



The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Third Quarterly General Meeting 2025 President's Report

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to address you with an update on the 3rd quarter major events held and accomplished, and also a few upcoming events.

1. 3 Sept 25 Military Parade to celebrate the 80A of War Victory

I was honoured to be invited to attend the Military Parade and Cultural Performance (閱兵儀式及文藝晚會) in Beijing on 3 September. A brief reflection on my experience has been shared on the HKIA Facebook page for your reference.

2. ANB

First of all, I would like to update you that HKIA is now one of the recognised Adjudicator Nominating Bodies (ANB). There are now 53 members of architects by profession who had completed the adjudicator course and passed the exam, their names will be listed on HKIA website in due course.

3. Mainland (GBA) Professional Title Assessment interviews

On 7 June 2025, HKIA facilitated the 2024 Greater Bay Area (Hong Kong and Macao) Engineering Professional Title Assessment interviews on behalf of the Mainland authorities. Out of the 138 applications, 103 Members were successfully awarded professional titles, of which there are 51 Professorate Senior Engineers (正高級工程師), 22 Senior Engineers (高級工程師) and 30 Engineers (工程師).

A presentation ceremony will be held on 24 Nov 2025 together with HKIE and HKIS, so please save the date, and further details will be announced.

4. HKIA & ARB New Members Certificate Presentation Ceremony

The HKIA New Members Ceremony was successfully held on 12 July at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, with over 490 participants in attendance.



5. Position Papers

On the policy front, the Institute submitted its response to the **Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan** on **23 July**, and provided recommendations for the **2025 Policy Address** on **27 August**. For details, members are encouraged to refer to the respective position papers available on the HKIA website.

6. The HKIA Academy

For the HKIA ACADEMY, Dr Ting Sun-pao delivered the inaugurating lecture series of 4 sessions at PolyU in Aug & Sept; covering local context history including Land Reclamation of HK Island, Central, Hollywood Road, Causeway Bay, Happy Valley, Tsimshatsui, & Yaumatei. All 4 lectures were full house. A big vote of thanks to PolyU for their generous venue sponsorship. We will continue to roll out more programs. Please encourage your companies and friends to join the **HKIA ACADEMY Membership** and support our meaningful events.

7. 21st Asian Congress of Architects (ACA 21) in Incheon

The Institute led a delegation of about **30 members** to participate in the **21st Asian Congress of Architects (ACA 21)** in **Incheon, Republic of Korea** from **8 to 14 September**. The event, themed “**A Better Tomorrow**”, included meetings, symposiums, site visits, and networking sessions. Congratulations to **Ar. Joseph Kwan** on his election as **Chairman of Fellowship**, and to our student representative **Mr. Tony Chiu** for winning the **Gold Award** in the **ARCASIA Student Design Competition**.

8. Annual Awards Judging

For the **HKIA Annual Awards 2025**, we received **112 submissions** for the main Awards and **18 for the Young Architect Award**. Final judging is underway, and results will be announced at the **Annual Dinner on 31 October** at the **Rosewood Hong Kong**.

9. 70A Logo Design (Deadline for submission extend to 11 Oct 2025)

Next year marks the 70th Anniversary of the Institute. We have organised a logo design exercise and the submission deadline is extended to 11 Oct 25. We strongly encourage all creative members to participate, as we envisage to be part of the content of our 70A exhibitions to come.



10. Collaboration with URA

I am delighted to report that on 16 September, the Council held a productive exchange meeting with the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). In fact, our collaboration had already begun with co-organising the “Urban Renewal Design Ideas Competition – The District Study for Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok”. We look forward to further strengthening our collaboration with URA in the near future.

As we continue to push forward with numerous initiatives and international engagements, I thank each of you for your continued support and active participation. Together, we continue to strengthen the architectural profession and contribute meaningfully to our community.

Best regards,
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Upcoming Events -

The second part of the **Design Charrette 2025**, titled “**Architecture Traces**”, will take place in **November**. HKIA will guide approximately **45 secondary school students** through a heritage tour in Macau, followed by a design workshop.

The **Hong Kong Exhibition** at the **19th Venice Biennale**, themed “**Projecting Future Heritage: A Hong Kong Archive**”, continues to be showcased until **November**. Thereafter, it will travel to **Thailand in Q1 2026**, **Shanghai in Q2**, and finally return to **Hong Kong in Q4**.

Lastly, the **2025 Hong Kong Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism\Architecture (UABB)**, under the theme “**Techformance – Technology, Platform, Performance**”, will be exhibited at **Oi! and East Kowloon Cultural Centre in Hong Kong**, and at the **Galaxy Centre in Shenzhen**.