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The Committee Member 2020-2021

Hi everyone!

I am Justin Yong and am a PAM Sabah Chapter committee member for the 2020-2021 term.

I obtained a Bachelor of Environmental Design as well as Master of Architecture at the University of Western Australia, Perth. I am currently a partner in Arkitek Design Group where I have been working since I returned to Kota Kinabalu.

My involvement in PAM Sabah began upon passing the Part 3 Professional Exam. I was invited to join the CAEM committee who was headed by Ar. Yong Ming Cheong. The purpose of the committee was to engage more graduate architects, encourage them to sit for the Part 3 Professional Exam and assist them as much as possible. Initially I was hesitant to commit my time and join the committee (not really wanting to be involved in anything to do with the examination anymore!), but I am very glad that I did as not only did I get to meet and connect with more peers during this time, but I also got to re-educate myself and re-learn many things to do with the academic examination as well as everyday practice.

I have also had the privilege to be involved in the organising committee for Borneo Architecture Festival (BAF) 2018 and 2019 which was headed by Ar. Robert Chiang and Ar. Irving Thien respectively. BAF as we are all familiar with by now is an event wholly organised by PAM Sabah and has become a yearly do on the PAM Sabah event calendar. It was a fun and exciting experience being part of the organising committees. The experience gained in PAM Sabah has been invaluable. It is a great place to learn from the senior and more experienced members as well as to fellowship with peers.

In the past few years, I have noticed that the pool of graduate architects who have returned to KK has increased. This is very encouraging as it means more younger architects are coming back to contribute to the local architecture scene of our beloved city. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage these younger architects to join PAM Sabah to contribute where they can and to increase the number of younger active members. This is important to ensure the successful continuity, vitality and relevance of PAM Sabah Chapter!

