness and support from the Minister. Our

Chairman briefed on PAMSC activities such as CPD seminars, newsletters, submission issues. PAMSC was able to put forward our short, medium and long term objectives in collaboration with the Councils and Ministry.

Our short term objectives include cooperation with Councils and Ministry on the facilitation and approval of submission and networking.

Our medium term objectives focus on our contribution to the policy making process such invitation to be in relevant committees before policy establishment, feedbacks from professional, joint seminars and dialogues and technical discussions.

Our long term objectives will be to have PAMSC and professional institutes representation in the relevant Committees of the Councils and Ministry. A joint Professional Government Liaison Committee shall be formed between PAMSC, IEM, ISM and MIP to address issues common to the professions.

In general, the dialogue was very successful and tollowed by another dialogue on 8th December and 14th December 2006. The Minister agreed to assist to facilitate with the building Plan submission process and had included BOMBA, Lands and survey Department and SHEDA in the subsequent dialogues.

At the above dialogues, PAMSC had put forward our comments on the darft building submission guidelines which will be incorporated in the next draft. A workshop organized by the Ministry of Environment and Public Health has been scheduled on 29th January 2007 to further discuss on the guidelines before finalization to be implemented on a consistent basis by the big councils.

Members are encouraged to attend this coming workshop and a copy of the draft submission guidelines is available for viewing at the PAMSC Centre.

The above dialogues have resulted in PAMSC's involvement in the submission guidelines, as part of Review committee and better cooperation

and public relation with the

Ministry and Councils.

## **Courtesy call on Datuk Michael Manyin**

PAMSC initiated a courtesy all on the Minister of Environment and Public Health Datuk Michael Manyin on November 8 in which representatives from the IEM, ISM and MIP also took part. Representatives from various local Councils were also present during the courtesy call.

The purpose of the courtesy call was to discuss the Building Plans submission procedure and to seek the standardisation of the interpretation of the Building Bye-laws by the different local Councils.

The representatives of the different professional bodies also suggested that the guidelines be properly documented and adhered to and new guidelines being imposed should be circulated to the professional bodies.

The visit also proposed that



Courtesy call on the Minister of Environment and Public Health Datuk Michael Manyin initiated by PAMSC with other professional institutions.

the reviews given by professional bodies on the draft guidelines by the joint councils be considered and hope the guidelines will be finalized and implemented as soon as possible.

The representatives also suggested to the Minister that in future when new polices and guidelines are being formulated, the inputs by professional bodies be considered so that everyone can work together to formulate better rules and guidelines that are conducive to the development of Sarawak.



Discussion in progress.

## 'More West Malaysians exhibitors participating in BTS 2007'

Following the official launching of Building Trade Show (BTS) 2007 in June 2006, it has attracted more than 15 exhibitors from West Malaysia and these participants are taking up about 20 booths, representing almost 25 percent of the booths already signed and taken up.

"To date, we have received bookings and confirmation for around 85 booths, reaching the 75 percent mark of our targeted 120 booths. Among those participants who have already confirmed are those covering building materials, interior decorators, home appliances, security products, landscaping, housing, finance industry, property and real estate de-

velopers among others," said organizing chairman Ar. Desmond Kuek.

"IAM has already approved one CPD point for PAM members who visit BTS 2007 and application is progress for approval of CPD points for members of IEM and ISM who come in as visitors to BTS 2007. A special CPD seminar will also be organized for all members of PAM, IEM and ISM during the BTS 2007. With this introduction of a joint BTS seminar, outstation members from the CPD points awarded from the CPD points awarded for the seminar," he added.

In conjunction with BTS

2007, there is the Gala dinner on the first evening (March 22) at a leading hotel plus a golf competition for exhibitors to be held at the Sarawak Golf Club (March 21) with exciting prizes to be won. Another proposed activity is a photography competition which will be launched in January 2007. Subject matter for the photographs should be related to BTS and architectural context. Photographs of the shortlisted entries will displayed at BTS 2007.

Meánwhile, interviews of the BTS 2007 participants had been widely publicised by most of the major local papers and more interviews will be scheduled leading up to BTS 2007.



Ar. Desmond Kuek.

PAMSC has invited Sarawak's Chief Minister Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud to officiate at the opening of BT 2007.

For further enquiries and bookings, please contact the BTS event manager IDA Exhibition Services Sdn Bhd 082 426 993 or visit www.bts. com.my.



## Over 70 turned up for PAMSC seminar

Over 70 participants turned up for the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter's (PAMSC) half-day seminar which was organised under their LAM CPD (Lembaga Akitek Malaysia Continuing Professional Development) programme. The seminar was held on Sept 2 and the topic is on Housing Construction Quality, Roles and Responsibilities of Architects. It was held at the PAMSC centre beginning at 8:30am. The speaker for this seminar is Ar Chan Seong Aun from Arkitek Daya Seni Sdn Bhd. This event is accredited with two LAM CPD points.

The speaker touched on the question as to what an architect should do when requested and pressured into issuing the CPC and applying for CFO for a project for which he is not completely satisfied with the quality of workmanship.



The speaker Ar Chan Seong Aun addressing the participants.

It also reviewed issues such as benchmarking, QIASSIC, CONQUAS, Building tolerances and Construction Standards. It also examined the core reasons behind the issues of housing construction quality and answer questions such as should there be quality control at each stage of construction or only upon completion.

Statistics of housing complaints and the reasons be-



A section of the participants attending the seminar.

hind them were reviewed. The speaker also shared with participants where to find out further information about housing and construction quality issues and how to quality check proj-

Chan is a director in Akitek Daya Seni with more than 25 years experience in the housing industry, having successfully completed more than 10,000 units of housing in his career as a professional architect. He is the Co-Chairman of PAM Practice Committee 2004/2005 and has wide experience in housing issues confronting the housing industry. He has served in 'PAM Architect Meet the Public' sessions over the last few years and has met with housing buying public who had problems with the homes they have bought.

## Sign of change towards innovative housing October 31, 2006

The Honorary Mention awarded to Jak Kwang Builders & Developers is a good sign that developers are changing towards more innovative hous-

When I first stepped into the rousing Ministry, there were problems where architects are trying to apply what they know while developers are trying to cut costs in order to maximise their business. I have to try to bring together the two parties, to get them into a good working relationship and the results is seen tonight with award that Jak Kwang has been given," said Minister of Housing Dato Sri Abang Johari Tun Abang Openg at the symbolic handing over of the Honorary Mention award at 7th Avenue last night.

Jak Kwang was awarded an Honorary Mention Cat-



Abang Johari taking a look at the award-winning design.

egory 2 Repetitive Residential Building for their 7th Avenue project by the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) in the PAM Awards 2006 For Excellence in Architecture.

The Minister said that it is important in housing to create a lifestyle and at 7th Avenue

houses, the concept is different from the conventional terrace houses.

"The open space and the interaction of the surroundings have created a serene and comfortable atmosphere, making it a real place to relax after hard day's work in the office.

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