

PPF[®] PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE FORUM

FEE SCALE: THE WAY FORWARD

The Malaysian architectural profession follows a Scale of Minimum Fees which is made mandatory through an enactment of Parliament in the Architects Act 1967. The Scale of Minimum Fees came into force after years of intense advocacy and discussions with the authorities. The primary rationale is to ensure professional service and standards in the public interest. However there are concerns that the Scale of Minimum Fees has been challenged by some in the private sector and even some government linked corporations and bodies. The problem is compounded by the fact that in the advanced industrial countries and in the United Kingdom, where the fee scales originated and were the norm, they have now been abandoned under the impetus of deregulation and the requirement for open competition in the interests of businesses, consumers and the economy.

- Can the mandatory Scale of Minimum Fees be enforced if it is to protect the public interest?
- Is the mandatory Scale of Minimum Fees realistic in the free market?
- Can the Scale of Minimum Fees withstand the onslaught of deregulation, globalisation and the liberalisation of the Malaysian profession?
- Can open fee competition be in the public interest?

The forum seeks to discourse the issues and challenges of the Scale of Minimum Fees and its enforcement. It also seeks to hear the situation in countries where fee scales have been abandoned and the consequential benefits and disadvantages arising out of this.

Besides the three speakers, there is also a panel of Architects from differing practice backgrounds for further discourse on the subject in order to solicit as many views as possible so that we can move forward.

Finally the forum aims to engage Members on how best Architects are remunerated for their professional services. The forum is therefore structured to allow opportunities for maximum contribution and participation from the floor.

Convenor & Moderator: **Ar. David Teh Teik Lim** - Past President, PAM

SPEAKERS

Ar. S. Thirilogachandran



Ar. Thirilogachandran is the Principal of TLC Architect, a Fellow of PAM and a Chartered Member of RIBA. He is currently Honorary Treasurer of PAM and Chairman of PAM Professional Practice and Building Legislations Committee.

“Architect’s Fees: Issues, Challenges and Way Forward”

The practice of Architecture in Malaysia is governed by Board of Architects (LAM) with the enactment of the Architects Act 1967 (Act 117). The latest revision to the Architects Scale of Minimum Fees, Rules 2010 was gazette and came into force in 1st March 2010 and supersedes the previous rules. The mandatory Scale of Fees is to be adhered by all Architects practicing in Malaysia. However, many Architects are having difficulties to follow the Minimum Scale of Fees and in collection of fees especially at the final stages. There should be a mechanism to ensure that the mandatory Minimum Scale of Fees is followed. With the recent amendments to Architects Act to allow for liberalization and opening up the profession, there are more challenges to be faced by Architects with regards to fees and remuneration. Therefore, there is urgent need to address these issues and challenges on procurement and fees faced by Architects.

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“Enforcing Architects Rules 2010, protecting profession or public?”

Architects (Scale of Minimum Fees) Rules 2010 set the minimum standard of professional conduct and scope of services in delivering architectural services. The Architects Rules is set with the objective to protect the health, safety and interest of the public, but not the advancement of the interests of the profession of architecture. However, the nickname ‘Scale of Minimum Fees’ has adversely given impression the Rules are protecting the profession. Many have forgotten their rights stated in the Rules where architects must abide to minimum standard and minimum scope of services in delivering architecture services. To date, the Rules has not been tested on whether or not an architect violating any one of the rules should be subject to disciplinary action or legal prosecution. It is timely to observe judgment that Architects Rules 2010 are all rules for which it is appropriate to command compliance.

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“Architect’s Fees – The Singapore Experience”

This paper presentation will share Singapore’s experience on Architect’s Fees.

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