



For PAM Sabah Chapter Members

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Built in 1903, Atkinson Clock Tower, built in memory of Francis George Atkinson - the popular first District Officer of Jesselton, has the distinction of being the oldest standing structure in the whole of Sabah that survived the destruction of Jesselton town during World War II. Till today, it still serves to keep the city's time. While the original Merbau wood used to build the Clock Tower has been replaced over the years, the building's overall structure has been retained. As late as 1956, the lights of the Clock Tower were used as a navigation aid by local ships coming into port. However, the tower can no longer be seen from the sea due to the tall buildings. The Clock Tower was gazette as a heritage building in 1983 and is protected under the Cultural Heritage (Preservation) Enactment 1997 and the Antiquities and Treasure Trove Enactment 1977.

On 11th January, a housewife and a social activist filed a joint application at the High Court here for an order to stop the proposed construction of a 16-storey hotel-cum-shopping complex in the vicinity of the Atkinson Clock Tower in the heart of the city. They had named City Hall, Central Town and Country Planning Board (CTCPB) and Sabah Housing and Town Development Authority (SHTDA) as the first, second and third respondents respectively. They sought an order of mandamus to restrain SHTDA - whether by itself or by its agent or workmen or partners - from undertaking any works, including earthworks, civil engineering works, construction or any works around or within the perimeter of the Atkinson Clock Tower.

On 9th February, The High Court had allowed social activist to add City Hall and the Central Town and Country Planning Board as respondents in her application for an order to prevent the proposed construction. Her initial application, filed last September, named only the Sabah Housing and Town Development Authority (SHTDA). Subsequently there were hearings heard in March, April, June and finally at 12th July, The High Court in what appeared to be a rare decision, granted the two concerned city dwellers, leave to examine the minutes of the meetings undertaken by government authorities regarding the development project. In a circuitous bid to obtain a judicial review of the project, the two had needed an Order of Mandamus to compel KK City Hall and the Central Board to provide them with the minutes of all meetings in respect of the proposed development surrounding the iconic clock tower. The sigh of relief was unmistakable after more than a month of waiting for the court to rule on the closely followed case involving the century old Atkinson Clock Tower and a controversial mixed commercial development close to it. They believe the ruling will ensure fairer and more transparent governance in Sabah.

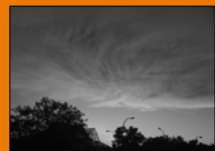
Will Atkinson Clock Tower withstand time and fade into history? or abruptly consumed by Capitalism?

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The definition of Business Hotel

Nowadays, what is actually a Business hotel ?

As quoted from articlesbase.com, a decent business hotel ;

- should offer the most modern of business conveniences
- lies in the hospitality offered not to mention professionalism and courteousness exhibited by the hotel staff
- can be at comfort both at work as well as leisure
- should be ideal for all types of events, right from big conference meeting to small top-notch corporate events, from huge wedding ceremonies to private party events and more
- should have 24 hour Business Centre, Limousine Service, 24 hour In-room Dining, Laundry Service, Hotels Concierge Desk, Foreign Exchange, Valet Car Parking, Doctor on Call, Gymnasium facilities and etc

So let me proudly (because it is in Malaysia) share with you this fine urban oasis – **G Tower Hotel at Kuala Lumpur**





The G Tower Hotel converges style, form and function; the essentials elements of what make a business trip successful.

Emphasizing personalized service experience, Les Clefs d'Or Concierge, world-class business amenities, private 'Members-Only' Club and high speed connectivity, the hotel also is the first fully certified Green hotel in Malaysia. Located within the KLCC & Embassy precincts, G Tower Hotel is fast becoming an iconic hospitality experience for the discerning business traveler

I first saw this hotel featured in *Going Places MAS* in-flight magazine and I thought it was the same G Hotel in Penang by which it was featured in previous issue and gratefully it was not. Judging from the photos in the magazines, this modern contemporary hotel blends blissfully with the local artwork and highlighted in fascinating lighting. During Archidex 2011, I decided to stay there and the experience is worth a thousand pictures and words. Please let me summarized my experience with you;

- it blends well with free standing artworks from local and international artist.
- the materials used are simple, straightforward but beautifully executed in terms of composition and arrangement.
- the fusion between clean cut contemporary and tropical architecture approach, with timber veneer adjoining white marble, stainless steel light fittings and Zen decorations.
- the continuous and consistency of overall architectural language, carried out from inside to outside.
- the attention to details, even when toiletries are almost evenly placed to each other which reflects their level of demand in hospitality and service.





G Tower Hotel sets itself apart from other business hotels due to its approach to green building design. As quoted and summarized from their webpage, G Tower Hotel is Malaysia's First Green and Smart building and their management upholds four tenets of environmental sustainability, **Rethink, Reduce, Re-use** and **Recycle**;

Rethink

G Tower Hotel is to be a construct of intelligence, integrity, ingenuity and sensitivity; by rethinking key elements from site orientation to harnessing the latest sustainable green building technologies and systems available.

Reduce

At G Tower Hotel, green friendly cleaning agents that are utilized. The energy consumption is lowered by using double glazed low e-glass, allowing for maximum entry of natural light while minimizing the amount of heat transmission. State-of-the-art chilled water centralized air-con chillers circulate cool air through the rooms but at lower energy consumption than traditional air-conditioning systems.

Light fixtures in the hotel utilize low energy LED lighting, energy savings PLC and T5 lighting providing ambient lux level, whilst minimizing energy consumption. Green food for thought, an LED light bulb can reduce energy consumption by 80-90% and lasts around 100,000 hours, good not only for the environment but for economical as well. The infinity pool, with the KL skyline as a backdrop is a showcase eco friendly pool. To reduce the use of chemicals, salt is used to condition the water. The pool is heated from waste energy from the air conditioning units. The waste heat generated from the air conditioners are harvested using a sophisticated heat exchanger, providing warm water for the pool.

All sanitary and tap fittings are green rated for water efficiency. Reducing the usage of water, without affecting comfort levels.

Reuse

Key water catchments areas to harvest rainwater which irrigates the hotel's green roofs and green walls throughout the building. These in-built green walls play an essential role as natural air purifiers, absorbing Co2 and releasing oxygen in return to help maintain air quality. Even waste heat from the hotel's air-con units are recovered and reused to generate hot water for the bathrooms.

Recycle

Apart from an active recycling policy where housekeeping staff are educated on the proper methods of separating waste and disposing into recycle bins, the interiors of room feature furnishings that have been made of recyclable materials or are recycled. Even the paint that has gone onto the room walls feature a low volatile organic compound, reducing toxicity and improving on indoor environmental quality. Hotel amenities and paper used are made from green or recycled materials.

Food for thought, we architects are all well-trained in planning, designing building functions but if we intend to set ourselves apart, like G Tower Hotel, we should extend our services further and designing green buildings not only benefits our clients but for our living environment and future generations. Still doubtful & hesitating ? The decision is in your hand ! Just do it !

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Images Through The Lens of Our Members

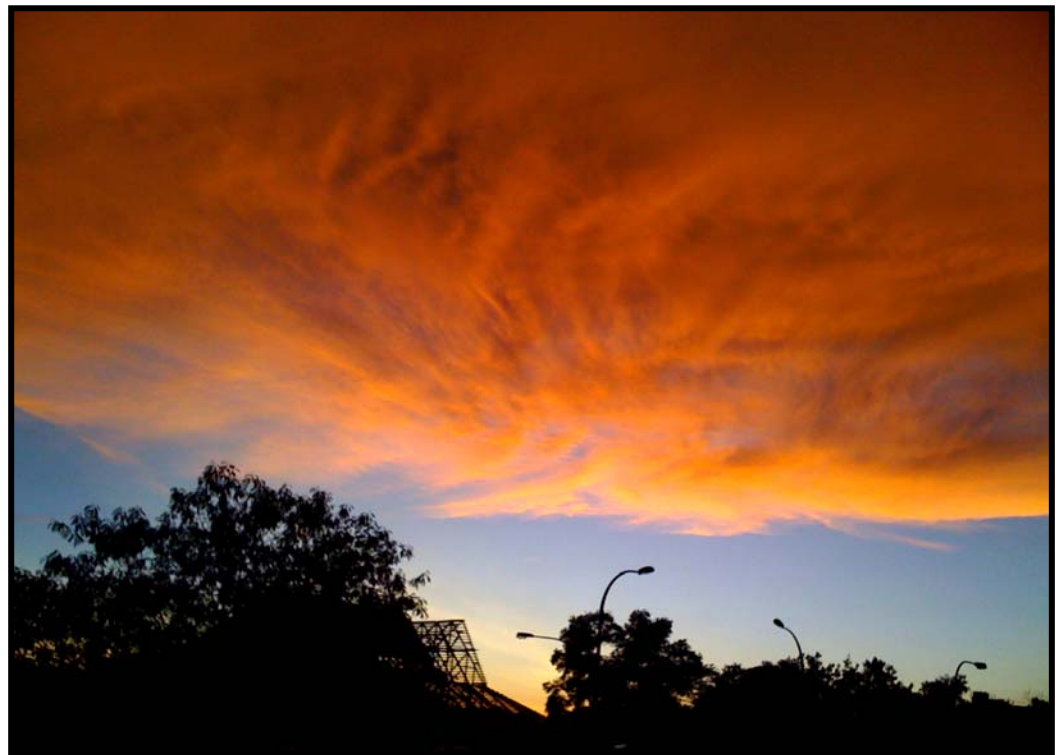


Camera used –

***Lumix LX 3,
Intelligent Focus***

Erosion of everlasting
hue and chroma

- Ar. Daniel Koh
taken at Tamparuli



Camera used –

Iphone 3, 1st Gen

Reflections of sunset
over heritage centre

- Ar. William Ho
taken at Perdana Park

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April – July 2011

Technical Paint Seminar by BlueScope Steel (M) Sdn Bhd (11th April 2011)

Mr. Richard Kopinski, Technical Manager of Coil Coating for AkzoNobel in Asia Pacific presented a talk on technical aspects of paint regarding the paint making process, decorative paint system and coil extrusion paint system.

48 PAM members attended the talk held on 11 April 2011 at the Promenade Hotel.

Building Inspection Training Course (20th and 21st May 2011)

Architect Centre Sdn Bhd will be conducting a two days Building Inspection Training Course on 20 and 21 May 2011 at Kota Kinabalu. The expected participant is 50. Invitation had been extended to the professionals from the building industry, developers, property managers, facilities managers and government officials.



Ar. Anthony Lee Tee, the accredited architect inspector conducted a 2 days basic and advanced course on the Building Inspection Training at PAM Centre.

31 participants registered for the Basic course while 12 participants registered for the Advanced course. Amongst the 35 registered participants, 3 are PAM corporate and 4 graduate members and the rest are from the other building industries professionals.

The groups had the 1st practical inspection (Demo) at PAM Centre followed by the site inspection at Shantung Villa (newly completed apartment) in the afternoon session. The final practical site inspection was carried out at the Sabah Trade Centre the next day.

GBI Facilitator Basic and Advanced Courses (10th – 12th June 2011)

Malaysia Green Building Confederation (MGBC) and Green Building Index Sdn Bhd jointly organized the GBI Facilitator Basic and Advanced courses in Kota Kinabalu from 10th to 12th June 2011 at the Pacific Sutera Hotel.

Ar. Von Kon Leong, Course Director together with 6 other lecturers/speaker, namely Ar. Chan Seong Aun, Ir. Chen Thiam Leong, Ir. Looi Hip Peu, Ir. Ng Yong Kong, Ir. Thiru Jallendran and Mr. C K Tang conducted the 3 days intensive training courses.

A total of 63 participants attended both courses. The Basic course was attended by 7 architects, 3 engineers and 2 from other profession. The Advanced course was attended by 24 architects, 24 engineers, 1 QS and 2 from other profession.



These participants are divided into 5 groups to work on a group assignment. The group assignment would have to be completed and submitted to MGBC KL by 4th July 2011.

The MCQ and Group Assignment Presentation will be held on Sat, 9th July 2011 at the Likas Square Condotel, Kota Kinabalu.





1. Courtesy Call to Datuk Mayor of Kota Kinabalu City Hall (5.5.11)

Nine Chapter committee members led by the Chapter chairman, Ar. Ho Jia Lit paid a courtesy call to the new Mayor of Kota Kinabalu City Hall, Datuk Abidin Madingkir on 5th May 2011.

The Chapter called on City Hall to formulate a systematic public transport policy to solve the growing traffic congestion such as introduction of compact car parking bays to encourage the usage of smaller vehicles.

A memorandum was submitted that included others recommendations on representation in DBKK's technical and planning committees, sustainable developments, submissions of plans by architects, engineers and non-Sabah based architects, new residential set back guidelines, processing and approval of Development Plan, Building Plan and Renovation Plan, Property Inspection services and simplified Occupation Certificate application.

2. Courtesy Call to Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government & Housing (12.5.2011)

Seven chapter committee members led by the chapter chairman, Ar. Ho Jia Lit paid a courtesy call to the new Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government and Housing, Datuk Matius Sator on 12th May 2011



The Chapter presented a Memorandum highlighted the following issues: -

- a) Minor amendments made to the layout of the previously approved development plans need not be referred to the Central Board again;
- b) Recommend MLGH to formally adopt the "New Residential Set Back Guidelines" and look into the formulation of the Sabah Building Ordinance and to invite the professional bodies to be represented in the committee;
- c) Recommend MLGH to incorporate GBI into the building by-laws and become part of the regulation requirements;
Promote the property and building advice services provided by the Architect Centre. The importance of the inspection reports for cases referred to the Housing Tribunal.

3.0 IPEX 2011 Exhibition – 21st to 24th April 2011, Sabah Trade Centre



The IPEX 2011 and Ideal Home Show with the theme "*Colours Of Our City*" was officiated by YB Datuk Raymond Tan Shu Kiah, Minister of Industrial Development on 21st April 2011. It was a very successful exhibition with 68 exhibitors occupying 91 booths.

Also present was Kota Kinabalu City Hall Director General, Datuk Yeo Boon Hai, PAM President, Ar. Boon Chee Wee, Sarawak Chapter Deputy Chairman, Ar. Mike Boon and SHARED A President, Datuk Susan Wong.

Ar. Azman Bilaji, Southern Chapter Chairman visited the exhibition earlier but have to leave in the afternoon flight before the opening ceremony.



During the 4-days event, the following carnival of activities was organized i.e.

1. Photography Competition.
2. Edible Architecture Competition.
3. Citykids Colouring and Drawing Competition.
4. Ms. IPEX Personality Contest and Fashion Show.
5. IPEX Concert: Tribute to John Lennon by Jackfruit & friends.



There was also a Property Outlook Talk & 4 other product talks.

The Organizing Chairman, Ar. Yong Ming Cheong, acknowledged thanks to all the exhibitors, sponsors, visitors, speakers, workers, etc. whom had the exhibition cum trade show a truly unique show that none can compare to.

At the dinner was the presentation of the Best Decorated Booth Award to Nippon Paint (S) Sdn Bhd & LPL 118 Corporation Sdn Bhd as winners in the Supplier & Developer category, while 1st runner ups went to Goodrich Global Sdn Bhd & SunSea Development Sdn Bhd for the respective category.



Video clips on the programme/events that took place during the 4 days exhibition from 21st to 24th April 2011 at the Sabah Trade Centre at Likas was shown to the audience.

SABAH CAEM PROGRAM

As the Sabah representative of the Council of Architectural Education Malaysia (CAEM), LAM and having attended the meeting on 26th and 27th Feb 2011 held at the Philea Resort & Spa, Air Keroh, Malacca, it was indeed of deep concern for me to learn of the decline in the quality and standard of the returning architectural graduates, and its likely impact on the professions as well as the construction industries. The questions pondering over my mind was how to overcome these short comings of these young graduates to the levels as expected and demanded by the industries.

After many working sessions and dialogues with the R & D Education Committee, PAM Sabah Chapter, chaired by Ar. Young Ming Cheong, we have eventually formulated what we call the **Sabah CAEM Program** which was a result of research into what are the likely missing ingredients lacking in the graduates upon their joining the industries.



There are two objectives in the program. The first objective is to re-educate the graduates and to better prepare them for the industries in contract administration, construction techniques, knowledge of building materials, and so on. The second objective is prepare them to sit and pass the LAM Part 3 examination, in the hope that more registered architects will be available to service the professional industries in the long run. This is also in view of the liberalization of the professional services in the near future and Malaysia will be declared as a developed nation by the year 2020, when many more architects are needed in order to

reduce the ratio of architects serving the population of 1: 15,000 to 1: 3000, as targeted by LAM.

There are 9 modules in the program with each module to be conducted over each calendar month. The only exception to this is the module on PAM Form of Contract 1998/2006 which is allocated over two months as the subject is of prime importance and need to be focused on more by the graduates. The modules are as follows:

1. The Architect's Act, PAM Constitutions and the Code of Professional Conducts;
2. Planning / Building Bye Laws;
3. Building Services and Structures;
4. Fire Regulations – UBBL 1984;
5. Duties and Obligations as a Practicing Architect;
6. PAM Form of Contract 1998/2006;
7. Housing Enactment Act/Sabah Housing Tribunal;
8. Case Studies in Architectural Practice and Construction Disputes, and
9. Dialogues with Practicing Architect, Engineers and Surveyors.

The program has just been implemented on 2nd July 2011 with the first lecture being conducted by Ar. Aziz Mahfar, an ex-Chapter Chairman of the Chapter, on the Architect's Act, the Constitution and the Code of Professional Conducts. In addition to the in-house lecturing architects who happen also to be ex-Chairman, an ex-Chairman of Institute of Surveyor Malaysia (ISM), Sabah Branch, has also joined in to lecture on the PAM Form of Contract 1988/2006. I myself will be lecturing in Building Services and Structures as I also hold a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



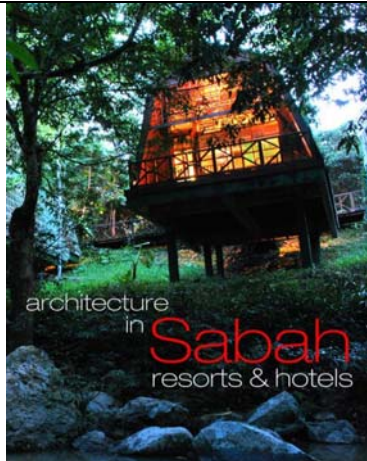
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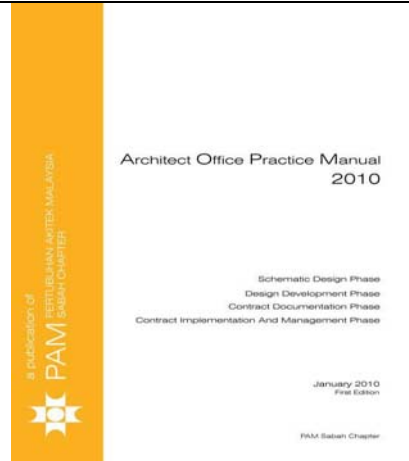
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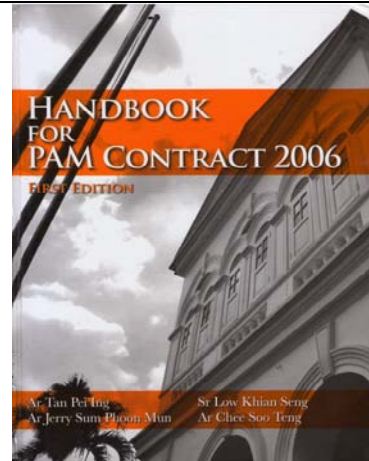
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Resorts & Hotels
RM100
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**Architect's Office Practice
Manual 2010
RM100 (Now only RM80)**



**Handbook for PAM Contract
2006
RM220.00**

Upcoming Events and Announcements

17.9.11

Thermal Comfort House by Solar Powered Ventilation

By Assoc. Prof. Dr. Christopher Chu Chi Ming

C. Eng., C.Sci.

(School of Engineering and Information Technology) Universiti Malaysia Sabah
(1 LAM CPD Point)

15.10.11

Product Talk on Selection Criteria for Cement Based Adhesives

By MG Ceramics & Homeware Sdn Bhd

(1 LAM CPD Point)

02.11.11

One day seminar on "Coatings Solution Inquest, How To Choose Good and Auspicious Dates & Architecture In Feng Shui Perspective".

By Kansai Paints (M) Sdn Bhd