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UPCOMING CPD Seminar session – ARcover Sarawak: Session 2

Dear PAM Sarawak Chapter Members,

Good morning and greetings from PAM. Please block your diary for our next CPD Seminar session, details as follows:

ARCOVER SARAWAK: SESSION 2

Date & Time: 3 February 2024, 10am to 1pm

Venue: PAM SARAWAK CHAPTER HQ

ARcover held our last session in Kuching in November 2022. Since then, we received positive feedback and a wide range of queries from architects in Sarawak. We are now back for Session 2 with new contents curated on your queries.

- Why do I need to purchase and renew my Annual Professional Indemnity (PI)?
- Isn't Single Project PI a cheaper option?
- The dispute is between the developer and sub-contractor, does not involve me. Should I notify?
- Is a letter of demand considered a claim?
- Why do architects get sued for professional negligence?

Don't miss the opportunity to join Session 2 where we will address these common questions and discuss case studies from the region.

This session is aimed at providing a good understanding on how the ARcover insurance policy can assist you in managing your practice.

AGENDA

| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
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| 11.00 am | PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY: SINGLE PROJECT OR ANNUAL PI? A comparison | Sharmini Ganasegaran Consultant Lockton Consulting |
| 11.15 am | ARCHITECTS' LIABILITY FROM THE INSURER'S PERSPECTIVE: Case studies from the region | Terence Chew-Lau Claims Expert SwissRe International SE |
| | WAS THE ARCHITECT NEGLIGENT? Panel Lawyer's discussion of reported Malaysian cases | Datuk Mureli Navaratnam ARcover panel lawyer Messrs Mureli Navaratnam |
| 12.15 pm | Question time | |

Prior to the ARcover session, there will be a presentation by Ar. Nurina of Arkitek Nurina Matnor.

Further information on the session and registration details will be emailed out soon. We look forward to your attendance at this CPD seminar on 3 February 2024.

4 Nations Live Design Discourse Workshop 2023

Chapter 1 : The Reflections

Contributed by Ar. Brendan Tong, with the assistance of Ar. Goh Tze Hui

We will be releasing 5 chapters over the next 3 editions of NEWS Intersection

Friday morning. Breakfast

Participants warmed up to each other over Laksa Sarawak and Kolo mee.

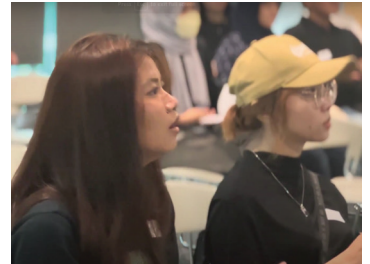


Ar. Brendan Tong - Co - Convenor

"It started with a seemingly random phone call. My friend Ar. Goh Tze Hui asked me if I am interested to be a Co - convenor for an international student design workshop. It was daunting, and it was tempting to refuse, considering the short 3 months we are given to put everything together. But the nature of the workshop intrigued the educator in me, the idea of putting together students of Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia, mix them up, set them loose, and see what a well stirred pot of different background, experiences, culture, approaches and ideas can procure. I was sold, I was in."

Friday morning. PAMSC Centre

To start off the day, Ar. Adrianta Aziz briefed the participants on the workshop deliverables. This was followed by Ar. Goh Tze Hui's elaboration of the workshop schedule, project brief and project site overview. Since he grew up in Kenyalang Park, Ar. Mike Boon contribution some of his own experiences and understanding of the site and its history.



Ar. Ng Shi Qi - PAM (Malaysia) Mentor

"For me, the biggest challenge mentoring the team was the language barrier. The students from all nations were able to speak passable English, but some were more confident in the language than others. When you mix in the need to profess and explain intricate ideas and technical details, the less confident students fell back on the comfort of silence. This did not work well for the team, as all of them had so much to offer. I spent half of the first 2 days coming up with icebreaking exercises, and taking every advantage to build confidence and comfort within the group, enough so for them to start communicating in earnest."

Friday afternoon . Kenyalang Park

Armed with a wealth of literal information, participants set off to experience and analyze their site. They were assisted by an organized team of 8 Facilitators, who are students of the University of Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).



Ar. Goh Tze Hui - Convenor

"The choice of Kenyalang Park Housing Estate as the project site was a personal one for me. As a resident, I am a firsthand witness to its unique charm and inherent challenges. It felt apt and logical for me to share that experience with the participants. Little did I realize that the collective eyes of the different nationals would end up opening my own eyes to what I thought I was familiar with. It was a joy to observe their interpretation of the community's pulse. And it was as much a refreshing experience for me as it was for them."

Friday evening . Kuching City Centre and Waterfront

To further enhance their experience and understanding of Kuching, participants were brought on a tour of the old streets and waterfront of the City. The tour brought them through both the Brooke era architecture and the modern heritage driven icons, and concluded with a classic boat ride to Kampung Boyan for dinner.



Ar. Dr. Nillapat "Gig" Srisorparb - ASA (Thailand) Mentor

"You may be surprised, but coordinating 4 people was hard! Some of the students worked faster, some slower. Rather literally, some WALKED faster, and some walked so slowly they fell behind! To help the team work in synergy, I tried to guide them to move in the same tandem and rhythm, and that started with making them WALK together, to care for each other, to listen to each other, and to pay attention to each other. Eventually, they learned to match their thinking, and we became more and more efficient in agreeing to specific points in our race towards the development of a united idea."

Friday Night. Dinner and Draft Crit

A tranquil dinner overlooking the Sarawak River was brightened by the arrival of Ar. Ng Chee Wee, who was innocently invited by a devilish Ar. Brendan as a guest of honour for the night. The ruse was only unravelled when he was ushered to a large table after his meal, and presented with the center spot of an impromptu crit panel. Being a great sport, Ar. Ng was more than helpful in offering his advice to guide the participants through the development of their draft proposal.



Isaac, Merrylove, Mimew, Faza - Group 4 Participants

"We started the workshop with different goals: Mimew was here to make some new friends. Isaac turned up a day earlier at site in determination to get an immersive grasp of the context. Faza and Merrylove were expecting to be learners of new experiences. But at the conclusion of our dinner, our resolve was one and the same: We are here to impress, and we will create a design that could actually reach out and tug at the heart strings of those who lived in Kenyalang Park all their lives. We were so determined to make an impression at our draft crit presentation, we chose to risk missing our boat back to the city shores for it. As we ran down the dark gangplank to an irate boat captain, a good half a minute before he had to call it a day, we felt illuminated by the glow of pride and solidarity we had for each other. That boat ride will be a memory we cherish forever."

Saturday Morning . PAMSC Centre

Fresh from a good night's rest, participants converged at PAMSC centre bright and early, in keen anticipation of an intensive day of design production.



Aliff, Melinda, Ardian, Dutchmill- Group 1 Participants

"The best part about the event was definitely making new friends. It was so much fun pooling together our individually diverse and exotic culture to tackle the problems we encountered. Sure, language was initially a bit of a problem, but we are designers, and we speak with graphics! All in all we learned a lot, be it of newfound knowledge in architecture, working styles, culture and even food. Kuching was an excellent background for this event, being a city that offers so much to experience. We are only sorry this event merely lasted 5 days, but if we were given a chance, we would love to participate in another LDD workshop in the future."

Saturday Afternoon and Evening . PAMSC Centre

As the sun arcs across the windows, the mood remained electrifying, with the participants showing no intention of slowing down in their progress and intensity.



Vina, Wan Hong, Euro, Bernice - Group 3 Participants

"The experience that stood out the most for us has to be the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our design. Some of us were fairly familiar with common AI like ChatGPT, but our mentor brought us through a more in depth layer of understanding and usage of software like Midjourney and Prompt AI. To be honest, we struggled to use the software efficiently within the short timeframe, and we ended up only using them to generate and overlay some of the contextual elements like the greeneries for our presentation boards. But the new experience brought us a deeper understanding of their capability, and had us teaming with fresh ideas on how we can utilize them in our future works."

Saturday Evening . Tour and Dinner

The 4 Mentors were brought around Kuching city for shopping and food sampling. After that, Ar. Mike Boon provided the quintessential Sarawakian hospitality by hosting both evening drinks at his home and a culturally infused dinner experience.



Linda Octavia - IAI (Indonesia) Mentor

"This trip has been a very interesting, educational and fun experience for me. I'm really glad to have been given an opportunity to come to Kuching. I never knew it is so different to Indonesia, even though we are next to each other. Thank you to PAM and the event team for the hospitality over the past 3 days, and I look forward to hosting you in Indonesia soon."

Saturday Night . PAMSC Centre

Midnight came and went quietly, as the centre remained as lively as the Christmas Market next door. The Centre experienced its inaugural 24 hour marathon operation and survive unscathed.



Ar. Adrianta Aziz - PAM LDD Event Advisor

"Witnessing the students working deep into the night was truly inspiring for me. Their synergy, their uninhibited sharing, and their enthusiastic brainstorming efforts with enthusiasm are testaments to the power of teamwork. Seeing their remarkable and informative panels borne within such limited timeframes filled me with awe. The harmony they achieved, the concepts they crafted, and the joy they found in working together with a positive mindset showcased the beauty of a unified creativity that transcended boundaries."

Sunday Afternoon . Crit Session

The culmination of intensive efforts finally bore fruit, as the architects of Kuching joined us out of curiosity and enthusiasm for the participants' efforts. A surprise guest joined the crit panel. The Mayor of Kuching South City Council (MBKS), Datuk Wee Hong Sen, graced the session and was enthralled by the works put forth by the four teams of participants.



Datuk Wee Hong Sen - MBKS Mayor (Extracted from his speech on 17th December 2023)

"Today, I have seen some great ideas put forward. Some of these ideas, like the one that proposes modular outdoor furniture, are remarkably similar to ideas that we have already intended to implement. With your permission, I am keen to share these ideas with my Councillors, and see if we can extract some of these designs to be implemented in the future. We may end up mixing up all your ideas together to create something new, like Rojak, but let's not forget, Rojak tastes the best that way."

Sunday Afternoon . Mentor Sharing

To cap off our event, the four nation's mentors gracefully shared some of the work they did whilst in their respective home countries.



Ar. Song Yu Chuan - SIA (Singapore) Mentor

"Returning from the workshop in Kuching, the echoes of cultural diversity and collaborative creativity linger. Engaging with fellow young practitioners and students from the 4 nations revealed a shared language in design that transcends borders. Kenyalang Park became a canvas for our collective imagination, where ideas flowed seamlessly, weaving together innovative urban interventions. The experience underscored the power of collaboration and the universal nature of design in building bridges across cultures. As I reflect on the journey, it's evident that this discourse was not just about design—it was a celebration of unity through creativity, leaving an indelible mark on my perspective."

Epilogue

Ar. Goh Tze Hui - Convenor

Hosting the Live Design Discourse was thrilling and challenging. As a past mentor, I understood its intensity, but the Convenor role surpassed expectations, offering unparalleled excitement and fulfillment. Contributing to friendship and exchange among four nations was an honor, and the spontaneous feedback affirmed the impact of our efforts. This experience deepened my commitment to dialogue and creative exchange. I'm deeply grateful for the shared moments.

Chapter 2 : The Acknowledgements

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Convening the workshop has turned out to be a lot more complex than we had initially foreseen. And we are overwhelmingly grateful of the amount of assistance from those within and outside the prescribed event team, who have gone above and beyond to make this event end on such a high note. It is just impossible to thank everyone in this one article alone.

That said, Ar. Goh Tze Hui and I wishes to take this opportunity to thank a few key notable people. We would like to firstly thank the PAM team, beginning with Ar. Adrianta Aziz, the event advisor, Ar. Annie Narodden, the Sarawak Chapter Chairperson, Puan Suryati, PAM Secretariat, and not the very least, Cik Nancy, the Sarawak Chapter Secretariat; for their round the clock support and advice prior, during and well after the event.

We would next like to thank Ar. Mike Boon for his assistance in providing the participants with extensive insights of Kenyalang Park, and for the arrangement of the mayor of Kuching South City Council, Datuk Wee Hong Sen to grace our event. We would also like to thank Ar. Mike and his family, notably his son David Boon, for hosting the mentors to drinks and dinners in between the programs, and indulging them with a quintessential Sarawakian hospitality experience.

We would also like to thank Ar. Ng Chee Wee for his impromptu offer to crit the participants' first draft during the Friday night dinner. His insights provided immense clarity for the team's direction, and was immeasurable in value and experience.

We would like to thank Ar. Mitchell Mos for arranging the coverage of the event in the Sarawak Tribune newspaper. His expedient coordination allowed the event to experience publication within the next day, a feat not small by any means.

Last but certainly not the least, we would like to thank the event management team put together for the event, in particular the facilitators and photographer from UNIMAS, who offered extensive manpower, chauffeur and guide services for the three intensive days. We would like to thank the crit panel consisting of our friends in the industry, who took great trouble and time off a beautiful Sunday afternoon to join us in livening the event. A list of the team has been provided below.

With great sincerity and gratitude, we thank you all kabans.

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- Mentors : Ar. Ng Shi Qi
Ar. Dr. Nilapat Srisorparb
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Ar. Song Yu Chuan
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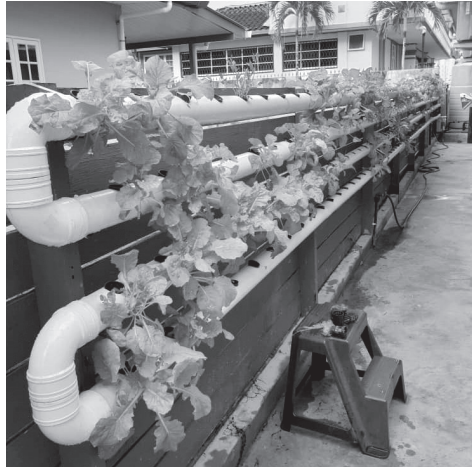
WHAT DO ARCHITECTS DO ALL DAY?

This section attempts to sum up the architects' busy day in a series of snapshots - this is Ar. Abg Razali's contribution this issue. For the next issue, we feature Ar. IDr. Sim Shau Jiunn.

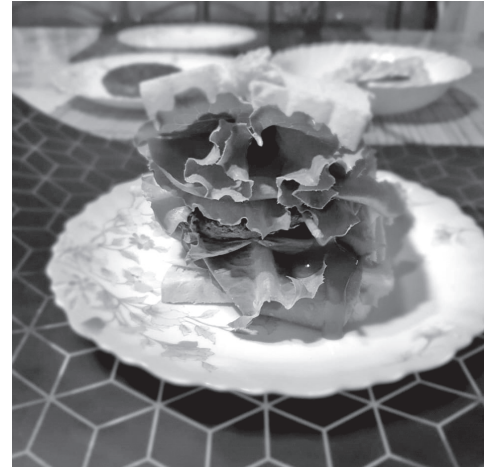
Our readers are invited to submit their 'day's experiences' as well - email to intersection.editorial@gmail.com



5.30 am - Fajr prayer.



7.00 am - Gardening at my DIY Hydroponic system. Constructed of 150mm diameter UPVC pipes.



8.00 am - Breakfast.



8.30 am - Traffic Jam.



10.00 am - Discussion on design work.



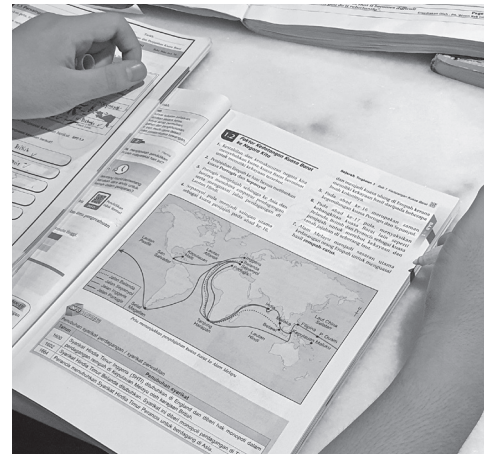
12.30 pm - Homegrown lunch.



2.30 pm - Meeting with Client.



6.30 pm - Gardening again... Transplanting another batch of Lettuce seedlings.



8.00 pm - Helping my son with his homework.

PAMSC Seminar: When Resilience Meets Brilliance: Exploring Weathering Steel Performance and Architectural Finesse through Sarawak Case Studies

Join us in this seminar as our coated steel industry expert Mr Jack will delve into the essential factors influencing the weathering performance of coated steel. From raw material selection and manufacturing processes to the latest technological enhancements.

Next, immerse yourself in the design narrative of the newly unveiled Sheraton hotel in Kuching, guided by the insights of Architect Christy Tan from Aki Media.

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Synopsis:

In a landscape offering a myriad of choices, architects and building professionals face the crucial task of selecting the right material to withstand the challenges posed by the rigorous Malaysian climate.

Join us in this seminar as our coated steel industry expert delves into the essential factors influencing the **weathering performance of coated steel**. From raw material selection and manufacturing processes to the latest technological enhancements, we'll explore critical tests and certifications that ensure reliable steel performance. Through a compelling array of case studies spanning over 20 years in Sarawak, we'll dissect the real-world impact of weathering on coated steel conditions.

Next, immerse yourself in the **design narrative of the newly unveiled Sheraton hotel in Kuching**, guided by the insights of Architect Christy Tan from Aki Media. Experience her design journey as she embraces the challenge of embedding and transcending design elements to convey the hotel's brand values and luxury positioning. Ms. Christy Tan intricately weaves the design into Kuching's enchanting cityscape, optimizing space for efficient hotel operation while overcoming site constraints. This sharing promises a captivating exploration of the intersection between architectural design and practical implementation.

Register today to gain valuable insights from our expert speakers, equipping yourself with the knowledge for informed decisions that enhance your architectural projects in the vibrant context of Sarawak.

Speakers:



Mr. Jack Chum
Technical Marketing Manager
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Ms. Christy Tan
Associate Director
Aki Media

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