

Summary Notes of the 1st ARB Meeting 2008

Date: 29 February 2008

HKIA Open Invitation of Nomination to ARB

The current 2-year ARB term of office would expire on 16 May 2008. HKIA Council had made an open invitation to general HKIA Members on the web for indication of interest by 4 March 2008 to serve on the Board. For current ARB members who had served for 2 years or 4 years on the Board, an indication of interest for re-appointment would be invited by HKIA Council.

Together with the return from general membership, Council would consider the appointment in one-go at the next HKIA Council regular meeting scheduled for 22 April 2008.

HKIA-ARB Premises Refurbishment

Registrar reported that, in view of resources constraints, the HKIA Council had agreed to put the major renovation exercise to a halt.

Instead of going for major reshaping, consideration would be given to accommodating additional rooms/seats for the 2 senior managers (for Professional Assessment and Practices), storage and more spacious working cubicle for staff, in order of priority.

Update of the Joint Provisional Taskforce after its meeting on 11 January 2008

There was no matter arisen from the Joint Provisional Taskforce.

Registrar reported that HKIA, HKIE, HKIS, HKIP and HKILA met at the Joint Institute Dinner and suggested arranging a meeting with Principal Assistant Secretary David Tong of Works Branch, DEVB, inviting advice for the suggestion of introducing CPD requirements for registration renewal under their respective professional registration boards, and seeking funding support from the Government for litigation costs incurred by professional registration boards.

Recognition of Non-local Professional Registration Qualifications

The Board welcomed the positive reply from Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) and agreed that the details should be worked out between ARB/HKIA and AACA before formal agreement is to be considered.

Board of Architects Singapore to Visit HKIA & ARB on 19 March 2008

It was reported that a group of delegates from Board of Architects Singapore would pay a courtesy visit to HKIA & ARB on 19 March 2008. ARB Chairman and Registrar would represent the Board to meet the delegates.

Revision on Application Form of Renewal

A separate application form for the granting of extension of time (EoT) for RAs' renewal of registration was proposed for use.

[Post-meeting notes: A draft ARB Form 3(1)(1st 3/2008) was circulated to the Board on 13 March 2008 and was adopted on the following day.]