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Quality Building Award 2008



The Institute has housed the press conference on 7 August for the kick off of the Quality Building Award 2008.

Honorary Patron of the Quality Building Award, a Past President of the Institute, currently Convenor of the Non-official Members, Executive Council of the HKSAR, the Honourable CY Leung GBS JP says that the Award will undoubtedly bring the HKSAR to the global forefront of quality construction projects. Mr Leung highly commends the inclusion of a newly introduced Special Awards Category.

Chairman of the QBA2008 Organizing Committee Ir Professor Peter Mok says that the Award has become one of the most popular awards within the industry since its launch in 2001. Professor Mok pledges that the Organizing Committee will duly execute its mission to promote the QBA concept to the rest of the world.

President of the Institute Raymond Chan believes that the Award encourages a collective commitment by the industry to uphold its image and raise the overall standards of buildings in Hong Kong.

Also present have been Honorary Advisor Dr Ronald Lu and Chairman of Jury Panel Cheung Hau-wai JP, Director of Buildings, HKSAR Government.





Quality Building Award (QBA)

Strong and effective partnerships are necessary in order to complete successful building projects. Project team members including developer, architect, engineer, surveyor, main contractor and contractors have to possess the same objective for completing a high quality project. This is the most important factor to ensure that every building meets the needs of the society and delivers real value to their occupants and users.

QBA is a biennial award founded in 2001 by seven building and construction related associations in Hong Kong. The objective of QBA is to acknowledge quality building teams that help construct buildings with outstanding quality. The awardees for QBA were not individual nor institution in particular but the entire project team which were committed to excellent rules of conduct and high quality building projects.

As quality buildings are essential ingredients of a prosperous and modern society, QBA encourages a collective commitment by the industry to uphold its image and raise the overall standards of buildings in Hong Kong. It is our belief that the QBA will foster a greater sense of teamwork within the industry, in addition to raising the overall standards of construction in Hong Kong.

QBA aims to be recognized by the industry as a highly prestigious Award and to be one of the highest Awards given to those who are committed to creating buildings of the highest quality while continuously passing along the spirit behind QBA at the same time.

Quality Building Award 2008 is jointly organized by 9 pro-

fessional institutes and associations including The Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA), The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), The Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers (HKICM), Building Division, Building Services Division and Structural Division of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE - BD, BSD & SD), 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).

The theme of QBA2008 is to "Set No Boundary for Quality Buildings" so as to further promote the concept behind QBA worldwide. QBA2008 has 3 award categories which include: Residential Category, Non-Residential Category, Special Awards Category.

The introduction of the Special Awards Category is to recognize and acknowledge heritage, innovation, sustainable elements of projects as well as projects outside Hong Kong.

Honorary Patron, Honorary Advisors & Jury Panel

Honorary Patron

- **The Hon CY Leung GBS JP** Convenor of the Non-official Members, Executive Council, HKSAR

Honorary Advisors

- **Ir Dr The Hon Raymond Ho JP** Member (Functional Constituency - Engineering), The Legislative Council, HKSAR



- **The Hon Patrick Lau SBS JP** Member (Functional Constituency -Architectural, Surveying and Planning), The Legislative Council, HKSAR
- **The Hon Abraham Shek JP** Member (Functional Constituency - Real Estate & Construction), The Legislative Council, HKSAR)
- **Dr Ronald Lu** President, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
- **Dr Cheng Hon Kwan GBS OBE JP** Partner, HK Cheng & Partners Limited

Jury Panel

- **Mr Cheung Hau Wai JP** Director of Buildings, Buildings Department, HKSAR (Chairman)
- **Mr Raymond Chan** President, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
- **Dr Rebecca Chiu JP** Associate Professor, The Centre of Urban Planning & Environmental Management, The University of Hong Kong
- **Professor Richard Frewer** Former Chair Professor & Department Head, Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong (Overseas Juror)
- **Mr Pau Shiu Hung SBS JP** Former Director of Architectural Services, HKSAR
- **Ir Peter Y Wong** Vice President, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
- **Ir Professor Peter KW Mok** Chairman, QBA2008 Organizing Committee

Residential Category

- Submission Requirements
 - ✓ Nominated buildings should be practically complet-

ed in the period between 1 January 2005 and 30 June 2007.

- ✓ The sole purpose of the nominated buildings should be for residential use.

Non-Residential Category

- Submission Requirements
 - ✓ Nominated buildings should be practically completed in the period between 1 January 2005 and 30 June 2007.
 - ✓ The sole purpose of the nominated buildings should be for non-residential use.

Special Awards Category

- This is a new category pioneered by QBA2008. Under this category, distinctive Merits will be given to the following sub-categories
 - ✓ Heritage
 - ✓ Innovation
 - ✓ Sustainability
 - ✓ Projects Outside Hong Kong
- Submission Requirements
 - ✓ Nominated buildings should be practically completed in the period between 30 June 2002 and 30 June 2007.
 - ✓ For Projects Outside Hong Kong Sub-category, nominations must be endorsed by a nominee (either the applicant or one of the project team members) who is also a registered member of any of the 9 professional organizing institutes of QBA2008.

