



Implementation of UBBL 1984 (Amendment 2021)

With reference to notices by Bomba dated 6 & 17 January 2023, UBBL 1984 (Amendment 2021) will be fully implemented and enforced starting 1 JANUARY 2023. Feel free to drop by to PAMSC to check out the latest version of UBBL 1984 (Amendment 2021) for your reference. Find out from Nancy, how to purchase your own copy online.

Click the link below for the notices.

Link: <https://pamsc.org.my/circulars/pelaksanaan-dan-penguatkuasaan-undang-undang-kecil-bangunan-seragam-1984-pindaan-2021/>

Reminder for 2023 Renewal

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LAM Circular 1/2023 - Amendment to Architects Rules 1996

Please be reminded on the LAM Circular 1/2023 for amendment to Architects Rules 1996 particularly on:

- Rule 16A - Fees
- Rule 29(1) - Conditions of Engagement
- Rule 30A - Single director body corporate
- Fourth Schedule - Form A & Form B

Click the link below for the copy of circular.

Link: <https://lam.gov.my/sites/default/files/form/GENERAL-CIRCULAR-NO12023-EN.pdf>

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Reunion Portraits

by Min

The eve of the Lunar New Year is traditionally celebrated by a 'reunion dinner' attended by all the members of the family. Those who are working or studying away from home would make the special effort to return to the family home. The 'reunion dinner' and sharing of food is of special significance to the Chinese family, so for those who are not unable to make the trip home - they are often welcomed into the folds of the family of close friends as one their own. Likewise, Chinese students overseas who are unable to make the trip home have their reunion dinner with their 'family' of course mates, when many try to replicate Mom's cooking.

Since 2012, our interns started an unusual custom - of sharing photos of their reunion dinners in our Min-ions chat group. On the eve of our New Year, photos would come flooding in; from the other side of town, from different parts of the country, and from overseas. It is our little reunion in a way - many of these young people are like family members; 'borrowed' children from another life. And the practice continues to this day.

Over the years, the photos develop like story-lines within a stage set. The now familiar half-moon arch between the kitchen and the dining room framing the scene. A simple home-cooked dinner with fish served on a Formica table-top. Another more elaborate spread with roast meats on a glass lazy susan. Expectant faces; some familiar, some new, some missing - this year grandma is no longer in her seat by the window. This year, I see two former interns in the same photo, at the same reunion dinner; they got married after university.

This might seem trivial to some but it is precious to me; a privilege to be fleetingly included in their family. Familiar strangers connected by a 3-month internship. We were their surrogate family when they were training in our office - now they are returning the favour and including us in their story.

A longer version of this article was published here 8 years ago, the subject then was about nurturing interns in the work place. I wrote this shorter version to remind myself and others that some relationships no matter how tenuous might leave a lasting impression in someone's life, and to be mindful of our words and actions. Quite appropriate for this Year of the Rabbit; intelligent, thoughtful and considerate.

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A 'reunion dinner' with course-mates 2014.



Lance 2015.



Lionel 2015.



Sarah 2016.



Kai Wen 2015.



Kai Wen 2023.



Melissa 2015.



Melissa 2023.



Ken and Ellie got married (standing behind mom and dad) 2023.



The Arc Building at the Green School, Bali, Indonesia is designed in bamboo with arches spanning up to 19m. Designed by IBUKU in collaboration with Jorg Stamm and Atelier One. (Photo by Tommaso Riva)

New mindsets will help the world flourish

To slow climate crisis we must change our assumptions. Anna Liu explains how Flourish takes five outlooks and offers alternative ways to be

Flourish: Design Paradigms for our Planetary Emergency compels every one of us to act for our planet, at each and every scale, from the individual to the planetary. To do so, we must understand, challenge and change our own current mindset.

Read this book from the beginning to the end, surrender yourself to the inspirational words and deeds from thinkers and doers around the world. Each chapter is anchored with at least two voices, from sociologists, psychologists, linguists, cognitive neuroscientists, physicists, biologists, to anthropologists, artists, architects, historians, engineers, economists and activists.

If you are at all unclear about the facts of the climate challenges, the first chapter outlines them in a clear, succinct way. Unequivocal data, on our recent past and our imminent future, reinforce the authors' point about the urgency of the present, for example: the past 35 years' production of more than 50% of our total historical greenhouse gas emissions, the past 50 years' extinction of two thirds of the non-human animal biomass by humans, the 2050 predicted 140 million climate migrants resulting from the 3°C temperature rise.

The authors, Sarah Ichioka and Michael Pawlyn, endeavour to dismantle five myths, or paradigms, of our time, layer by layer, scale by scale. Meadows' 12 leverage points. These relate to the most fundamental roots of our systems: to transcend paradigms and cultivate new ones.

The crisis is environmental, humanitarian, planetary, created by our own actions and inactions, built on a mindset with these five entrenched paradigms. These relate to: ourselves, nature, time, other human beings, and growth. Ichioka and Pawlyn demonstrate their sources and how they are now obsolete, damaging, and unfit for purpose. In their place, Ichioka and Pawlyn propose five new paradigms.

Myth 1 About ourselves: We are powerless
Regenerative paradigm 1 Possibilism Human beings should become 'possibilists' (Hans Roslings, public health expert). Pessimism, scepticism, conservatism, and cynicism are simply not acceptable options. Human ingenuity has time and again prevailed in the face of the most extreme challenges. The building industry's reform in the past decades has been woefully slow. As architects we are well-placed to be among the leading possibilists. We are adaptive problem solvers and solution-makers, and possess a diverse set of tools capable of effecting change.

Myth 2 About nature: We are separate and opposite to nature - its conquerors, owners, profiteers, rulers

Regenerative paradigm 2 Co-evolution as nature Human beings are all expressions of nature. Even the most artificial human endeavour is 'handiwork just as it is in the handiwork of the spider or the bee.' (Freya Matthews). As architects we should design and think as nature would. Using biomimicry in design emulates not what nature 'looks like,' but 'nature's logics' - its holistic systems.

Myth 3 About time: Time is a commodity, speed is of the essence

Regenerative paradigm 3 A longer sense of time Roman Krznaric's 'legacy mindset' requires thinking long term, and being accountable to future generations. Rather than short term gains, consider the 'big here' and a 'long now'. (Brian Eno) Architects must stretch our thinking beyond the lifespan of buildings: compel ourselves, our clients, our team, our contractors to imagine the future of what we build, for hundreds of years to come. In doing so, we shall all become 'good ancestors' (Roman Krznaric) to our grandchildren, and our grandchildren's grandchildren.

Myth 4 About other people: Survival of the fittest, we are all self-interested, competitive with and separate from other human beings

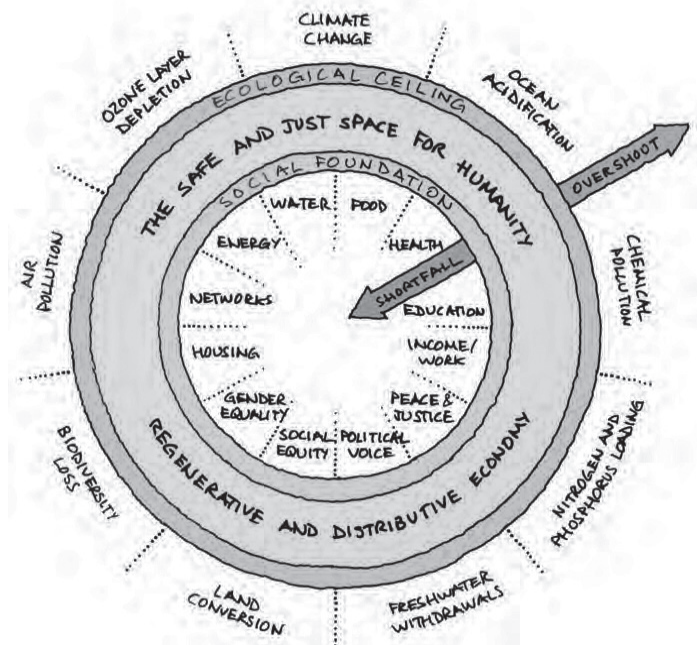
Regenerative paradigm 4 Symbiogenesis

Each of us is integral to the existence of others (Freya Matthews). New species emerge through symbiogenesis (Lynn Margulis, evolutionary biologist), rather than purely Darwinian competitive differentiation. 'Common welfare' has long been a 'pre-condition for one's ultimate well-being'. (Alexis de Tocqueville, political theorist) Government investment is one example of 'collective action', in technology, education, infrastructure. As architects we should become 'super collaborators' with engineers and scientists, with the wisdom of vernacular architecture, and with the many initiatives emerging from grass-roots communities.

Myth 5 About growth: Economic and development growth are the priority

Regenerative paradigm 5 Qualitative planetary development

Just as an overgrown organism in time debilitates itself, perpetual growth leads to planetary illness. Care should replace growth as the primary aim, 'nurturing the foundational connections of



Based on a growing understanding of planetary limits, Doughnut Economics recognises that a number of parts of the world fall below the 'social foundation' of basic needs while, in richer parts of the world, people live in a way the breaches the 'ecological ceiling'. Kate Raworth's model describes the challenge: to rethink economics so we can bring everyone into the 'safe and just space for humanity'.

Society.' (Kate Raworth). As architects we should commit to circularity, 'localise production and globalise knowledge.' We should conceive buildings as a mass of metals, minerals and synthetic materials, alongside other planetary resources, evolving within the limits of their technical and biological cycles.

The Anthropocene, sometimes called 'Capitalocene,' is for Glen Albrecht the 'new abnormal' in which 'planetary distress...uncertainty, unpredictability, genuine chaos... have clearly resulted from human dominance of the planet. He 'wants this period in history to become redundant as soon as possible.' To varying degrees we have all accepted, passively and complicitly, something that in fact should be seen as an anomaly, rather than an inevitability, in human civilisation. In thinking this way, we can give ourselves more agency, to catapult ourselves out of this lethargic and unquestioning state, as consumers, architects, global citizens, and become the much-needed 'possibilists' in these tumultuous times.

Our current economic, political and societal systems have remained wedded to that which was put in place in a bygone era, one that had only just begun to understand nature. Consumerism and Darwinian free-marketism have been entrenched since. Our present era - digital, post-industrial, post-colonial - has learned invaluable lessons, and now possesses more advanced tools than ever for understanding nature. The newfound insights and tools on nature's intelligence and intricacies should amplify our responsibility and bolster innovations towards nature-informed, nature-inspired, nature-driven, regenerative architecture. 

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Flourish: Design Paradigms for Our Planetary Emergency is edited by Michael Pawlyn and Sara Ichioka, Triarchy Press, 144pp, £20.

WHAT DO ARCHITECTS DO ALL DAY? 10/12

This section attempts to sum up the architects' busy day in a series of snapshots - this is Ar. Ar. Noraini Narodden's contribution this issue. For the next issue, we nominate Ar Amanda Lau.

Our readers are invited to submit their 'day's experiences' as well - email to intersection.editorial@gmail.com

A Day In A Life of ANN



7.30am: Watering the plants.
Coffee. Gathering Thoughts.



8.30am: Briefing. Checking. Delegating.



10.30am: Meeting.
Deliberating. DEADLINES.



12.30pm: Lunch Box.
Netflix. Chill.



2.00pm: Site. Boots. Sun Block.



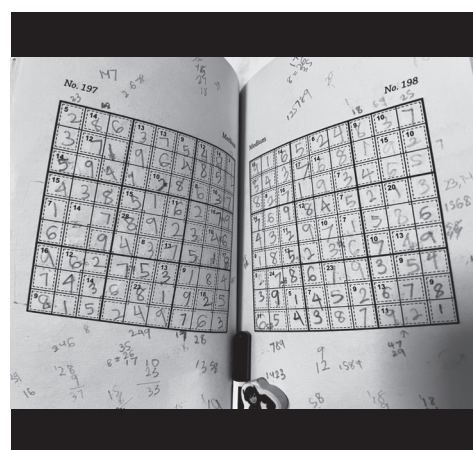
5.00pm: Crit. Clearing Table.
Tomorrow's To-Do List.



6.45pm: Run. 3km. Run.



7.30pm: Group Workout. Stretching.
Sweat it out.



10.00-11.00pm: Clearing The
Mind. Sudoku. Bedtime.

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BIM Understanding the International ISO 19650 Guideline

Date : 28 / 01 / 2023 (Saturday)
Time : 9.00 - 11.00 am
Registration : Registration upon attendance

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