



## 2012 Spring Report

### Green Building Award 2012 Towards Zero Carbon

**Green Building Award [GBA 2012]** is organised by the Hong Kong Green Building Council [HKGBC] with Professional Green Building Council [PGBC] to provide recognition to building-related projects with outstanding performance and contributions in sustainability and the built environment and also to transform the mainstream market towards wider adoption of sustainable planning, design, construction, management, operation, maintenance, renovation and decommissioning of buildings.

#### Juror's Feedback – Professor George Baird

It was a great honour for me to be invited to be a member of the jury for the New Buildings and Research Projects categories of the Green Buildings Awards 2012.

It was a particular pleasure to participate in such a well organised and administered event, with its clear-cut procedures, transparent declaration-of-interest processes, and knowledgeable and experienced co-jurors.

Without exception, the finalists presented their projects clearly and succinctly within their allocated time and responded explicitly to all the questions put to them by members of the panel. The projects themselves were all worthy Finalists, making the task for the jurors enjoyable, but at the same time challenging. Nevertheless, there was a very high degree of consensus evident amongst the jurors when it came to selecting the Grand and Merit Award winners who are all to be congratulated on their success. I look forward to seeing the completed projects in due course.

*Prof George Baird  
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand*

#### Juror's Feedback – Mr. Robin Mellon

It was an honour to be invited to join the panel of jurors for the GBA2012 and I was delighted to see the high standard of projects from Hong Kong and around the Asia Pacific. The variety of developments - from interior fit-outs of existing office and hotel buildings, and from refurbishments of apartment blocks and beach-side facilities to new offices and homes, the combination of social, economic and environmental benefits was both interesting and inspiring. It is always good to see how tradition meets innovation, and the finalists in this year's Green Building Awards had drawn from culture, experience and technology to design and develop some truly excellent projects. It will be interesting to track some of these projects, and revisit some of the offices, homes, hotels and visitor centres in a few years time to find out how well they perform against expectations, and to see how they are operated and accepted by their occupants.

*Robin Mellon  
Executive Director - Advocacy and International  
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**GBA** category includes:

#### **New Building Category**

- Completed Building [NB-CB]
- Building under Construction [NB-BUC]
- Building Project under Design [NB-BPD]

#### **Existing Building Category**

- Completed Building [EB-CB]
- Building Project under Planning Design [EB-BPP]
- Facilities Management [EB-FM]
- Interior [EB-IN]

#### **Research and Planning Category**

- Research [RP-R]
- Building Product [BP]

#### **Asia Pacific Category**

- New Building - Completed Building [AP-NB-CB]
- New Building - Building under Construction [AP-NB-BUC]
- Existing Building – Interior [AP-EB-IN]
- Research and Planning – Research [AP-RP-R]
- Research and Planning – Planning [AP-RP-P]

#### Juror's Feedback – Mr. Emilio Miguel Mitre

My personal vision of the GB Awards has been of total satisfaction. This was my first time in Hong Kong, and I have enjoyed each and every minute of my stay... and learnt a lot.

With respect to the profile of the buildings we have had to judge, I have felt impressed by the number and the quality of the buildings we have seen. Buildings of a variety of functions, with a good integration, around a top level bioclimatic architectural design, of a fairly complete set of environmental features in terms of energy use including renewables, water cycle, constructive solutions, materials, final usage...

No wonder these awards are getting to be very prestigious. They are also undoubtedly appreciated by developers and technicians, as can be seen by the detailed and well structured information they provided us with.

I do not want to finalize without acknowledging the extremely good organization, and the exquisite kindness of each and every member of HKGBC and the team of jurors, who helped me with many explanations to understand the local conditions. We really were very well taken care of. A unique experience for me in every sense. Thanks.

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