

Professional Green Building Council

Chairman's Report 2013

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1. Overview

Professional Green Building Council (PGBC) has been devoting its efforts in delivering various projects and activities to promote a better built environment with quality and sustainability. PGBC has also been liaising with our counterparts for professional exchanges on sustainable building development and continuing professional development. I have to express my sincere gratitude to the PGBC Council and all Members of the four Boards who have contributed to the success of PGBC in the past year of 2013.

2. Promotion of Quality and Sustainable Built Environment

2.1 Green Building Award 2012

To enhance green building design and recognition in Hong Kong, PGBC and HKGBC organised a visit tour to some of the GBA 2012 Winning Projects on 23 March 2013. It was a full day event which received overwhelming support of around 50 participants from the member institutes. The five selected projects were:

- Siu Sai Wan Complex
- HKDI & HKIVE Lee Wai Lee Campus
- CIC Zero Carbon Building
- Academic 3, City University of Hong Kong
- Green 18, Science Park

We were pleased to have the responsible designers of these projects to lead the tour and elaborate the underlying concepts in designing these buildings. Interesting cross-professional exchange was achieved during the visit.

2.2 Green Building Award 2014

The Green Building Award aims at promoting sustainable and green development, recognising developments and research projects with outstanding

contributions to sustainability and the environment, and also encouraging the industry towards wider adoption of sustainable practices in planning, design, construction, maintenance and renovation projects. With the overwhelming support and recognition received from the industry for the Green Building Award since 2006, PGBC had decided to launch this biennial event again in 2014. An Organising Committee would be formed in January 2014 to kick off the work of GBA 2014. PGBC would collaborate with Hong Kong Green Building Council to organise the Award.

2.3 Participation in Eco Expo Asia 2013

The Eco Expo Asia is an annual exhibition organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd to showcase environmental services and products from Hong Kong and overseas to facilitate business networking. As a supporting organisation, the PGBC was offered a complimentary booth at the Eco Expo Asia 2013 held on 28-31 October 2013 at AsiaWorld-Expo to showcase our Green Building Award 2012 winning projects with outstanding performance and contributions in sustainability and the built environment.

This year, we were pleased to have student helpers from the City University of Hong Kong and the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong assisting in the PGBC booth at the Expo. The Eco Asia Conference was held concurrent with the Expo and the PGBC Chairman was invited to be the moderator of the Green Building session.

3. Participations in Local Industry

3.1 Hong Kong Green Building Council

PGBC was one of the founding organisations of Hong Kong Green Building Council. In 2013, Ir Prof K K Choy, Sr Sam Cheng and Mr Evans Iu represented the PGBC to be the Directors of Hong Kong Green Building Council.

3.2 Hong Kong Architecture Centre

Hong Kong Architecture Centre is a charity institution founded by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and PGBC in 2006. Sr Daniel Ho and Ms Theresa Yeung were nominated to represent PGBC in the Board of Directors of HKAC for the term 2013-2015.

3.3 Research Project

The PGBC, in particular the Board of Education and Research would be the collaborator of a project of “Cost-benefit-analysis (CBA) for implementing green buildings (GB) promotion incentives: with Transaction Costs (TCs) Considerations” proposed by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. We hope through this project, we could develop a pattern for partnership in research between industry and academic to better promote Green Building.

3.4 “Be Our Greening Partner” Campaign

PGBC received an invitation from the Development Bureau to support the “Be Our Greening Partner” Campaign and sign the Greening Partner Charter. By signing the charter, PGBC was committed to promoting greening and tree management in Hong Kong.

In addition, PGBC continues to play an active role in the Best Landscape Award for Private Property Development 2014.

4. Continuing Professional Development

PGBC has been organising technical seminars and visits for continuing professional development of our members. The following activities were held in 2013:

4.1 The Green Visit to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Event Manager: Mr Franky Choi, Chairman of Public Affairs

The Green Visit to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre was held on 1 June 2013. More than 200 persons from five members’ institutes enrolled in the Green Visit to the HKCEC held on 1 June 2013 and 55 persons had successfully signed up for the visit. The event provided a valuable opportunity for the PGBC members to see the back-of-house areas and world class facilities of the HKCEC in exhibitions, conventions, meetings and banqueting.

4.2 Seminar on Green Office Design on 13 June 2013

Event Manager: Mr Franky Choi, Chairman of Public Affairs

A seminar on Green Office Design was organised for PGBC members on 13 June

2013 at the HKIE headquarters with 37 participants. Topics of the seminar included:

- “Science Park Green 18” by PGBC
- “Green Office & Electricity Market” by Greenpeace
- “Green Offices: Building for the Future” by World Green Organisation

Thanks again to members of PGBC from allied professional institutes of HKIA, HKIE, HKILA, HKIP and HKIS for making the success of PGBC in the joint-hand support of our various roles in 2013. In the coming year, PGBC will continue to contribute ourselves in the promotion of better sustainable built environment both locally and internationally.

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