



**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 - Architect 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. No abbreviation of this is permitted.

2. Office Bearers in 2010 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. KWONG Sum Yee Anna	President
2. CHOW Wailee	Vice President
3. WONG Kam Sing	Vice President
4. LAM Kwong Ki Dominic	Hon Secretary
5. LOK Man Fai Felix	Hon Treasurer

3. Current Membership Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Subscription (US\$)</u>
Member	2487	260
Graduate Member	485	65
Non-Resident Member	131	130
Fellow	155	390
Associates	26	260
Affiliate	17	130
Student Member	282	13
Retired	10	119
Honorary Fellow	1	waived
Honorary Member	8	waived

Total: 3,602 (as of 13 October 2010)

Registered Practices:	167
w/ 1-9 HKIA members	142
w/ 10-19 HKIA members	13
w/ 20-29 HKIA members	4
w/ 30-39 HKIA members	1
w/ 40 or more HKIA members	7

4. Budget of the Institute

Funds are largely raised through Membership Subscription, Annual Ball, sales of HKIA publications and the conduct of HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment. 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\$1,800 (US\$230).

8. Registration Authority for Architects in the Country

There is a registration body for the Architects in Hong Kong, namely Architects Registration Board (ARB). Applicants satisfying the qualifications for registration as stipulated under Section 13 of the Ordinance are eligible to apply. As of 13 October 2010, there is a total of 2,580 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 and one Member appointed by the Hong Kong 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 £6,095 (US\$8,583) 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 2009 and 2010.

10. Major Programmes of the Institute during 9/2009 to 9/2010

See App A

11. Outreach Programmes and Publications of the Institute

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

This year 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. Each exhibit's installation is 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 and anticipated to rerun in Hong Kong as a response exhibition in early 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 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, have been 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 interesting and significantly enhanced their knowledge in architecture.

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 by the Institute during 9/2009 to 9/2010

HKIA Annual Awards and Exhibition 2009

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 given 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 notice, attention or appreciation.

Result of HKIA Annual Awards 2009

(<http://www.hkia.net/UserFiles/File/aa09/FACT%20SHEET-HKIA%20Annual%20Awards%202009.pdf>)

HKIA Young Architect Award 2010

HKIA encourages young architects to contribute their talent pro-actively in upholding the professional, art and cultural development of Hong Kong in a holistic manner. In response to this vision and mission, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Hong Kong Architecture Centre have collaborated to set the captioned theme for HKIA Young Architect Award 2010 Idea Competition.

The competition calls for creative and professional idea for the well-being of the architectural development in Hong Kong. As an all-round young architect who can take this challenge to a new level, one has to establish the design vision and to propose key accommodation and programme as a full design package.

Result of HKIA Young Architect Award 2010

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

Young Architect Project Fund Award 2010

Young Architect Project Fund (YAPF) is established in October 2004 by Young Architects' Committee to allow HKIA young members under the age of 36 to submit their proposals to apply for the YAPF.

HKIA welcomes innovative ideas from young member and Young Architect Project may include, but not limited to, exhibitions of architects' works, publications, community services, education programme, public participation events, architectural tours for general public, etc.

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 2010/10/20

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.

Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge - Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities International Design Ideas Competition

The Competition invites qualified professionals in the fields of architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, planning and surveying and the general public to contribute ideas and concepts on the design for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) for reference and future implementation by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSARG).

Result of Competition

(http://www.hkbcf-design.hk/eng/result_14May2010.php)

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 protection, urban greening and green 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 deliberate how this global trend of talents mobilization affects the local professionals in the long term.

14. Resources of the Institute

The Institute maintains a full calendar of events 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.

16. Any other pertinent issues

The implementation of Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Members has started to take effect in 2005 and members are required to undergo 25 hours of CPD for renewal of membership. 43 CPD events were organized in 2009 with keen participation from members. Further enhancement to link up Mandatory CPD with membership renewal is being introduced.

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List of Activities

The following is a list of key activities of the Institute during 9/2009 to 9/2010:

ACTIVITIES	DATE
HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment Lecture & Seminar Series	7/6 – 20/9/2010
Professional Interview	20/3/2010
Professional Interview for non-local Professionals	9/10/2010
Professional Induction Workshop for non-local Professionals	18/9/2010
Hong Kong Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale Closing Ceremony	27/2/2010
National Conditions Class, Beijing	15 - 1 9/5/2010
Shanghai Green Tour and Suzhou Visit 2010	12 – 18/6/2010
MOHURD Conference 2010	19 – 21/6/2010
HKIA Media Luncheon	5/7/2010
Fontainebleau Schools Summer Programme in Paris	1/7 – 6/8/2010
Venice Biennale 12 th International Architecture Exhibition: Hong Kong in Venice Opening Ceremony	27/8/2010
HKIA Architecture Week 2010	4/10/ - 8/10/2010
Expo	
Education & Career Expo 2010 in HKCEC	4 - 7/2/2010
Eco Expo Asia 2010	3 – 6/11/2010
Continuing Professional Development Activities (Seminar/ Supplier Services/ Site Visit/ Discussion Session):	
HKIA CPD Seminar on Asia Agenda by Ole Scheeren	21/1/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar - Environment & Sustainable Design Seminar V	4/2/2010
HKIA CPD 1st joint Forum Series: Participation in Planning Process	3/3/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar: Experience BIM - Now and in the Future	16/3/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar - Emergency Architects Australia	9/4/2010

HKIA CPD Seminar - Architecture of the Caribbean	29/4/2010
HKIA CPD Site Visit - St. Andrew's Church & Kindergarten	15/5/2010
HKIA CPD 2nd Joint Forum Series: High Density Living	20/5/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar - Resolving Construction Claims through Mediation	27/5/2010
HKIA CPD Site Visit - Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre	29/5/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar - Ethics in Practices in Architects	12/6/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar - Hong Kong Creativity	7/7/2010
HKIA CPD Site Visit - Skyhigh Creative Partners	17/7/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar - Project Villa Amanzi	5/8/2010
HKIA CPD Site Visit - Reprovisioning of Diamond Hill Crematorium	7/8/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar - Bamboo Movement in Architecture	19/8/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar Series - Seminar 1 on HK and PRC Intellectual Property Issues for Architects by Board of Practices	6/9/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar Series - Seminar 2 on Update on PRC Labour Law	13/9/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar on 3-Star green building accreditation system	17/9/2010
HKIA CPD Seminar Series - Seminar 3 Legal Update on Foreign Investment in China Property	20/9/2010
Awards:	
Young Architect Award 2010	1/4 – 7/2010
Young Architect Project Fund Award 2010	30/4/2010
HKIA Annual Awards 2009 Prize Presentation and Exhibition Opening Ceremony	23/4/2010
HKCoV 5 th Anniversary Professional Volunteer Service Award	27/5/2010
Quality Building Award 2010 Presentation Banquet	11/6/2010
HKIA Journal Best Paper Award 2009	6/10/2010
Green Building Award 2010 Presentation and Conference	3 – 4/11/2010

Annual Ball 2010	27/11/2010
Architectural Design Competition:	
Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge - Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities International Design Ideas Competition	1 – 10/3/2010
Yau Tsim Mong District Festival – East Tsim Sha Tsui Lighting Competition	11/6 – 16/7/2010
Official delegations :	
TFP Farrell Ltd's presentation on Design Scheme of Shijiazhuang Victory Boulevard	13/1/2010
CAA 19th General Assembly, Sri Lanka	16 – 17/2/2010
Mainland-Hong Kong Services Industry Symposium & Hong Kong Services Industry Delegation to Fuzhou, Fujian	28 – 30/4/2010
Annual General Meeting of Architectural Society of China and Visit to World Expo 2010, Shanghai	25 – 28/5/2010
Courtesy visit to Architects Association of Macau	29/5/2010
UIA Work Programme Directors' Meeting, Tokyo	28/7/2010
APEC Architect Project 4 th Council Meeting, Manila	9 – 12/10/2010
2010 China International Architectural Forum, Beijing	20 – 21/10/2010
Hong Kong Business Delegation to Chile, Brazil and Mexico	1 – 12/12/2010
Official delegations visiting HKIA :	
Visit by Commissioner of Queensland Government	25/2/2010
Visit Leeds of UK Trade & Investment	7/7/2010
Visit by Guangxi Delegation	20/8/2010
Council Election 2011 - 2012	3/9/2010
Community Presentations & Activities	
"Disappearing Hong Kong" Photo Trip 2010	21/3 – 6/11/2010
Exhibition	
Young Architect Award 2009 – Anti-drug Exhibition	1/2 – 31/3/2010

Annual Awards 2009 - Exhibition in Pacific Place	23 – 27/4/2010
Venice Biennale 12 th International Architecture Exhibition: Hong Kong in Venice	29/8 – 21/11/2010
Joint HKIA/UIA Region IV Work Programme “Architecture for All” Events	
National Conference on "Accessibility and Universal Design: Implications for Public Transport and the Built Environment, Malaysia	1 – 2/3/2010
“Barrier-Free Design: A Daily-Life Perspective”	26/3/2010
Urban Barrier Free Symposium, Hangzhou	19 – 22/5/2010
TRANSED 2010 Conference Hong Kong	2 – 4/6/2010
Reinventing with Design (ReD) 2010 : Innovate through Creativity	21 – 25/6/2010