

PAM CPD Talk

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Converting Projects into PhDs: Saving Architectural Thoughts and Ideas into a Legacy

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Abstract

This talk serves as a vital part of a rich documentation of experience of the First, Second and Third Generation of architects and designers in Malaysia. In any civilized nation, the documentation of experience by the practitioners of professions and craft are essential to understand the intricate relationship between technology, human values, cultural beliefs, political thoughts, climatic responses, geographical concerns and western idealism culminating into a building product. The structures built by the architects are the pages of our nation's struggle to understand itself within the boundaries of social, economic, spiritual and political concerns. UCSI is the only university that will offer a unique and creative supervisory alternative for Principals, Architects and Graduate Architects to finally consolidate and philosophize decades of experiences into a rigorous and exciting work awarded with the Doctor of Philosophy. Although Frank Lloyd Wright was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Philosophy from several different universities, his life work still remain an enigma in many respects and we have had to rely on various interpretation of his many speeches and writings. It was a lucky thing that he actually did write a lot and gave many speeches or else his rich repertoire of experiences and thoughts would have been buried by the sands of time. Our designers and architects cannot claim this legacy and thus their ideals will forever be a lingering thought tottering at the cliffs of time before eventually disappearing into the abyss. How might these thoughts be saved for future legacy? The talk will outline a painless and systematic methodology how this can be done academically.