



Improving the Building Control of DBKU

Following our courtesy visit, the Building Section of DBKU invited PAMSC to participate in the planning of a workshop initiated by the Mayor. The aim of the workshop is to improve building control and will have the following framework:

- Divided into 2 parts: the current system & e-submission system.
- DBKU & PAMSC to work out the list of relevant agencies and professional bodies to be invited to the workshop.
- DBKU updated on their latest building control system with the Jawatankuasa Pengurusan.
- DBKU also briefed PAMSC on their preliminary ideas and updates for e-submission.
- DBKU agreed to forward all checklists and requirements (including the powerpoint slide format) to PAMSC to share with members.
- DBKU also agreed to have provisions to submit drawings (in pdf) via email/ cloud link for convenience purposes.



The discussion was chaired by Deputy Director, attended by Building Section, Engineering Section & Legal Section. PAMSC attended by PGL Committee, Ar. Chai Si Yong, Ar. Stephen Liew and Ar. Peter Wong & Ar. John Lee.



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Professional Indemnity for Architects
Sarawak Chapter

12 November 2022
(subject to GE15)

Sat 9:30am - 1:00pm
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9:30am Registration & Breakfast

10:00am **Welcome address & why PAM encourages PI?**
Ar Chai Si Yong, Chairman, PAM Sarawak Chapter

10:15am **ARcover Professional Indemnity to protect your firm & you - PAM KL**
Norazam Victor, PAM KL
Sharmini Ganasegaran, Lockton Consulting

11:00am **The Panel Lawyer's Perspective**
- **Duties:** Contract vs Tort vs Statute
- **Commission of Inquiries:** What to expect?
- **Defence:** What is important? What to prepare?
- **Case Study:** MC Strata Title Plan No 3322 v Tiong Aik Construction Pte Ltd & Anor [2016] SGCA 40
Datuk Mureli Navaratnam
Managing Partner, Mureli Navaratnam

12:30pm **Q & A**

1:00pm Closing followed by lunch

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** The organizer reserves the right to make changes to the event without prior notice.*

* Stay tuned for registration link.

Nyih Hor Moh... Singkawang

("How are you" in Hakka, a local dialect commonly spoken in Kota Singkawang)

Borneo City Forum

In conjunction with the 21st anniversary of City Day, Kota Singkawang celebrated with 10-day festival festival which included leisure events, musical performances, an expo and sports tournaments. One of the key events was the 1st Borneo City Forum (BCF) held on 15th October 2022 at Swiss-Bellinn Hotel, Singkawang. The theme for the forum "One Vision One Borneo" was in-line with the rapid development of cities in Borneo Island after the announcement of the new capital city in Kalimantan.

BCF was jointly organized by Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia Kalimantan Barat (IAI KalBar) and Pemerintah Kota Singkawang. Wali Kota, Tjhai Chui Mie, S.E., M.H., believes in working together with architects as city designers in uplifting the well-being of the built environment and people in Kota Singkawang. BCF was designed as a platform for discussion and networking with cities in Borneo for better understanding and potential collaboration between cities. The forum was conducted in two parts. The first part consists of presentations by renowned architects and researchers. The second part was presented by representatives from architectural institutes around the region.

PAMSC is honoured to be invited as one of the speakers for BCF. We took this opportunity to introduce our chapter to participants of BCF, sharing our initiatives and collaboration with our members, government, industry partners, and the public.



Welcoming Dinner with Wali Kota Singkawang (in her red sneaker) and speakers for Borneo City Forum on Friday evening.



Group photo of guests and speakers for BCF.



BCF was held in Swiss-Bellinn Hotel Singkawang, attended by the Mayor of Singkawang, the Mayor of Pontianak, the Mayor of Banjarmasin, representatives from government sectors, members of IAI, university students & other stakeholders.

The event poster for Borneo City Forum.

Journey to the South

This is my first trip to Kalimantan, a place that is so near to us yet so far (long hours) to travel. Due to the last minute arrangements, I decided to take the five and half hour road trip, instead of flying through multiple cities to reduce some carbon footprint. The Customs and Security point at Biawak and Aruk was very smooth. Other than the narrower road from the Aruk border onwards, the rest are quite comfortable.

Kota Singkawang is about half the size of Kuching in population, covered by mostly low-rise buildings over a gridiron city plan. It is a city with the most Chinese population in Indonesia and the Hakka dialect is widely spoken among the Chinese. Kota Singkawang is also known as the "City of Thousand Temples" where buildings with Chinese art and sculptures are easily found around the city.

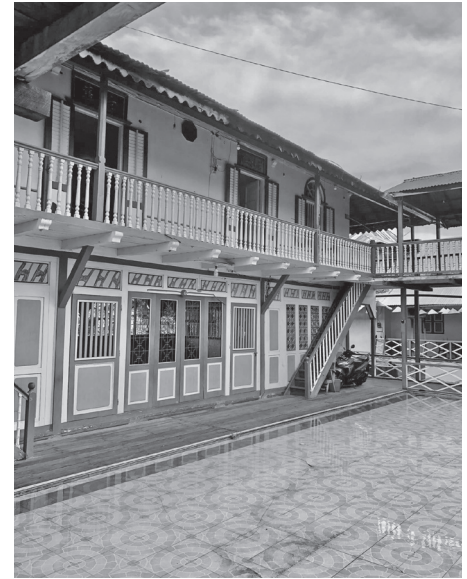
Kota Singkawang is also famous for its unique local food, Hakka "Choy-pan" (菜粿) is one of the best for me. It is traditional Hopoh (河婆) Hakka's steamed vegetable dumplings. Fresh jicama or chives cooked with dried shrimp, covered in a thin layer of rice skin. The best way to eat the Choy-pan in Singkawang is to eat it together with the local "kopi".



Hakka "Choy-Pan" and local cinnamon coffee.



"kai fon" (chicken rice) can hardly see the rice.



Traditional Chinese courtyard house of Tjhia family.

A fruitful journey

After 4D3N in Kota Singkawang, I am amazed by the similarities between Kota Singkawang and Kuching; in dialect, food, culture and multi-racial living among the people. The forum is the first physical event by IAI, and many representatives from outside of West Kalimantan travelled long hours to support the event (I travelled the least). It is also an important platform to connect cities on this island to share knowledge and collaborate with each other for the benefit of all. Hopefully, there are more connectivity among the cities to bring us closer physically or virtually.



Google Maps shows the travel distance and time from Kuching to Kota Singkawang.

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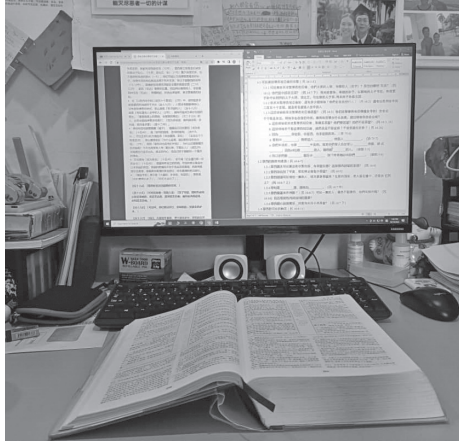
WHAT DO ARCHITECTS DO ALL DAY? 7/12

This section attempts to sum up the architects' busy day in a series of snapshots - this is Ar. Angel Wong's contribution this issue. For the next issue, we nominate Ar. Wong Siew Ling.

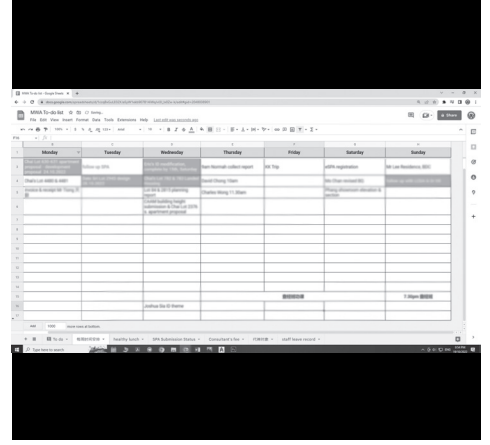
Our readers are invited to submit their 'day's experiences' as well - email to intersection.editorial@gmail.com



4:45a.m. Preparing breakfast for family - carbo. + protein + vege.



7:00a.m. Praying and studying the Bible before starting the day's work.



7:30a.m. Checking & updating task list for the staff within the week.



9:00a.m. Project review and planning.



11:00a.m. Site inspection & coordination with contractors.



15:00p.m. Coffee or tea break (^v^)



17:00p.m. 刘耕宏本草纲目减脂操 training. New challenge: 2 mins 龙拳 🐉🐉🐉



18:00p.m. It's playtime!



19:00p.m. Guide kids' homework while planning tomorrow's work.

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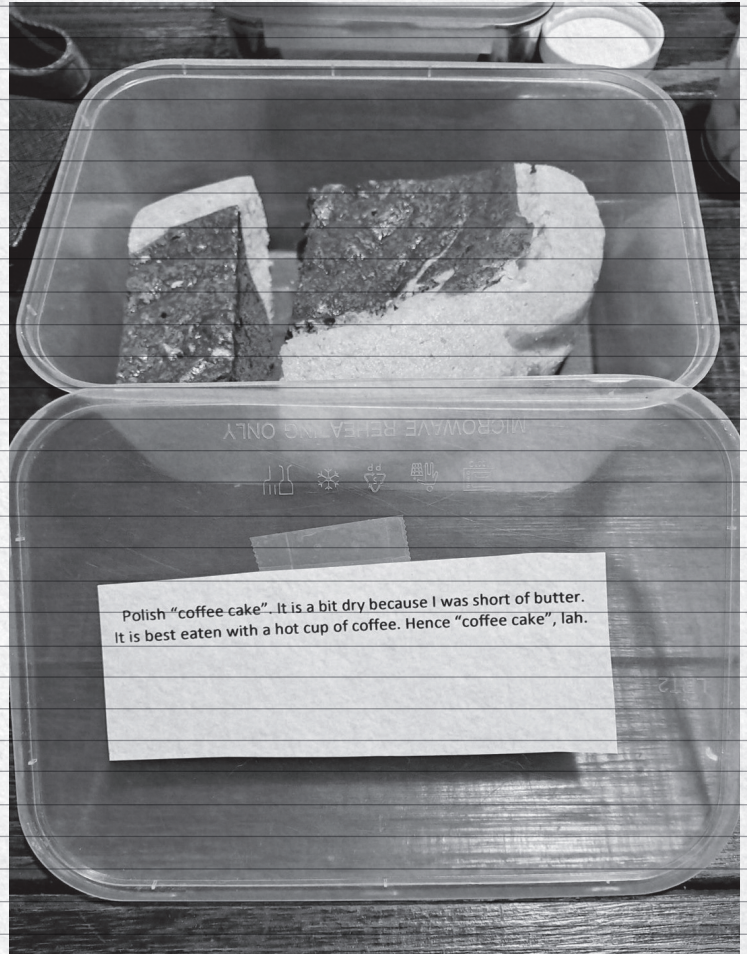
Polish coffee cake

A short lesson from Min

Our American friend, Thelma* has been in Kuching for quite a number of years now, and has picked up some local customs such as the one where food containers (which previously had in them meals for her) were returned with a token of appreciation; usually fruits or sweets. We received this gift of Polish coffee cake, with a note explaining its drawbacks due to the lack of a certain ingredient; butter. Some might say if you don't have enough butter then don't make cake. But I see a slightly different mindset - getting things done is better than waiting for a perfect opportunity.

Designers face this problem constantly - waiting for that perfect idea before presenting their scheme, which almost never comes before the deadline. It is better to launch the initial ideas and thoughts in their infancy and see if they take root. There are several immediate benefits:

1. it takes the pressure off, and it releases you to have more (and better) ideas.
2. your team members can 'see' what is on your mind, and help to review and comment.
3. your client (or tutor if you are a student) knows that although this might not be the final scheme, you are making progress.
4. He can then review with his team and provide feedback which will shape the scheme, and make him part of the design team/process.



The Polish coffee cake? As predicted it was a little dry and needed more time to chew and wash down with cups of coffee - perfect for a long journey out of town on a budget airline for the Borneo Architectural Festival (BAF).

* names have been changed to protect our friendship

CPD Technical Talk 04/2022: Corrosion Protection & Cellulosic Passive Fire Fundamentals & Structural Fire Design by Hempel Malaysia Sdn Bhd

Reported by Ar. Noraini Narodden

Time: 8.30am to 12.00pm

It is the first hybrid event in Sarawak with 49 total in attendance offline (25) and online. The talk was given by Mr Terrence Goh, their Head of Business Development - Infrastructure APEC.



Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pembinaan SibU

Prepared by Ar. Brendan Tong

PAMSC is now a member of the Jawatankuasa Pembinaan SibU (JPSI), a task-force initiated by the SibU Branch of Lembaga Pembangunan Industri Pembinaan Malaysia (CIDB). The purpose of the task-force is to bring to attention, discussion and act on issues brought forth by the major stakeholders of SibU's construction industry. These issues pertain in particular to areas of education, training, betterment of workers' welfare, and statutory policies.

On the 27th September 2022, PAMSC attended the 3rd monthly meeting of the year, held at the SibU CIDB Centre. The meeting was attended by representatives from all segments of SibU's construction industry, which included Government and Semi - Government sectors like JKR, DID, Land and Survey, Customs and Sarawak Energy, as well as private sector Developers, Consultants, Contractors, Suppliers, Trainers, their respective organizations, Universities, and even Banks.

The meeting brought to light several issues pertaining to the local construction scene, and invited the attendees to elaborate, brainstorm and resolve the matters through their respective offices. At the conclusion



of the meeting, the task-force resolved to address and improve, among others, the following issues:

- A call for greater Safety related compliance, and the resolution of observed issues at local sites
- Greater exposure and awareness of local training programmes for skilled workers
- A call for wider BIM adoption, awareness and training among local stakeholders
- Coordination of utility companies to resolve drainage and utility mapping issues

PAMSC wishes to invite our SibU compatriots to inform and highlight issues that you may wish us to bring to attention in the next monthly task-force meeting. Feel free to forward them to us at info@pamsc.org.my.

PAM Sarawak Graduate Series No.2/2022: Preparing for LAM Part III Examination – Scenarios & Situations

Prepared by Ar. Brendan Tong

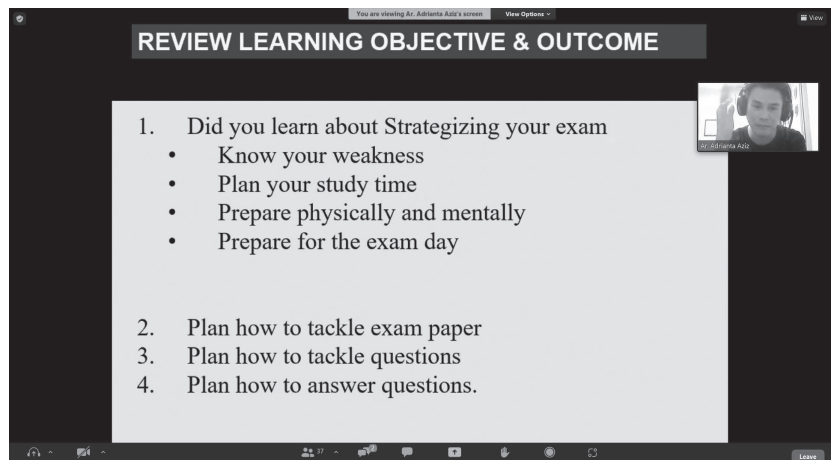
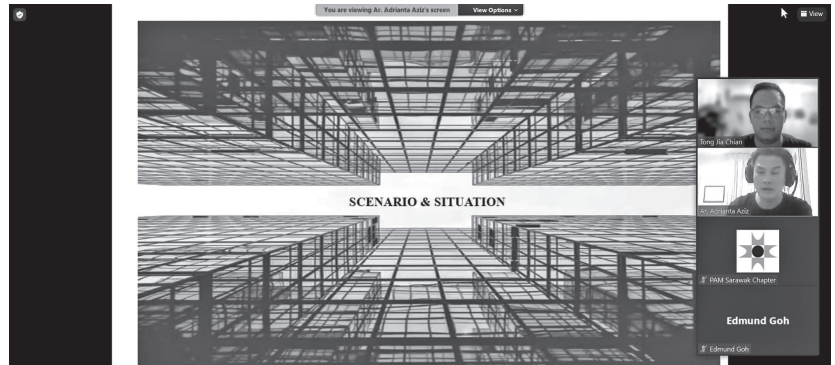
On the 1st of October 2022, PAMSC invited Ar. Adrianta Aziz the PAM Chairman for the Education sub-committee to give an online talk for graduates preparing for their Part 3 Examinations.

37 participants attended the session, in which Ar. Adrianta discussed professional judgement, maturity of mindset, answering techniques, and healthy practices in the context of both the exam as well as in real – life practices.

The attendees interacted with Ar. Adrianta, and were able to present sample answers for critique and review. At the end of the 4-hour evening session, the attendees expressed more confidence and energy in their preparations for the upcoming examination.

As a conclusion to the event, Ar. Adrianta shared the following salient points of advice:

- (a) Strategize both time and answering methods. Think about personalized formats for the use of point forms, short forms, and which questions to answer first.
- (b) Practice as many times as possible with past exam papers, in order to establish familiarity with common questions.
- (c) Make sure you read the questions carefully. Do not misunderstand the instructions.



PAMSC thank Ar. Adrianta Aziz for taking time off his hectic schedule to spend the evening, late into the night with our Sarawakian graduates in order to ensure they are significantly better equipped for their exams.

PAMSC will also like to wish the best to all Graduates taking their exams on the 22nd of October 2022.

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