



**THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
(HKIA)**

COUNTRY REPORT

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1. Brief History of the Institute

On 3rd September 1956, 27 architects gathered and formed a Society “for the general advancement of Civil Architecture and for promoting and facilitating the acquirement of the knowledge of the various Arts and Sciences.” Thus The Hong Kong Society of Architects was formed. On 7th May, 1957, the first amendments were made, to stand for over two and a half years. During the period the membership of the Society increased by 50% and recognition as an Allied Society was given by Royal Institute of British Architects. In accord with this growth, further amendments were made to come into effect on 3rd November 1959. By the end of 1962, the Society expanded to a membership seven times as large as that first body of Foundation Members.

The change of name from Society to Institute was effected in 1972 after a great deal of preparatory work, and this initiated a new phase of activity in the Institute’s affairs. Members will use the professional affix “HKIA” and describe themselves as Member of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects. Associates will describe themselves as Associate of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects in full. Under which no abbreviation of this is permitted.

In celebration of the 55th Anniversary, the Institute is going to organize three special events including HKIA 55th Anniversary Conference: Megalopolis, HKIA 55th Anniversary Ball and Hong Kong Architecture Week in fall 2011.

2. Office Bearers in 2011 and Patron

The Patron of HKIA is The Honourable Mr. TSANG Yam-Kuen Donald, Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
1. LAM Kwong Li Dominic	President
2. FUNG Yin Suen Ada	Vice President
3. LAM Ping Hong Robert	Vice President
4. CHI Wuh Cherng Daniel	Honorary Secretary
5. TANG Wai Man Tony	Honorary Treasurer

3. Current Membership Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Subscription (US\$)</u>
Member	2582	260
Graduate Member	461	65
Non-Resident Member	129	130
Fellow	158	390
Associate	27	260
Affiliate	16	130
Student Member	83	13
Retired Member	39	119
Honorary Fellow	1	waived
Honorary Member	9	waived

Total: 3,505 (as of 11 July 2011)

Registered Practices:	167
w/ 1-9 HKIA members	142
w/ 10-19 HKIA members	12
w/ 20-29 HKIA members	2
w/ 30-39 HKIA members	4
w/ 40 or more HKIA members	7

4. Budget of the Institute

Funds are largely raised through membership annual subscription. Budget is approved by the Council and audited accounts would be presented to the General Membership in the Annual General Meeting. Office Bearers are empowered to execute payment of Institute's expenses.

5. Number of Chapters

There is no Chapter affiliated to the Institute in Hong Kong. Beijing Representative Office has been set up since 2006 in Beijing with an aim to promote Hong Kong architects' professional services in the Mainland.

6. Annual General Meeting

There are four Quarterly General Meetings per year for collective decision making. Annual election is held in the Third Quarterly General Meeting in September.

7. Legal Status of the Institute in the Country

The Institute is recognized by the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the representative professional body of the Architects in Hong Kong. HKIA is enacted under The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Incorporation Ordinance (chapter 1147).

Legal Status of the Architect in the Country

The title "Architect" is protected under the Architects Registration Ordinance (Please refer to: http://www.arb.org.hk/Registration_Ordinance.html). The yearly fee for renewal of a Registered Architect is HK\$1,300 (US\$167).

8. Registration Authority for Architects in the Country

There is a registration body for the Architects in Hong Kong, namely Architects Registration Board (ARB), HKSAR. Applicants satisfying the qualifications for registration as stipulated under Section 13 of the Ordinance are eligible to apply. As of 11 July 2011, there is a total of 2,700 Registered Architects.

Under the Architects Registration Ordinance, ten Members of the Architects Registration Board are appointed by the Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects plus one Member appointed by the Hong Kong SAR Government.

9. International Affiliations of the Institute

HKIA is a Member of the International Union of Architects (UIA), Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) and ARCASIA. Subscription fee to UIA is Euro £4,726 (US\$6,602), CAA is Euro £6,342 (US\$9,005) and ARCASIA is US\$1,000. As one of the member economies of APEC Architects Project, an APEC Architect Project Monitoring Committee, Hong Kong China, has been set up to operate a section of the APEC Architect Register for the enrollment of

APEC Architects registered in Hong Kong. The HKIA is committed to participate in the activities organized by its international affiliates. Subscription fee to APEC is US\$3,531 for year 2010.

10. Major Programmes of the Institute during 10/2010 to 7/2011

See App A

11. Outreach Programmes and Publications of the Institute

Venice Biennale 12th International Architecture Exhibition: Hong Kong in Venice – Quotidian Architectures

2010 marks Hong Kong's third consecutive presence at the Venice Biennale. It is an unparalleled opportunity to promote Hong Kong as an international city and showcase the creativity of Hong Kong's architecture and arts communities.

Quotidian Architectures invite architects, artists, activists, educators, industrialists and government agencies to re-envision the necessary choices we make every day; what we wear, what we eat, where we live, how we travel, what we learn, and how we relax. Installation of each exhibit was a collaboration between architects and other professions to form cross-disciplinary projects for responsible and sustainable design.

The Opening Ceremony of Quotidian Architectures was held on 27 August 2010. The exhibition is running from 29 August 2010 to 21 November 2010 in Venice and rerun in Hong Kong as a response exhibition from 30 April 2011 to 25 June 2011.

(Link: <http://www.venicebiennale.hk/vb2010/>)

HKIA Architecture Week 2010

To promote architecture to the community and to celebrate the World Day of Architecture of the International Union of Architects (UIA) on 4 October 2010, the Institute organized an Architecture Week spanning for 5 days from 4 to 8 October 2010. It was the first time HKIA hosted an event of this nature with an aim to provide high school students with a fundamental idea on architecture, a series of activities including Open House of HKIA premises, visit to Registered Practices and Schools of Architecture, and Student Charette, were organized during the Architecture Week.

Invitation was extended to 54 secondary schools and the participation rate was encouraging. Most of the students found the activities very meaningful and significantly enhanced their knowledge in architecture.

Hong Kong-Shenzhen Bi-city Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture 2011

Funding support from the Hong Kong SAR government has been granted for the captioned exhibition which is participated to be held in early 2012 in collaboration with Hong Kong Institute of Planners, Hong Kong Designers Association and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

HKIA Publications

The Institute dispatches the following publication and e-information for circulation to Members and allied institutions, both local and overseas:

- E-CPD Weekly
(<http://www.hkia.net/en/Events/action.do?method=detail&mappingName=CPD&id=4028813c2802ee73012885a13ee702d8>)
- E-newsletter Weekly
(<http://www.hkia.net/en/News/action.do?method=detail&mappingName=LocalNews&id=4028813c2802ee7301288667f72802e6>)
- HKIA Journal (Quarterly)
(http://www.hkia.net/en/Resources/Resources_01_02.htm)
- HKIA Directory of Architects Practices (Annually)
(<http://www.hkia.net/en/Resources/action.do?method=detail&mappingName=Consulation&id=4028813c296839db012987a47bef0071>)
- Annual Report (Annually)
- Annual Awards Special Issue (Annually)

12. Awards and Design Competitions organized / supported by the Institute during 10/2010 to 7/2011

HKIA Annual Awards and Exhibition 2010

HKIA Annual Awards is organized every year to give recognition to outstanding architecture designed by our members. The award has been established since 1965 and has been well recognized as the most important architectural award in Hong Kong.

The purpose of the HKIA Annual Awards and Exhibition is to give professional recognition and to increase public awareness to outstanding achievements in architecture. It is hoped that the Annual Awards & Exhibitions will foster an appreciation for buildings which have been designed by members of HKIA and have achieved architectural excellence that deserve professional acknowledgement and public attention.

Result of HKIA Annual Awards 2010

(<http://www.hkia.net/UserFiles/File/aa09/FACT%20SHEET-HKIA%20Annual%20Awards%202010.pdf>)

HKIA Young Architect Award 2010

HKIA encourages young architects to contribute their talent pro-actively in upholding the professional, art and cultural developments of Hong Kong.

Result of HKIA Young Architect Award 2010

(<http://www.hkia.net/en/Events/action.do?method=detail&mappingName=LocalEvent&id=4028813c2a6e6fd2012aa1f929f0012e>)

Quality Building Award 2010

The Quality Building Award is a biennial award giving public recognition to buildings of outstanding quality that have demonstrated excellent teamwork. The provision of quality building is an essential ingredient of a prosperous and modern society, and thus the Quality Building Award aims to promote a collective commitment by the building industry to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and competitiveness.

Result of Quality Building Award 2010

(http://www.qba.com.hk/en/images/QBA2010_Press%20Release_Eng_Final.pdf)

Green Building Award 2010

Green Building Award 2010 (GBA 2010) is a biennial industry award jointly organised by the Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) and by the Professional Green Building Council (PGBC). It aims to provide recognition to buildings and research projects with outstanding features and contributions in sustainability and the environment and also to encourage the industry toward further adoption of sustainable planning, design, construction and maintenance of buildings.

Result of Green Building Award 2010

(<http://www.hkgbc.org.hk/gba/>)

International Design Ideas Competition for Liantang / Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point Passenger Terminal Building

The Competition invites qualified professionals in the field of architecture, engineering and planning, and the general public in Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas to contribute ideas and concepts on the design for the Passenger Terminal Building (including four vehicular bridges across the Shenzhen River) (referred collectively as "Passenger Terminal Building") of Liantang /Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point (BCP), for reference and future implementation by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSARG) and the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government (SMPG).

Website

(<http://www.lthywbcp-design.hk/>)

Eye-On Victoria – Call for Victoria Harbour Icon Design

The Competition invites members of the general public, secondary school (or equivalent) and university/tertiary students to contribute a creative design for the Victoria Harbour Icon for reference, adoption and future implementation by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSARG).

Result of competition

(http://www.eyeonvictoria.hk/en/result_og_win.php)

Exterior Design Competition of Central-Wan Chai Bypass East Vent Shaft

The main objectives of the exterior design competition are to encourage a beautiful and original design of the shaft which also meets functional needs so as to make it a sculptural landmark of the Eastern Harbourfront and to optimize the landscape of the Victoria Harbour.

2011 Mid-Autumn Lantern Celebration – Lantern Wonderland Design Competition

This Competition is aimed to provide an ideal platform to showcase local creativity, encourage design appreciation by local community and promote Hong Kong through an international language - design.

Lantern Wonderland

- A record-breaking giant Lantern for the Celebration in support of Hong Kong - Asia's World City campaign;
- Showcase the uniqueness of Hong Kong as a world class travel destination; and
- A signature piece highlighted in the Mid-Autumn Lantern Celebration in Hong Kong

13. Key Issues Facing the Architects/Architectural Profession/ Institute in the Country

With the rapid development of the City, the urban development is now coming to a threshold on urban renewal, heritage conservation, urban greening, energy saving and sustainable planning. New ideas and new regulations are required to facilitate further development of a quality city.

With the ever-growing number of Hong Kong architects who are now working in the Mainland and overseas, strictly speaking, the HKIA would keep in view of this global trend of talents mobilization that affects the local professionals in the long term.

14. Resources of the Institute

The Institute maintains a full calendar of events in her 55th Anniversary ranging from Continuing Professional Development seminars, HKIA Annual Awards, competitions, architectural walks, joint-institutes forums and symposia at all levels of society to cross-boundaries architectural biennales beyond Hong Kong. Many enthusiastic members contribute to make the events successful.

15. Plans for the Future

The Institute continues to working towards enhancement of networking, both in terms of internal liaison amongst fellow practices and promotion in the international arena. Outreaching to the public in Hong Kong and to the architectural community overseas for promotion of architecture remains the Institute's key objective. Exploration of co-operative opportunities with allied professional institutes, local and overseas, and public education would be the Institute's cores business in the near future.

The Institute is going to celebrate its 55th Anniversary in 2011. Three special events, the HKIA 55th Anniversary Conference themed "Megalopolis and Architecture" and HKIA Annual Ball are scheduled for 5 November 2011 and Hong Kong Architecture Week is scheduled for 3 October to 4 November 2011.

11 July 2011

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List of Activities

The following is a list of key activities of the Institute during 10/2010 to 7/2011:

ACTIVITIES	DATE
Annual General Meeting 2010	17/12/2010
HKIA Spring Reception	21/2/2011
Welcoming Event for Prospective HKIA Members 2011	21/3/2011
HKIA Media Luncheon	25/3/2011
1 st Quarterly General Meeting	31/3/2011
HKIA-HKAC Architecture Tour to Guangzhou	2 – 3/4/2011
Professional Interview for Non-Local Professionals	7/4/2011
Professional Interview	9/4/2011
Special General Meeting	13/4/2011
Venice Biennale Response Exhibition "Quotidian Architecture" Opening Ceremony	25/4/2011
HKIA Annual Awards 2010 Exhibition Opening Ceremony cum Prize Presentation	6/5/2011
Dragon Boat Race	6/6/2011
HKIA Media Luncheon	10/6/2011
2 nd Quarterly General Meeting	23/6/2011
Venice Biennale 2010 Response Exhibition Closing Forum & Photo Session	25/6/2011
Continuing Professional Development Activities (Seminar/ Supplier Services/ Site Visit/ Discussion Session):	
HKIA CPD Supplier Series Seminar by Amtrac: Timber treatment and technology and Applications	26/10/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar by Dr. Charlie Xue on World Architecture in China	2/11/2010
HKIA CPD Supplier Series Seminar by Shui Wo: Technical Seminar - Door hardware Scheduling & Application in Greater China	25/11/2010
CPD Sharing Session by Mr. Zhang Qinnan	29/11/2010

HKIA CPD Seminar by Kengo Kuma	4/12/2010
CPD Seminar on Shaping the City Through the Public Realm by Jordi Farrando	6/12/2010
CPD Seminar on Redevelopment of Upper Ngau Tau Kok Estate Phases 2 & 3 and Sau Mau Ping South Estate	7/12/2010
CPD Seminar on An Experience Sharing on Unauthorized Building Owrks and Exempted Works Davy Yuen	16/12/2010
CPD Seminar on Requirements on GBP Submissions and Application of Fire Engineering Approach in Building Design by Sr. Tam	13/1/2011
7:00pm HKIA CPD Seminar on "WHAT LAST?" by Tod Williams	20/1/2011
CPD Seminar on Express Railway Station	21/1/2011
HKIA CPD Site Visit to Garden City Cyber Port in Shenzhen - Quality Building Award 2010 Finalist - Project Outside Hong Kong Category	19/2/2011
CPD Seminar on Bldg Information Modeling from Design to Submissions	22/2/2011
Forum on Consultation on the Study on the Action Plan for the Bay Area of Pearl River Estuary	1/3/2011
JMHO PSDAS Seminar	3/3/2011
CPD Supplier Series by BOIS Technology Limited	17/3/2011
CPD Seminar on An Updated Story of Shanghai The Historic Architecture Cityscape and recent representative Revitalization Project Cases	18/3/2011
HKIA CPD Seminar by Mr Louis Lor on 建築師還可以做些什麼?	14/4/2011
HKIA CPD Site Visit to Guangzhou Nippon Paint Co Ltd	16/4/2011
HKIA CPD Singapore Green Visit by Lafarge Boral Gypsum in Asia & Hospital Build Exhibition	9 – 12/5/2011
HKIA CPD Seminar on HDB's Success Stories in Innovation for Public Housing Projects	24/5/2011
CPD seminar on adaptive reuse system in China	2/6/2011
New Arbitration Ordinance Seminar	9/6/2011
CPD seminar on Urban Design Since 1945: Hong Kong in a Global Perspective	13/6/2011

CPD seminar on Convergence & Instrumentalization of Architecture in Society of Knowledge by Dr. Jerzy Wojtowicz	16/6/2011
CPD Site Visit to SCAD Hong Kong Campus : North Kowloon Magistracy	18/6/2011
Seminar on 有關中國房地產市場發展與保障性安居工程建設的若干問題	24/6/2011
Sharing session from CPD Singapore Green Visit Student delegates	28/6/2011
Architectural Design Competition:	
International Design Ideas Competition for Liantang / Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point Passenger Terminal Building	12/2010
Eye-On Victoria – Call for Victoria Harbour Icon Design	1/2011
Exterior Design Competition of Central-Wan Chai Bypass East Vent Shaft	5/2011
2011 Mid-Autumn Lantern Celebration – The Lantern Design Competition	6/2011
Official delegations :	
APEC Architect Project Central Council Meeting	9-11/10/2010
ARCASIA Office Bearers Meeting	10/1/2011
Management Visit to HKIA-BJO and CEPA exchange forum	20 – 22/1/2011
Speaker for ASA National Convention & International Forum 2011	11/2/2011
Visits to Shenzhen Government for informal exchange on the urban design and planning	2/4/2011
Courtesy Visit to Singapore Institute of Architects	11/5/2011
Meeting with Shenzhen Qianhai Authority	21/6/2011
DATUM: KL Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival 2011 cum PAM Convention 2011 & ARCASIA 2nd OB Meeting	30/6 – 3/7/2011
Official delegations visiting HKIA :	
Guangzhou Designers visit to HKIA	19/2/2011
Qinghai delegates visit to HKIA	28/2/2011
Visit by Shanghai United Front Department	20/5/2011
Visit by the Construction and Transport Commission of Tianjin	31/5/2011
Guangzhou Designers visit to HKIA	3/6/2011

Community Presentations & Activities:	
30-Hour Famine	15 – 17/4/2011
Exhibition:	
IDEA Project Exhibition – HKIA Young Architect Project Fund 2010	6/3/2011
Venice Biennale Response Exhibition “Quotidian Architecture”	30/4 – 25/6/2011
HKIA Annual Awards 2010 Exhibition	5 – 7/2011
Publications:	
HKIA Annual Awards 2010	
Joint HKIA/UIA Region IV Work Programme “Architecture for All” Events:	
Barrier Free Workshop	27/10/2010
Rehabilitation International European Conference	5 – 12/11/2010
Inno Design Technology Expo	3/12/2010
Information Technology Resources Centre Forum 2010 - Use of ICT for the Physically Disabled	16/12/2010
International Conference on Accessible Tourism	11 – 13/4/2011
Meeting with Equal Opportunities Commission on Barrier Free Provisions in Hong Kong	5/5/2011
Meeting with Secretary for Labour and Welfare on Barrier Free Provisions in Hong Kong	12/5/2011
Rehabilitation International Korea Conference	19/5/2011
International Steering Committee 13th International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons (TRANSED 2012)	5 – 9 /2011
Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation “Transport for All Conference 2012” Organizing Committee	5/2011 – 1/2012