

Summary Notes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ARB Meeting 2008  
Date: 14 May 2008

### **HKIA Open Invitation of Nomination to ARB**

Members noted that the HKIA Council had at its Meeting held on 22 April 2008 appointed the new ARB for a 2 year term starting 17 May 2008. Three serving members (Kwan Pak Lam, Donald Choi and Ronald Lu) and 7 new members (Daniel Chi, Ivan Ho, Leslie Lu, Ada Fung, Elizabeth Cheng, Felix Lok and Robert Lam) were appointed.

Appointment of David Tong as the HKSAR Chief Executive's nomination remained unchanged.

### **Legal Affairs Committee: To Seek Advice from Legal Advisor on ARO - discretion of using ARB fund to support APEC Architects Project**

The Secretariat sought legal advice on the discretion of using ARB fund to support the APEC Architects Project which was an international union dealing with the matters of architects registration rather than a project.

Legal advice was received on 15 May 2008: Section 8(b) of the Ordinance provides that the board shall "set and review the standards for registration as a registered architect and related registration matters". The board might wish to consider whether financially supporting the project in question could be properly regarded as part of their function to "review the standards for registration". The board must be careful not to go beyond what is authorized by the Ordinance.

### **Mutual Recognition of Accreditation with Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA)**

The Board agreed to entrust the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) to explore the opportunity in formalizing a bi-lateral agreement with AACA to recognize each other's qualification accreditation procedures.

### **Any Other Business**

Chairman and Deputy Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the members of ARB and the Secretariat for support during the term 2006-2008.