

## Sultan Of Selangor Launches PAM's Green Building

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 19 (Bernama) - - Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah today launched the newly built RM17.8 million Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) centre in Jalan Tandok, Bangsar, here.

The centre, with a built-up area of 3,782 square metres, aims to be the greenest building in the city and has five key design features - timeless,

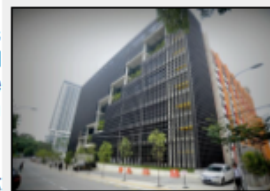
sustainability, practicality, innovation and economic viability.

PAM president Ezumi Harzani Ismail, in his speech, said the building was not only designed in line with PAM's aspirations as a centre for architectural advancement and development but also took into account environment, culture and society with a timeless and minimalistic approach in overall design and detailing.

"We wanted to inspire future generations to dream, design, build and lead the building industry by building a top notch facility such as the PAM Centre," he said.

The eight-storey building, inclusive of a roof terrace, also functions as headquarters, housing PAM's main secretariat office, a council boardroom, a cafeteria and an auditorium.

Ezumi also announced the new names of the centre's council boardroom and roof terrace that was named after PAM's eminent and past presidents, the late Datuk Ikmal Hisham Albakri and the late Datuk Kington Loo (roof terrace).



Sultan Sharafuddin then launched PAM's book documenting the journey of the institute in attaining a centre for architects to call home, titled 'In The Eye Of The Storm'.

Ezumi added that a single-stage competition was held in 2012 for the new centre's design which was opened to all PAM corporate members.

The competition had received 36 entries and the winner was Mohd Heikal Hasan who came up with a design that was not only eloquent but also provided an efficient solution for a very tight and highly constrained site.

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