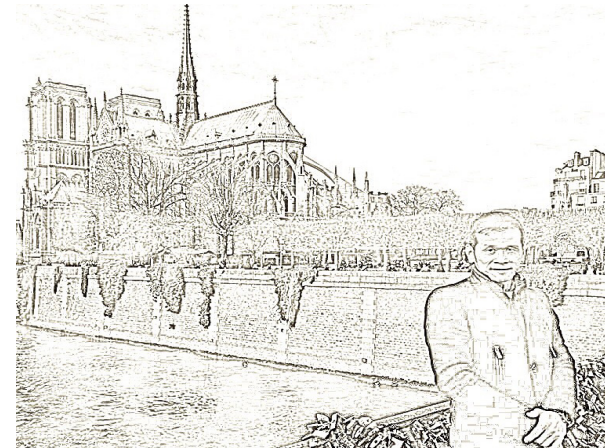




## KNOW YOU CC...

### *Past Chapter Chairman 2015-2016*

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Hi all,

I am Ar. Jebb K.K. Liew, currently serve as 1 of the 4 Past Chairman in Chapter Committee 2020-2021.

My journey in Architecture was quite different than most of you! After I completed study in Tenom Tshung Tsin Secondary School, I spent 1 year plus in Toronto, Canada to get the Grade 12 & 13 Diploma, which was the pre-requisite for admission to university in Canada or USA. Thereafter, I went to Oklahoma State University, USA started pursuing an Accounting Degree. After 2 semesters, I could not find much joy in the Business School & found the courses very dry & dull. I started exploring if there was other option available besides Accounting. At that time, I had a number of friends from Sabah ( Ar. Sim Sie Hong, Ar. Patrick Vun & Ar. Michael K.K. Chong ) who were studying in School of Architecture. I had visited the studio many times, and seeing all those colorful presentation boards pinned on the gallery wall & those crafted models had trigger my interest in Architecture. I decided to inquire more info from the Dean of Architecture School. The Dean confirmed to me that I could transfer to study Architecture, but reminded me that there were 160 plus students studied Architecture in Year 1, only 60 students will be accepted to professional school in year 3. Eventually only 35 – 45 of the 60 students would complete the architecture degree in year 5. He casually told me that if you really had interest and wanted to be an architect, then should give yourself a chance..... That's how my journey in Architecture began!

After graduation, I went to Los Angeles and worked in 2 mid-sized firms for 4-1/2 years. I came back to K.K. and worked at Wisma Arkitek for 2-1/2 years. After passing Joint LAM-PAM Part 3 Exam, I decided to venture out & started a sole proprietor firm, Arkitek Akimej.

I started serving PAM Sabah Chapter in 1999 as a committee member. I became the Chapter Chairman in 2015 & 2016. Many members may not see the benefit of serving our chapter. I would say I have learned & grow tremendously out of the participation in many Chapter activities involved with the Local Authorities & many other events over the past 20-plus years and counting....

I was appointed as a member of Board of Advisers in DBKK in 2017 & 2018. It was a very good experience for me to sit in the DBKK's City Planning Committee & Building Plan Committee monthly as an Advisor in those 2 years. I realized that the important of having an Architect's viewpoints in those meeting so that certain decisions on the design & planning issues would work in our favor. It was a very valuable & positive experience as an Advisor in DBKK.

I currently also representing Sabah Chapter & serve as a member in the LAM Professional Practice Committee from 2020 to 2022. There are many issues confronting our profession. This committee has the mandate to give advices to LAM to response to complaints & disputes from the Developers, Architects, Contractors, Clients & LA on various practice issues. The committee also represents LAM to liaise with other Ministry, LA, Professional Bodies & Institutions to address any new proposed policy or issue that would impact the Architect's Act and/or our profession in general.

I hope more younger members will join our Chapter to serve in the CC, it is a rewarding journey.

Ar. Jebb K.K. Liew

