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CIB Endorsed Student Chapters

Latest CIB Student Chapter Announced



The New Chapter

The latest CIB Student Chapter to be established is in the School of Housing, Building, and Planning (HBP), Universiti Sains Malaysia. It is the second CIB Student Chapter in Malaysia.

The new Chapter will initially focus on areas which would encourage advanced research activities at the School of HBP whilst exposing students to international research development and introducing students to CIB research activities and their global societies. Areas of interest are described in the proposed working programme outlined below.

The School of Housing, Building and Planning was established in 1972 with the purpose of producing skilled personnel, who are capable of implementing the relevant planning, design, and development processes that are necessary for Malaysia, which is rapidly developing. Another objective of establishing the school was to provide a conducive environment for quality post-graduate research through seminars, conferences, consultancy, and collaborative research with external organizations. Such activities also serve to strengthen all academic programmes at the School. Today, the school offers six BSc (honours) courses, six MSc taught programmes and research programme at MSc and PhD levels.

The New Chapter's Mission

The Chapter's mission is to adopt a multi-faceted approach to nurturing, stimulating, and elevating a broad interest in research innovation. The research interests of the Chapter will included but not be limited to:-

- Project and Construction Management
- Facilities Management
- Construction Marketing
- Energy Conservation
- Housing and Planning
- Interior Design and Landscapes
- Tourism Development and Its Construction
- Architecture
- Building Technology
- Environmental Management and Planning
- Urban Design for Building and Housing, and
- Quantity Surveying

The reason for establishing a CIB Student Chapter

The School says the reason it wanted to establish a CIB Student Chapter is that the International Council for research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) "is a worldwide network of building and construction experts who improve their day to day performance through international cooperation and information exchange with their peers". The School therefore considers it important for HBP students to



participate in this worldwide network in order to take part in all CIB research activities.

Scope and Objectives

The scope and purpose of CIB Student Chapter in HBP is to

- enhance the interaction among the different academic groups of PhD, MSc and undergraduate students who are currently doing their research in the field of Built Environment, particularly in the area related to Project and Construction Management, Construction Industry, Housing, Urban and Regional Planning, Tourism, Landscape, Transportation, interior Architecture, Architecture and Building Technology,
- provide a forum for dissemination of knowledge and exchange of research skills with other CIB Students Chapters,
- encourage the development of research interest among its members,
- create awareness of research significance in the areas mentioned in Section 1 (above),
- extend Student Chapter memberships throughout promoting internal meetings and activities to enhance the students' sense of community within Students Chapter at School of HBP,
- Seeking cooperation opportunities and support for Students Chapter at School of HBP from other sources in the area mentioned in Section 1,
- establish contacts with other CIB Student Chapters around the world through internet, attending and submitting papers at workshops, symposiums, and proposing joint projects,
- develop and produce newsletters for Student Chapter on regular basis (once a year), reporting on activities, new research findings and experiences within the research area of the student chapter, and
- expose the undergraduate students in school of HBP to CIB student Chapter activities so that they can fully participate during their post graduate studies.

Sources of Financial Support

All the programmes of the student chapter will be sponsored by the school of Housing Building and Planning, Universiti Sains Malaysia. A minimum registration fee will be required for seminars and workshop from the participants.

Structure and Management

- Advisor: Professor Ir. Dr. Mahyuddin Ramli (Dean of School of HBP).
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The new CIB Student Chapter welcomes graduates and undergraduates who are:

- interested in research and development in building and construction and
- willing to participate in the organized functions and events.

The Student Chapter at the School of HBP shall be led by the President and Vice-president supported by the Secretary who will be responsible for disseminating information to the members and distributing information from the Student Chapter at the School of HBP to other CIB Student Chapters in general. The editor will be in charge of the Newsletter to be published annually. The Information technology officer will be responsible for updating the Student Chapter website. The organizer will be responsible for the venues where programmes will take place. The other two members of the committee will be responsible for any special assignments or tasks that might be required from time to time.

Working Programme

The objectives of the proposed working programme are:

- to organize seminars, workshops, short courses, local and international conferences,
- to organize lectures given by experts from Malaysia in particular and other countries in general,
- to exchange research progress and opinions with counterparts of CIB through e-mail or distance meeting,
- to serve as a mediator between interested students and building and construction sector (experts, companies, etc.),



- to create a website to introduce the CIB Student Chapter and their ongoing researches,
- to participate in the conferences organized by CIB, and
- to exchange visits to other universities and/or research institutions.

During the next two years, the working programme of the Student Chapter at Universiti Sains Malaysia will include:

- Publication of a newsletter once a year;
- Presentation of a proposal of a workshop or meeting to be held at USM related to the subject areas of the Student Chapter,
- Creating a Student Chapter website, which will contain, among other items, an event calendar and a description for the activities, and
- Joint activities with sister student chapter or other student chapters and establishing contacts with other CIB student chapters.

Additional Information

Further information about CIB Student Chapters can be found in the special Student Chapter Section in the CIB website ([here](#)).

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