

# QUALITY BUILDING AWARD 2008

Quality Building Award  
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2008



Mr. Cheung Hau-wai, Head of Jury Panel and Hon Patrick Lau, QBA 2008 Honorary Advisor presented Non-Residential Category Grand Award to Four Seasons Hotel and Four Seasons Place.



The Arch won the Residential Category Grand Award of QBA 2008

## Quality building is all about teamwork

Unlike most architectural awards, the Quality Building Award (QBA) is a tribute to the dedication to teamwork and cooperation witnessed among different industries in contribution to a quality building.

"Building construction is a constantly complicated and complex undertaking. An eminent building is not only about architectural design; structure, construction techniques, materials used, management and cost control are all significant aspects that help make up a quality and sustainable building," remarked Professor

Peter Mok, Chairman of QBA 2008 Organizing Committee.

Truly, building project team members, including developer, architect, engineer, surveyor, main contractor and contractors have to possess the common objective for completing an outstanding quality project. The QBA serves to promote harmony and trust among property owners, construction teams and the surrounding environment.

Encompassing and acknowledging all different dimensions in a building, the QBA is a

biennial award co-organized by nine building and construction related professional bodies, namely, The Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA), The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), The Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers (HKICM), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), The Hong Kong Institute of Housing (HKIH), The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), The Hong Kong Chapter of International Facility Management Association (IFMA - HK Chapter), The Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA), and The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong (REDA).

In this light, the members of these organizations also reflect the spirit of teamwork among them. Each time, the organizing committee rotates to an alternate chair. This year, it goes to the HKICM.

Regarding the jury panel, there is a newly added overseas juror this year - Professor Richard Frewer. The additional juror further enhances the impartiality of the Award. Besides, the QBA has been continuously refining its assessment criteria to reflect the rising aspirations over time. For example, the need to harmonize with the surrounding environment would be a vital consideration in the sub-category of Heritage. While refining the assessment criteria, the categories of award has also evolved over time.

On top of the usual Non-Residential and Residential main categories, this year's QBA welcomes a new sub-category under the Special Award Category along with Heritage, Innovation, Sustainability and Projects Outside Hong Kong, which further strengthens this year's

theme - Set No Boundary for Quality Buildings. One notable example is the National Swimming Center in Beijing.

According to Professor Mok, the purpose of the addition of this sub-category is to recognize the overseas projects conducted by, or contributed to, any of the nine institutes or associations, in an attempt to promote the concept behind the QBA worldwide and to spreading the spirit of teamwork outside Hong Kong.

Mr. Cheung Hau Wai, JP, Director of Buildings, who is also the Head of this year's jury panel, revealed that the number of entries had doubled, compared to the last QBA in 2006.

He was delighted to add that not only the quantity had increased, the quality of the entries was remarkable too. Therefore, the jury panel had a very challenging job in the adjudication process.

Commenting on the performance of this year's entries, Mr Cheung spoke with high compliments about the outstanding performance of all nominations. "In each category, we have received many commendable entries that are very innovative and unique in their response to the design brief, the site characteristics and the environment. Take for instance the new sub-category on Sustainability, the entries have each demonstrated in their special ways how the building could harmonize with nature."

"As for the sub-category on Heritage, the entries have not only conserved the historical values and the architectural features of the original buildings; but they have also boosted the economic life of these buildings. A desolate building, regenerated through adaptive reuse,

could become an exhibition hall or a restaurant. They are now useful to the society, while generating income for the owners at the same time," Mr Cheung continued.

"Other exciting projects include those which further promote Hong Kong as an international business center; revitalize Central as a vibrant commercial district; invigorate our entertainment industry by developing suitable venues where people can spend an entire day, or attract overseas scientific experts to visit and live in our city for research and conferences."

Out of the total 39 entries, Professor Mok recognizes the impressive quality and hard work behind each nomination, including drawings, photos, text and data. This inspires the committee to publish a commemorative edition, recording the cream of each of the 19 finalists' projects.

The QBA identifies all aspects of building construction, but commenting on the rather uninteresting exterior design of Hong Kong architecture, Professor Mok empathized, "The limited space in Hong Kong has greatly restricted the freedom of architects in designing some very innovative and conspicuous buildings. Our architects in Hong Kong are all very talented. It is simply the constraint of our geographical features that confines them in a certain way. After all, Hong Kong is all about practicality and usable space, and our architects have done a great job."



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### Quality Building Award 2008 Result List

Non Residential Category	Results
Four Seasons Hotel and Four Seasons Place	Grand Award
AIG Tower	Merit Award
Hong Kong Science Park Phase 2	Merit Award
Stanley Municipal Services Building	Merit Award
The Landmark Scheme	Merit Award
Enterprise Square 5/ MegaBox	Finalist
ICAC Building	Finalist
Residential Category	Results
The Arch	Grand Award
Kwai Chung Estate (Phases 3, 4 & 5)	Merit Award
The Grandville	Merit Award
No. 8 Clear Water Bay Road	Finalist
Residence Bel-Air Phase 1	Finalist
Special Award Categories	Results
Dr. Sun Yat-sen Museum (Heritage)	Merit Award
Leung's Ancestral Hall (Heritage)	Merit Award
J Residence (Heritage)	Finalist
Union Hospital Extension (Innovation)	Merit Award
Hong Kong Science Park Phase 2 (Sustainability)	Merit Award
ICAC Building (Sustainability)	Merit Award
Stanley Municipal Services Building (Sustainability)	Merit Award
Citycrossing Phase 1 (Project Outside Hong Kong) - Shenzhen	Merit Award
National Swimming Centre (Project Outside Hong Kong) - Beijing	Merit Award
Sands Macau Casino (Project Outside Hong Kong) - Macau	Finalist



Professor Peter Mok,  
Chairman of QBA 2008 Organizing Committee



Mr. Cheung Hau Wai, JP  
Director of Buildings, Head of Jury Panel, QBA 2008


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