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CIB Student Chapters

The New CIB Endorsed Student Chapter from Hong Kong University



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Introduction

The CIB Programme Committee approved the application by students from the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and granted them the status of "CIB Endorsed Student Chapter". Below follow a description of activities as planned by the chapter.

Background

- The University of Hong Kong (HKU) is the oldest and also one of the best universities in Asia. The Faculty of Architecture in HKU is consisted by the departments of Architecture, Real Estate and Construction as well as the Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management. The main activity of the Faculty is training both professionals and researchers. Training activities include undergraduate, Master's and PhD programs in the fields of architecture design, urban design and planning, architecture history and conservation, building science, construction project management, real estate, etc.

The Department encourages interdisciplinary studies, exchange programs for students and staff in order to develop international co-operations for research and training with other research institutes, organizations

and universities. It also supports organizations of exhibitions, symposiums and other events in cooperation with national and international bodies.

Student Chapter Membership

The Architecture Faculty is a Full Member of CIB. The joint CIB Student Chapter at the Faculty of Architecture will be open to all postgraduate and undergraduate students of the Faculty. It is expected that members will:

- have a strong interest in research and innovation in the areas of building processes and built environment design, and
- actively participate in the functions and events organized by CIB Student Chapter

The Student Chapter will have its own established membership rules that comply with the CIB's Mission Statement as set out in the CIB Constitution.

List of Members

- Faculty Representative & Honorary Advisor: Prof. K. W. CHAU, Dean of the Faculty
- Honorary Advisor (Contact): Dr. B. S. JIA, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture
- President (Contact): Jessica, Junyan HE, PhD Student Architecture

- Vice President: Alan, Zengxiang JIN, PhD Student Real Estate
- Treasurer: Salie Jun WANG, PhD Student Architecture
- Secretary: Simon Yung YAU, PhD Student Real Estate

Scope and Objectives

- to encourage the development of research interests among its members and create awareness of research significance in construction
- to provide a forum for disseminating, sharing and exchanging research skills and experience within the Student Chapter and towards other CIB Student Chapters
- to improve the contact and benefits with other CIB Student Chapters and the global research community
- to facilitate and promote joint research and academic exchange with other CIB Student Chapters and the global research community.

Planned Work Programme

1. Create and organize a forum for discussion and internal exchanging of research findings and experiences. Organize internal meetings and activities to enhance the sense of community among the members.
2. Organize workshops and seminars to disseminate and share research experience and findings by invited speakers / experts from Hong Kong, from mainland China, and international companies, universities and institutions.
3. Establish contacts with other CIB Student Chapters by participating in or arranging international workshops, symposiums or other similar activities.
4. Establish contacts with CIB commission and CIB member institutions.
5. Develop and produce a newsletter for the Student Chapter on regular basis (at least once a year), and also be presented from the website of Student Chapter and CIB home page.
6. Mapping of new research findings and experiences within the research area of the Student Chapter.
7. Establish partnerships with other CIB Student Chapters for the initiation of possible sister CIB Student Chapter in other countries to develop closer research linkages.
8. Broaden CIB's influence in Mainland China through our wide contact network with the universities in China. We could also encourage and help them to establish student chapters in their universities.

Planned Output

During the next two years, the Student Chapter at HKU Faculty of Architecture pursues to follow the

planned program and further developed what we have done already. It involves minutes of meeting on deliverables, publication of a newsletter at least once a year, contacts established with at least five other CIB Student Chapters and regular workshop or seminar within the Faculty of Architecture, HKU. In accordance with the work program, the Student Chapter will also organize joint research activities and conferences with sister Student Chapters and other CIB Student Chapters.

Internal Structure

The Student Chapter at HKU Faculty of Architecture is led by a President who will be responsible for disseminating CIB information to the other members and distributing information from the Student Chapter at The University of Hong Kong to other Student Chapters or to CIB in general. The Vice President will support the President and act as the President's representative on occasion when she/he is unable to attend. The President will seek advice from Honorary Advisor and organize the internal member structure of the student chapter in HKU.

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The formal website for our CIB Student Chapter in HKU is www.arch.hku.hk/hkucib