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# BTS 2007 launched

Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (PAMSC) officially launched their Building Trade Show (BTS) 2007 at the Sarawak Club on 23 June 2006. Nearly a hundred invited guests were present at the launch. The guest list consisted of key industry players and the media. BTS 2007 is scheduled to be held from March 22 to 25, 2007 at Level 5 Exhibition Hall, Permata Carpark Building and is expected to be the biggest such event in this region.

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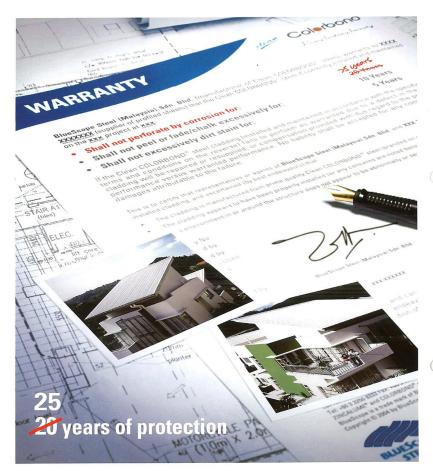
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#### **Editor says**

IT has been quite a year and how time flies. This is the 3rd and final issue of INTERSECTION for the 2005-2006 term. The new Committee elected at the AGM on 29th July 2006 will meet soon to form a new newsletter committee to carry on the publication of INTERSECTION.

Congratulations to our Chairman, Ar David Ong for retaining the Chairmanship for yet another term together with most of the Committee members. We see two new Committee members, Ar. Stephen Mong and Ar. Kho Meng Kang. Welcome to the PAMSC Committee 2006-2007.

We shall continue to publish activities and articles of interest to members. Most of all, we would really like to receive articles and feedback from members to share your thoughts with the editorial.

Do enjoy this issue.

AR. DOMINIC CHUO \_ditor



#### PAM (Sarawak Chapter) held its 31st AGM on July 29, 2006 to elect new office bearers and committee for the year 2006 - 2007

CHAIRMAN Ar David Ong Yaw Hian and most of his committee members were re-elected for a second term with the addition of two new committee members Ar Kho Meng

Kang and Ar Stephen Mong Vui Min.
The meeting, held at the PAMSC Centre, was attended by 26 corporate members and two graduate members.

# **Plan Application and Occupation Permits**

**Fruitful Discussion to** 

expedite Building

PAMSC Committee taking a group photograph with Datuk Alfred Yap after a fruitful discussion.

A dialogue initiated by the Majilis Perbandaran Padawan (MPP) with Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (PAMSC), Bomba, Department of Environment, Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia and SHEDA was chaired by YB Datuk Alfred Yap Chin Loi, Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office and Assistant Minister of Urban Develop-

It is noted that the MPP Area of jurisdiction is fast becoming a focus of property development in the last five

years. Land is scarce in the fast growing City of Kuching. Obviously, land in the outskirts or the suburban areas (MPP Area) are available and affordable. This is evidenced by the more than 480 building plans comprising over 10,000 units of mainly residential properties which were approved by MPP in 2005.

MPP is expected to clear some 600 new plans this year. Thus, in order to speed up the processing of plans, joint-effort must be adhered to with the cooperation of all parties.

#### PAMSC 2006 - 2007 COMMITTEE

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Ar. Stephen Mong Vui Min

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# PAMSC visit to Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) Vietnam

PAMSC committee members organized a study trip and tour to HCMC (previously known as Saigon) in Vietnam from 12th to 16th July 2006. The purpose is to exchange ideas and views on globalization with HCMC Association of Architects and Urban Planning Institute of HCMC.

The dialogue with HCMC Association of Architects was held at its Secretariat represented by its President, Architect Khuona Van Muoi, Standing Vice Chairman Architect Chau My Anh and other members of Presidium. The dialogue was extremely fruitful and informative centering on issues such as setup and organization of HCMC Association of Architects, laws relating to architectural practices, participation in governmental planning, foreign architects commis-sioning projects in Vietnam, Vietnamese economy and policies and other related issues. The hospitality was first class and warm. PAMSC was later treated to a sumptuous lunch at one of the most upscale traditional Vietnamese restaurants

The dialogue with the Urban Planning Institute of HCMC was again very informative and educational with the briefing by its Director Architect Huang Minh Tri on the overall town planning and Master-planning of HCMC up to 2020. Their task in resolving issues relating to traffic congestion, public transport, public housing, urban development, environmental issues, capacity constraint and zoning is enormous and constantly under study.

Our meetings and observation during the trip concluded one thing, that is, HCMC is full of opportunities and is a happening place especially for Architects in the building industry. With about 7 million in population in this relatively



Ar. David Ong presenting a momento to Chau My Anh, Standing Vice Deputy Chairman of HCMC Association of Architects.



**CBD of HCMC** 



Urban Development -Terrace houses built and designed individually

new city, the Government is opening their doors to welcome foreign investors to participate in this city development. There is already strong evidence of foreign involvement in the building industry and in terms of development status, HCMC may be around 20 years behind Singapore in our opinion. Urban Devel-

opment has just started. We were informed that so far there is only one urban development project completed which we visited. Interestingly there, terrace houses are built individually and with different desians.

We were also informed that foreign architects can register with HCMC Association of Architects and can obtain their license to practice with two years record of work experience either locally in Vietnam or overseas. Of course there will be other immigration requirements that one has to fulfill. For more accurate information, you can visit HCMC Association of Architects website http://hcm.ktsvn. net or email to hoiktstphcm@ hcm.fpt.vn . Be reminded to get ready your motorcycle license if you want to work or live in HCMC. Almost everyone who can afford to buy a motorcycle owns one. It is estimated that there are a few million motorcycles in this city and that's the most practical way to move around there.

The visit to the Reunification Palace was an eye opener to the early masterpiece of International style architecture of 1960's designed by a local Vietnamese architect. The detailing of the building especially relating to light and ventilation control, high windows and doors were just ingenious and beautiful. It also depicted the exuberant lifestyle of royalty in the era gone by in the 1960's.

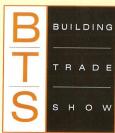
An out-of-town day trip was made to the Mekong Delta region, one and half hours' journey by road. Experiencing the local lifestyle and as eco-tourists, we were shuttled in a covered long boat along the mighty Mekong River and then in an open rowing boat along the meandering streams among Nipah forests. The locals are really adept in singing and dancing the tradition folk songs and dances while sipping honey lime tea and fruits. It was quite an experience! The agro tourism walk through the orchard of local fruit trees such as papaya, dragon fruit and mango was quite a hit with foreign tourists especially Japanese and Europeans. The final leg of the Mekong Delta adventure was filling our belly with tasty deep fried "Elephant Ear Fish" from the Mekong River served in Vietnamese rolls.

Of course, the trip wouldn't be complete without treating ourselves to the famous and delicious Vietnamese "PHO" beef rice noodles and local

On the whole, the trip was a great success with good memories.



nising Chairman Ar Desmond Kuek and Committee Member Ar Dominic Chuo.



# **Strong support in BTS 2007** launching ceremony

BTS has proven to be the ideal venue for all industry players to showcase their latest products and services and the number of booths as well as participants have continued to grow since the event which first started in

We see encouraging increase in booths from 60 in 2003 to 110 in 2005. There were also more and more exhibitors putting in a lot of effort in their display and design of their booths which are as good if not better compared to many displays showcased in international exhibitions, highlighted by the chairman of PAMSC Ar David Ong at the launching.

PAMSC also thanked the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), manufacturers and suppliers of industry products for their strong support over the years that has made BTS such a successful event.

Ar David Ong added that visitors to BTS has also increased from 6,000 in 2003 to nearly 20,000 in 2005.



BTS 2007 Organising Chairman, Ar. Desmond Kuek in discussion with the exhibitors.



Ar David Ong presenting the main Lucky Draw prize to Gary Ong of Homemax.

"I am sure the re- be even greater with the sponse to BTS 2007 will strong and continuing

support from industry players. The building industry continues to be one of the most important sectors that has significant bearing on the country's economic growth. Players in the industry must rise to the challenge to ensure stronger growth. Be innovative with respect to products and services offered and be adaptive to the changes in technology that could help strengthen your businesses" Ar David Ong

BTS 2007 organising chairman Ar Desmond Kuek said there was a break for BTS in 2006 to allow participants to have more time to plan and prepare for the event while for the organisers, there will be more time to upgrade and promote the event at the national level and to encourage more international participation.

For more updated information on BTS 2007 please contact IDA Exhibition Services at 082-426 993 or refer to www.bts.com.mv.

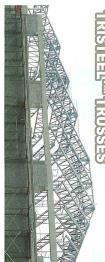


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#### **PAMSC** holds workshop on Part III exam

The Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak chapter (PAMSC) conducted a workshop that was attended by 26 participants on Part III Professional Examinations at their Centre in Queen's

The workshop started off on the topic 'Professional Practice' that covers the Roles and Responsibilities of the Architect, Code of Professional Conduct, Appointment of Architects, Architects (Scale of Minimum Fees) Rules 1986, Conditions of Engagement, Memorandum of Agreement, Letter of Release, Forms of Practice with a Question & Answer session that was conducted by Ar. Abu Zarim bu Bakar

Following a break, the workshop continued with the topic "Statutory Laws & Regulations covering Architects Act 1967, Roles of Lembaga Akitek Malaysia (LAM) and Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM), Uniform Building By Laws 1984, National Land Code (Act 56 of 1965), Town & Country Planning Act, ending with a Question and Answer session conducted by Ar Chan Seong Ang



shop kicked off on the topic 'Housing' covering Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act 1966, Strata Titles Act 1985 (Act 318), Guidelines on Stage Certification, Architect's Role and Responsibilities under Housing Development Act and ending with a Question and Answer session conducted

by Ar Chan Seong Ang. The final topic following a break in the afternoon is 'BuildContract 1998 (with and without quantities), Tender Process and Award of Contract, Architect's Certification der the buildcontract. Architect's Empowerment to act under the building contract and ending with a Question and Answer session conducted by Ar Mohd Zulhemiee An.

# ERITAGE SOCIETY

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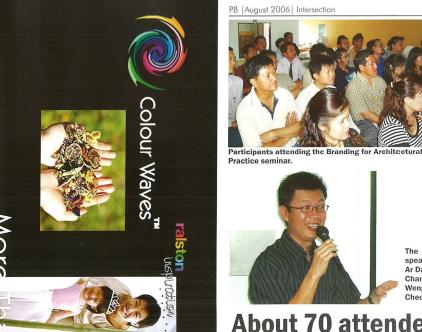
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### **About 70 attended Branding for Architectural Practice seminar**

About 70 participants turned up for the Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter's (PAMSC) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminar on Branding for Architectural Practice: A Personal Perspective' by Ar. Da-vid Chan Weng Cheong held at their own premises at 2nd Floor, Sublot 56, Jalan Wan Alwi, Queen's Court.

The seminar is sponsored by BlueScope Steel (Malysia) Sdn Bhd and participants were credited with two LAM CPD points for attendance.

The speaker explored branding issues concerning an architectural practice directing towards potential clients, public and staff. The seminar also covered appropriate branding strategies in the context of the strength and weaknesses of the practice and the analysis of the operational processes of the practice.

The speaker Ar David Chan Weng Cheong

Chan graduated Curtin University, Australia in 1988 and worked there before returning to Malaysia in 1990. He was attached to CSL Associates and later with Hussein & Loh Architects Sdn Bhd. In 1998, he started an Internet-based company before resuming his architectural practice in 2002 with the setting up of David Chan Architect which specialises in retail interior design works and bungalow design. He has also worked with brands such as Haagen Dazs and Erics-

## Seminar on waterproofing held

The Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (PAMSC) under its ongoing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme organised a technical presentation by Degussa Construction Chemicals SAn Bhd on Waterproofing Solutions for the Construction Industry held at the Crowne Plaza Riverside.

The speaker for the presentation is Richard Tan, the CS Regional Manager for South ASEAN and his presentation is themed around technical solutions and discussions on current issues which are beneficial to practitioners in the construction industry.



The speaker Richard Tan addressing the participants.



The participants

Waterproofing system failures can be very costly especially when there are expensive equipments in the structure. It can also be an emotional nightmare. The recent problems with foreign workers will put further pressure on the already shortage of skilled manpower, thus aggravating this water leakage problem.

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   Sealants:
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- Factors to consider in selection of sealants.
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# TRIP TO ARCHITEX AND DEX EXHIBITION



PAMKL & IPDM have jointly organised an ARCHITEX AND DEX EXHIBITION from July 6 – 9 2006 for the exhibition of building and interior design products at KLCC Convention Centre.

PAMSC Event Sub-committee & Event Manager
IDA organised a trip to visit
the show with the consent
of PAMKL to promote BTS
2007 to the exhibitors in
the show.

The objective was to create awareness of BTS and hopefully, there will be an increase in participation by exhibitors from outstation such as Singapore and West Malaysia in BTS 2007

More than 200 exhibitors for both building and interior designs products participated, occupying more than 400 booths for the expo. This is the first time that PAMKL has organised such an event which is similar to PAMSC's BTS.

As a result of the encouraging response to the show, PAMKL has decided to hold the event annually.

Ar Desmond Kuek, organising Chairman of BTS 2007 arranging the display with Ar Kho Meng Kang and Louis Liew.





#### **Career Guidance Talk** at SMK Lake, Bau

Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia Sarawak Chapter (PAMSĆ) is one of the organisations that was invited to participate in a Career Talk at SMK Lake Bau organised by the Ultimate Professional Centre Career Guidance Committee held

on Friday, April 28.
PAMSC was represented by Ar Dominic Chuo Kong

The guest of honour at the event was YB Peter Nansian and a total of 11 professional organisations gave presentations to about 300 Form 5 and Form 6 students.

The other professional organisations taking part are Association of Certified and Chartered Accountants (ACCA), The Institution of Surveyors Malaysia, Sar-



Ar. Dominic Chuo delivering his Career Talk at SMK Lake, Bau.



Various representatives from the professional organisations at the Career Guidance Talk.

awak Branch, Institution of Engineers Malaysia Sarawak Branch, Malaysian Institute of Planners Sarawak / Sabah Chapter, Advocates Association of Sarawak, Persatuan Farmasi Sarawak, Sarawak Institute of Agricultural Scientists, Institut Kimia Malaysia Sarawak Branch, Sarawak Veterinary Association and the Malaysian Medical Association, Sarawak Branch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR CPD/ PRACTICE/ EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE					
NO.	<u>DATE</u>	TITLE	CPD PTS	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	REMARKS
1.	02-09-06	Housing Construction Quality	2		
2.	23-09-06	Construction Management	2		
3.	23-09-06	Feng Shui  - Architecture and the Golden Rule in application  - PAM Form of Contract  - On Possession of the site (Event sponsored by ICI)	2		
4.	07-10-06	Feng Shui Town Planning VS Modern Planning - Painting Defects on Various surfaces & Precautions Required (Event sponsored by ICI)	TBA	3	
5.	21-10-06	Pool and Water Features	2		
6.	28-10-06	Contract	2		
7.	25-11-06	Lighting of Buildings	2		
8.	09-12-06	Crime & Housing in Malaysia "Rethinking the planning of Community Buildings and Housing for a Changing Society" & Methods and Entry Points of Criminals in the Modern Terrace Houses in Malaysia.	2		
9.	TBA	Swan City in the Making by Ar. Chang Jih Ren	TBA		



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