



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

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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 2008 and Patron

<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

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

3. Current Membership Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Subscription (US\$)</u>
Member	2265	260
Graduate Member	422	65
Non-Resident Member	123	130
Fellow	154	390
Associates	25	260
Affiliate	17	130
Student Member	441	waived
Retired	57	119
Honorary Fellow	1	waived
Honorary Member	7	waived

Registered Practices:	161
Sole proprietor	195
w/ 1-9 HKIA members	390
w/ 10-19 HKIA members	519
w/ 20-29 HKIA members	779
w/ 30-39 HKIA members	1039
w/ 40 or more HKIA members	1299

Total: 3,673 (as of 14 July 2009)

4. Procedure of Enrollment

Membership applications shall first be vetted by the Membership Admission Committee and endorsed by the Board of Educational Affairs. Every election to membership shall be made by the Council.

5. 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.

6. Number of Chapters

There is no Chapter affiliated to the Institute in Hong Kong.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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\$1,000 (US\$129).

10. 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 15 July 2008, there is a total of 2,474 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.

11. 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 £6,492 (US\$9,068) and ARCASIA is US\$1000. The HKIA is committed to participate in the activities organized by its international affiliates.

12. Major Programmes of the Institute in 2008-2009

See App A

13. Outreach Programmes of the Institute

Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture 2009

The Biennale theme of 2009 would be based on the notion of "City Mobilization". Marking the 60th National Anniversary, the programme content of the Bi-City Biennale 2009 would respond to the development and future of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Metropolis and the Mainland. The appointed curator of the 2009 Shenzhen Exhibition is Mr. Ou Ning.

While the Biennale coincides and finds strategic partnership with other concurrent events including the East Asian Games and Business of Design Week in December 2009, it is an opportunity to stage Hong Kong as the Asian destination of rich and diverse cultural exchanges.

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/cpd_weekly.php?id=284)
- E-newsletter Weekly (<http://www.hkia.net/section.php?id=285>)
- HKIA Journal (Quarterly)
- HKIA Directory of Architects Practices (Annually)
- Annual Report (Annually)

Apart from the regular channels as mentioned above, a HKIA Directory of Architectural Practices and website was dispatched in order to promote architectural practices:

➤ ***List of Architectural Practices Webpage of Registered Practices***

The List of Architectural Practices webpage was launched in April 2008, including information, contact details, job description, key projects with photos/graphics of our 161 registered practices, as well as a hyperlink to their practice websites. The purpose is to promote HKIA registered practices and their works via the HKIA webpage in a user friendly format. Our registered practices are expanding their work to projects outside of Hong Kong and it is hoped that through the List of Architectural Practices webpage, we are able to bring our Members' projects to a wider client base overseas, Mainland China and of course also in Hong Kong. The webpage will be updated on a quarterly basis so as to incorporate information of new registered practices and its project information.

(Link: http://www.hkia.net/corporate_member/contact.php)

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

Hong Kong is in the throes of the impact brought by the global financial tsunami. The architectural profession, along with other construction-related fields, is faced by the plunge of number of new projects, as well as the termination of existing ones. Smaller architectural practices, with little diversification of projects, bear the brunt in the unfavorable market conditions.

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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Other Important Issue

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. All Members participated actively in 35 CPD events in 2008 with keen interest. Further enhancement to link up Mandatory CPD with membership renewal is being introduced.

Regarding mutual recognition of professional qualification of architects with China, the 5-year agreement with the National Administration Board of Architectural Registration signed in 2004 expired on 16 February 2009. The Institute is exploring the possibility with the China counterparts on renewal of the agreement. The Institute is also working with the China Association of Engineering Consultants on a one-off unilateral special assessment on the PRC's construction project manager qualification for HKIA Members to be held in end of 2009.

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List of Activities

The following is a list of key activities of the Institute for the year 2008:

ACTIVITIES	DATE
CPM Pre-registration	30/4 – 1/6/2009
HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment Lecture & Seminar Series	1/6 – 10/9/2009
HKIA /ARB Professional Assessment	8-10, 17-18/12/2009
Professional Interview	Late March 2010
Hong Kong Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale Opening Ceremony	Early December 2009
Venice Biennale	Early December 2009
Expo	
Education & Career Expo 2009 in HKCEC	19-22/2/2009
Continuing Professional Development Activities (Seminar/ Supplier Services/ Site Visit/ Discussion Session):	
HKIA CPD Site Visits to HKYWCA Conference Centre and Guesthouse and Discovery College in Lantau	17/1/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar Soft Skin Technology - Adoption and Development	23/2/3009
HKIA CPD Supplier Series by Knauf USG Systems: Technical Seminar of New Building Technology of Dry System Construction for Exterior and Interior Wall, Ceiling and Floor Applications	25/2/2009
HKIA CPD Supplier Series by C3S Far East Ltd.: Glazing for Life	26/2/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: Urban Transformation of Central District as a Place of Living, 1843-2008	13/3/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: Review of the global financial crisis and the economic outlook by Stanley Wong	17/4/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: A type and Its Variations - A Study on Hong Kong's Police Housing in the 1950-60s	22/4/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: Procedures for Time and Cost Claims in the New Standard Form of Building Contract, Private Edition, 2005	27/4/2009

HKIA CPD Seminar: Education Futures Ne[x]t Generation Learning Environments	6/5/2009
Heritage Walk to Holy Seminary & Haw Par Mansion	9/5/2009
HKIA CPD Supplier Series by Gorman-Nano: Build the Waterproofing in Krystolize Your Concrete	19/5/2009
HKIA Heritage Seminar Series: Saving Our Global Heritage	20/5/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar Series on Contract & Condition 2005 An Overview of the Standard form of Building Contract 2005 Edition	22/5/2009
HKIA CPD Site Visit to Adaptive Re-use of the Former Marine Police Headquarters Compounds	23/5/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar Series on Contract & Condition 2005 Standard Form of Building Contract Certificate & Completion (Standard Form 2005)	12/6/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: Waterproofing and Repair Works	19/6/2009
HKIA CPD Site Visits to HKIA Annual Awards 2009 Winning Projects: Hong Kong Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre & Caritas Lok Kan School	20/6/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: Construction Contractual arrangement and cost control in China	8/7/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar How to make Hong Kong a better place for architect	17/7/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar Series on Contract & Condition 2005 Extension of time & Claims for Loss of expenses	22/7/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: Minimal Invasive Architecture	23/7/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar on Sydney Opera House	27/7/2009
HKIA CPD Supplier Series by Dorman Door	28/7/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: China Tendering Law and Guarantee Law	29/7/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar on Corporate Governance	30/7/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar by Dr. Chan Wan & Culture Hulu	3/8/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: Architecture for All Universal Accessibility	10/8/2009
HKIA CPD Supplier Series by Nippon Paints (HK) Ltd.: An	13/8/2009

introductory overview of paint and coating technologies from an architectural perspective	
HKIA CPD Seminar on Kai Tak River	26/8/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar Series on Contract & Condition 2005 by Mr. Martin Downey	8/9/2009
HKIA CPD Seminar: 3D Laser Scanning	18/9/2009
HKIA CPD Site Visit to Upper Ngau Tau Kok	October 2009
HKIA CPD Seminar on Music and Architecture	To be confirmed
Awards:	
Young Architects' Award	7/12/2009
HKIA Annual Awards 2008 Prize Presentation and Opening Ceremony in Pacific Place	8-12/5/2009
Quality Building Award 2010 Kick off Press Briefing	7/7/2009
Architecture Awards in China	To be confirmed
Annual Ball 2009 at Sports Hall, Hong Kong Football Club	21/11/2009
Architectural Design Competition:	
North Point Harbour Conceptual Design Competition	23/2/2009 – 23/5/2009
Open International Ideas Competition for Noise Barrier/ Enclosure Design	6/1/2009 - 27/4/2009
Design / Idea Competition of Bruce Lee Memorial Hall	7/2009 – 9/2009
Design Competition for "Development of a Piazza in Tsim Sha Tsui"	13/5/2009 – 1/2010
Official delegation :	
DevB-MOHURD Meeting on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Post-MR Registration in Beijing, China	21-23/1/2009
Courtesy visit to MOHURD and other Mainland Authorities in Beijing, China	29-31/3/2009
MOHURD-DevB Conference in Chengdu, China	8-10/4/2009
HKIA Representation at Delegation led by CE Henry Tang in Guangzhou and Foshan	23-24/4/2009
HKIA technical visit on Post-quake Redecelopments in Tokyo,	23-26/4/2009

Japan	
ARCASIA – Council Meeting, Forum, Exhibition, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	17-23/8/2009
Hebei Visit	9/2009
The Joint Hong Kong and Tianjin Conference for Sustainable Building, in Tianjin, China	23-24/10/2009
Official delegations visiting HKIA :	
ARCASIA Zone C Deputy Chair Mr. Matjav Batkhuyag	24/2/2009
Visit by the Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Department of Hebei Province	2/4/2009
“Going out of the country” Forum (an exchange forum on overseas working experience with China professionals)	24/8/2009
Council Election	24/9/2009
Community Presentations & Activities	
“Disappearing Hong Kong” Photo Competition for 2008 Trips	7/2009
“Disappearing Hong Kong” Photo Trip 2009	3/2009 – 11/2009
Exhibition	
Annual Awards 2008 - Exhibition in Pacific Place	8-12/5/2009
Response Exhibition of the 11 th International Architecture Exhibition of Venice Biennale Hong Kong Exhibition	28/2 – 10/6/2009