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中国现代建筑

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China as a major force in
contemporary architecture

Call for government to subsidize property management training

In September, The Hong Kong Institute of Housing (HKIH) collaborated with various professional bodies to co-organize the Luncheon Talk by the HKSAR Chief Executive on Long Term Housing Strategy with Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying in attendance. Included in the Chief Executive's speech was the plan to supply 470,000 public and private housing units over the next 10 years. HKIA President, Ms Cora Yuen, said: "The HKIA supports the Government's plan to increase housing supply. However, comprehensive planning and preparation will be necessary to cope with the growing and ageing population. HKIH will offer full cooperation to the Government in training up more property management talents for the increasing housing stock. In regards to a licensing or landlord registration system for sub-divided units, the Government should consult the public extensively, obtain the correct statistics and fully understand the actual situation before a consensus is reached and a system is implemented. A judgement on the system's feasibility at this stage would be premature at best."



Successful conclusion of Build Eco Xpo Asia 2013

The fifth Singapore Green Building Week (SGBW) 2013 once again brought together two world-class green building events, the International Green Building Conference (IGBC) 2013 and Build Eco Xpo (BEX) Asia 2013 in a single location. Organised by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore in partnership with Reed Exhibitions and the Singapore Green Building Council (SGB), these anchor events have attracted more than 10,000 participants from over 35 countries. Held at the Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre from 11 to 13 September 2013, IGBC 2013 and BEX Asia 2013 came together to provide a one-stop, international platform for global green building experts and industry players to meet and collaborate on future green building solutions. This year BEX attracted 310 participating companies from 32 countries, and 9,023 trade professionals inclusive of visitors from 71 countries, with 21% being from outside of Singapore. More information at: www.bex-asia.com.



Greening urban habitats for the 21st century city

The incorporation of skycourts and skygardens into developments is no longer a gimmick or trend, but a quintessential element within the urban vocabulary of the 21st century city, according to Pomeroy Studio founding principal, Jason Pomeroy. Over 100 guests recently gathered on the sky terrace at the Park Royal hotel, Singapore, for an evening hosted by Esquire magazine and Heineken to celebrate the launch of his new book, 'The Skycourt and Skygarden: Greening the Urban Habitat'. Pomeroy, who was one of the featured 'Heineken Ministry of Mavens' in the August issue of Esquire, is one of the world's leading authorities on skycourts and skygardens and has for the past 10 years researched the social, spatial, economic, environmental, cultural and technological attributes of such sky-rise social spaces around the world. His latest book, with a foreword by eco-architect Ken Yeang, and published by leading academic publishing house, Routledge, brings together his research into one concise volume, due for global release in October. For more information contact Chloe Li, by phone: +65 6592 6828 or email: pr@pomeroystudio.sg.



AECOM designs for the Shatin to Central Link

AECOM has been appointed by MTRC to design the cross-harbour tunnel of the North South Line (NSL), which forms part of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL). This design-and-build project includes a 280-m section of cut-and-cover tunnels at the west side of the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter, a 200-m section of cut-and-cover tunnels adjacent to the existing seawall at Hung Hom Station, a 1.4-km section of immersed tube tunnels across Victoria Harbour linking the two cut-and-cover sections, and associated ventilation building, civil, utilities, electrical and mechanical works. AECOM president, Asia-Pacific, Tony Shum, said: "We are honoured to be part of this major rail project and partner with our client to provide a convenient rail system to meet the growing demand between the north-east New Territories and urban areas."



Atkins designs the tallest building in Shenyang

Atkins is designing the Baoneng Shenyang Global Financial Centre in Shenyang, China. Shenyang, traditionally a heavy industrial city, is now among the largest and most important centres for the automobile industry in China. The development, with total investment estimated at RMB10 billion which consists of two towers of 565m and 328m respectively, will be the landmark of Shenyang, the largest city in Northeast China. Construction of the complex started in spring of 2013, with the 565m tall 'Pearl of the North', a symbol of wisdom, luxury and purity, due to be completed in 2018. Atkins has been commissioned by the client Baoneng Real Estate Development Ltd. for architectural design, including concept design, scheme design, preliminary design and façade design development for the two towers. The 565-m tower will contain 111 floors, accommodating class A offices and other amenities such as a luxury executive club on the top. The 328-m tower will contain 34 floors of office with a 320 room 5-star luxury hotel on top, and it will be the only hotel above 200m in the city. The hotel podium facilities include a 3,000m² banquet hall plus 6,000m² associated facilities, which can accommodate luxury automobile showcases.

KY Cheung, senior design director at Atkins in Asia Pacific, said: "Our client challenged us to design a super tall building that is iconic, yet simple in structure and efficient, a development that meets the tight construction schedule, seismic codes, forecasted market standards, and the expectation from the city for a new landmark. It showcases Atkins' expertise in designing super tall towers, but more importantly to design a building that meets the client's and all stakeholders' expectations."



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