

COUNTRY REPORT

THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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. LU Yuen Cheung Ronald	President
2. CHAN Ching Ying Elizabeth	Vice President
3. LAM Kwong Ki Dominic	Vice President
4. HUI Man Bock Bernard	Hon Secretary
5. MO CHU Kwok Wah Julie	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	2337	260
Graduate Member	483	65
Non-Resident Member	135	130
Fellow	152	390
Associates	28	260
Affiliate	17	130
Student Member	487	waived
Retired	50	119
Honorary Fellow	1	waived
Corporate Membership:	150	
w/ 1-9 HKIA members		389
w/ 10-19 HKIA members		519
w/ 20-29 HKIA members		779

w/ 30-39 HKIA members		1038
w/ 40 or more HKIA members		1298
<u>Honorary Member</u>	<u>7</u>	waived
Total	3847	(as of 23 September 2008)

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 1 Oct 2008, there is a total of 2,368 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 £4,424 (US\$6,520), CAA is Euro £5,304 (US\$7,817) and ARCASIA is US\$500. The HKIA is committed to participate in the activities organized by its international affiliates.

12. Major Programmes of the Institute in the past year

See App A

13. Outreach Programmes of the Institute

Venice Biennale

This exhibition is to examine the idea of architecture (specifically within the Hong Kong context) as cultural imagination and manifestation as embodied in the concept of *fabbrica* – in a spectrum of cultural aspects and practices. Under the joint curatorial direction of Prof Desmond Hui (architect cum cultural scholar) and Prof Lee Ou-fan, Leo (scholar cum writer/critics), the exhibition will explore the idea of "Fabbrica Cultura" within six categories: object, building, landscape, city, media and text.

Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale

Besides architects, planners, designers, and architectural and urban scholars from Hong Kong, which account for half of the over 100 exhibitors in the Biennale, we have also invited exhibitors internationally from cities in the US and Europe as well as East Asian cities such as Tokyo, Seoul, Taipei, and Singapore. A good representation of the new generation of the Chinese from Beijing, Tianjin, Nanjing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Chengdu, and Shenzhen are also invited to demonstrate their proposition on the architecture of their cities.

World Sustainable Building Conference 2008

HKIA gave its utmost support to World Sustainable Building Conference 2008 (SB08) which is held on 21 –25 September 2008 in Melbourne, Australia. by taking part in the Hong Kong delegation to the conference to present the Hong Kong pavilion showcasing an overview of sustainable development scene, with a focus on sustainable living, sustainable city and sustainable working. The pavilion is a joint effort of Professional Green Building Council of which HKIA is a founding member, various government departments and private sector. For details of SB08, please click: <http://www.sb08melbourne.com/>

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 publication and website was dispatched in order to promote architectural practices:

➤ **SPARK**

SPARK was published in 2007, initiated and coordinated by former Small Practices Committee (renamed as Business Promotion Committee in 2008), which has committed to promote small architectural practices in Hong Kong, as well as to document their recent trends, their projects and their contributions not only to the architectural scene in Hong Kong, but also Mainland China. The book extensively showcases the creativity, inspirations and merits of architectural projects of small practices in Hong Kong. 33 small architectural practices have participated in the publication and more than 1,000 pieces were distributed to members and other architectural-related organizations/institutes in Hong Kong.

➤ **List of Architectural Practices Webpage of Corporate Members**

The List of Architectural Practices webpage was launched in June 2008, including information, contact details, job description, key projects with photos/graphics of our 150 corporate members/practices, as well as a hyperlink to their practice websites. The purpose is to promote HKIA Corporate Members/architectural practices and their works via the HKIA webpage in a user friendly format. Our architectural 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 Corporate Members. (Link: http://www.hkia.net/corporate_member/contact.php)

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

In line with the growth in property development worldwide, the escalating demand for architectural professionals in Hong Kong has become acute. The quality of architectural professionals in Hong Kong has been proven and they have been keenly sought after.

Our institute conducted a survey among architectural firms and findings showed that a majority of local architectural firms found difficulties in recruiting architects or architectural professional staff. It was believed that an increase of student numbers for the professional architectural programmes in local universities will be a long term measure to meet Hong Kong need and Hong Kong practices to provide services for projects in and beyond Hong Kong.

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

Having introduced the Corporate Membership category in 2007, the Institute continues to working towards its enhancement, 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 39 CPD events in 2007 with keen interest.

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 would expire on 16 February 2009. The fifth and the last training and assessment session was held in July 2008 in Xi'an and 77 HKIA Members and 63 PRC Class 1 Registered Architects successfully passed the assessment. Over 700 architects from both sides have sat the exams under the agreement from 2004 to 2008.

Through the five exercises in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, a total of 347 PRC Class I Registered Architects had gained HKIA Member Qualification while 412 HKIA Members had gained PRC Class I Registered Architect Qualification.

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List of Activities

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

ACTIVITIES	DATE
Affiliate HKIA Assessment 2008	19/1/2008
Reciprocity with Mainland – Training / Test/ Interview in Xian, China	8-10/7/2008
HKIA/ARB Professional Induction Workshop	20/9/2008
HKIA /ARB Professional Assessment	8-10, 18,19/12/2008
Professional Interview	26/3/2009
Expo	
Education & Career Expo 2008 in HKCEC	21-24/2/2008
Continuing Professional Development Activities (Seminar/ Supplier Services/ Site Visit/ Discussion Session):	
CPD Seminar: The Ideas Factory	23/01/2008
CPD Seminar: Practical Completion – the latest development and Architect's liabilities	20/03/2008
CPD Site Visit: International Commerce Centre	05/04/2008
Briefing on Latest Progress of Urban Study for The New Central harbourfront by Planning Department	15/04/2008
CPD Site Visit: Ocean Park	26/04/2008
CPD Seminar: Building a Harmonious Society Care for the Less Privileged	29/04/2008
CPD Supplier Series: Lighting Techniques and Energy Saving in Retail and Display	15/05/2008
CPD Seminar: Conservation of the Built Heritage	22/05/2008
CPD Seminar on Sustainable Buildings	26/05/2008
CPD Seminar: Education Futures	03/06/2008
CPD Seminar: Urban Transformation of Sai Ying Pun	11/06/2008

CPD Seminar: A Matter of Principle – International Charters and Guidelines on Urban Built Heritage Conservation	26/06/2008
CPD Seminar: Linear City	30/06/2008
CPD Factory Visit: Saint Glas Glass Factory in Shenzhen	05/07/2008
CPD Seminar on Building Typology: From Art Deco to Early Modernism: Hong Kong's Streamline Moderne and Bauhaus Architecture	31/07/2008
CPD Site Visit: One Island East	16/08/2008
CPD Seminar: The RIBA and Globalization	28/08/2008
CPD Seminar on Building Typology: Origins and Adaptation: Hong Kong's British Colonial Architecture	04/09/2008
CPD Seminar on Building Typology: The Hakka Walled Houses and Cantonese Walled Villages in the New Territories of Hong Kong	25/09/2008
CPD Seminar: Notes of Construction Contract Law in Mainland China	24/09/2008
CPD Site Visit: Closed Area: Sha Tau Kok & Ta Kwu Ling	04/10/2008
CPD Seminar: Misconceptions of practitioners in the building industry on working in China	09/10/2008
CPD Seminar on Building Typology: From Lang Wu to Qi Lou: The Evolution of Pre-war Southern Chinese Vernacular Houses	23/10/2008
CPD Seminar on Building Typology: Singapore Shophouses and Hong Kong Tong Lou	06/11/2008
CPD Supplier Series: Performance Door Design: The Basic of Sound Reduction and The Role and Performance of Fire and Smoke Resisting Dorr Assemblies	07/11/2008
CPD Seminar on Building Typology: Pre-war Shophouses in Hong Kong	04/12/2008
CPD Seminar on Building Typology: Military Architecture	18/12/2008
Awards:	
Young Architects' Award	8/11/2008
HKIA Annual Awards 2007 Prize Presentation and Opening Ceremony in Pacific Place	25-29/4/2008
Green Building Award 2008	

Quality Building Award 2008 Conference	27-28/6/2008
Quality Building Award 2008 Award Presentation Banquet	7/7/2008
Annual Ball 2008 in Conrad Hotel	22/11/2008
Architectural Design Competition:	
Design Competition for the Revitalization of Tai O	19/3/2008 – 10/2008
Dr. Cecil Chao Architectural Design Award	1/4/2008 – 22/11/2008
Official delegation :	
DevB-MOC Meeting on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Post-MR Registration in Beijing , China	18/1/2008
ARCASIA Officer Bearer Meeting & Professional Practice Commission Meeting, in Busan, Korea	4-6/4/2008
The National Architecture Conference in Sydney, Australia	10-13/4/2008
Beijing Visit for Corporate Members	27-29/04/2008
AIA 2008 national convention and Design Exhibition in Boston, USA	15-17/5/2008
23rd UIA world Congress & Council Meeting in Turin, Italy	29/6/2008
UIA General Assembly and Council Meeting in Turin, Italy	3-6/7/2008
Mutual Recognition Meeting in Xian, China	7-11/7/2008
APEC Architects Project Meeting, 3rd Central council Meeting in Vancouver	7-8/8/2008
ARCASIA – ACA13, Fellowship and Council Meeting, Forum, Exhibition	28/10-1/11/2008
Official delegations visiting HKIA :	
Visit by Hefei Planning Department	28/03/2008
Visit by Jiangmen Construction Department	25/08/2008
Council Election	9/9/2008
Community Presentations & Activities	
HKIA Professional Volunteer Service Programme (PVSP) 2008	1/1/2008-31/12/2008
“Disappearing Hong Kong” Photo Trip	3/2008-10/2008

Exhibition	
Annual Awards 2007 - Exhibition in Pacific Place	25-29/4/2008
Hong Kong Exhibition at Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition in Venice	10/9/2008 – 23/11/2008
Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism / Architecture 2007 in Central Police Station Compound, Hong Kong	10/1/2008 – 15/3/2008