

Press Release

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PROMOTING PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE IN MALAYSIA

Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) remains unwavering in its mission to promote excellence, integrity, and professionalism within the Malaysian architectural landscape. As the leading authority representing architects nationwide, PAM is committed to guiding its members in upholding the highest standards when securing, executing, and managing projects. Architects licensed and registered with Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM) are encouraged to engage in practices that reflect the values and ethics of the profession, ensuring the Malaysian architectural industry continues to thrive.

Upholding Professional Integrity and Fair Remuneration

A primary focus of PAM is ensuring that all registered architects receive fair remuneration for their professional services. PAM emphasizes the importance of adhering to the guidelines set forth in the Architects Act to maintain equitable compensation for the expertise and effort provided. Fair payment is not only a recognition of the value licensed architects bring but is also essential to preserving the quality and standards of design and construction within the built environment. By complying with these guidelines, architects protect the integrity of their work and elevate the industry as a whole.

In a competitive market, it is crucial that architects advocate for their rightful compensation. Following the Architects Act also safeguards the profession against the devaluation of services by unqualified practitioners. By ensuring that professional fees are respected, PAM members contribute to building a sustainable industry where quality, skill, and dedication are recognized and rewarded.

Commitment to Accountability, Responsibility, and Ethical Practice

Accountability and ethical practice are the foundation of the architectural profession. PAM encourages its members to uphold their responsibilities, not only to their clients but also to society as a whole. Architects play a critical role in shaping Malaysia's built environment, and their work directly impacts communities and the nation's development. By practicing with skill, professionalism, and a strong sense of responsibility, architects can lead the way in creating spaces that reflect the needs and aspirations of society.

PAM emphasizes that an architect's duty extends beyond simply completing projects. It also includes fostering a culture of excellence and sustainability within the industry. Ethical practice requires architects to be transparent, responsible, and committed to the highest standards of safety, quality, and innovation.

Advocating for the Use of Registered Professionals

Educating clients and stakeholders about the importance of engaging only registered architects and interior designers is a key aspect of PAM's mission. The rise of unlicensed freelancers and illegal practitioners poses significant risks to project quality, safety, and regulatory compliance. PAM strongly urges the public, developers, and other industry stakeholders to recognize the importance of hiring registered professionals who are accountable to the standards set by LAM.

Registered architects are bound by a code of conduct that ensures their work meets both regulatory and ethical standards. By choosing registered professionals, clients benefit from quality assurance, professionalism, and the security of knowing that their projects are in capable and legally compliant hands. PAM continues to champion this message, working to protect the integrity of the profession and the safety of the built environment.

Continuous Professional Development through PAM Initiatives

In line with its commitment to enhancing professional competency, PAM provides ongoing platforms for learning and growth. Through workshops, seminars, training programs, and competitions, PAM offers opportunities for architects to refine their skills and stay current with industry developments. These initiatives equip members with the latest knowledge and best practices, enabling them to remain competitive and innovative in a rapidly evolving field.

PAM's focus on continuous professional development also reflects its belief in lifelong learning. By fostering an environment where architects are encouraged to upgrade their knowledge and expertise, PAM ensures that the profession remains dynamic, relevant, and capable of meeting new challenges.

As conclusion of my remarks, PAM is dedicated to promoting a culture of professionalism, ethical conduct, and continuous improvement within the architectural community. By advocating for fair remuneration, accountability, and the engagement of registered professionals, PAM seeks to elevate standards across the industry. As architects commit to enhancing their skills and knowledge through PAM's initiatives, they contribute to a stronger, more resilient built environment that benefits both society and the profession. Collectively, these efforts drive the architectural industry forward and pave the way for a better, more sustainable Malaysia.

“Together, we can build a better Malaysia.”

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About Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM)

Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) — Malaysian Institute of Architects — is the national professional institute representing architects in Malaysia. PAM's mission statement is "To promote the advancement of architecture and the architectural profession for the betterment of society".

Founded in 1923 as the Institute of Architects Malaya, its name was changed in 1948 to the Federation of Malaya Society of Architects (FMSA), then allied to the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Another change to its current name to reflect national sovereignty came about on 20th January, 1967 when PAM was registered with the Registrar of Societies.

PAM currently has approximately 5,000 members consisting of professional architects, graduates and students. Apart from its registered address in the capital city, PAM membership is also represented across Malaysia with member chapters in Sabah, Sarawak, Penang (Northern chapter), Johore Baru (Southern chapter) and East Coast.

On 19 July 2017, PAM completed an important milestone with the official opening of its own headquarters building in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. The PAM Centre is a GBI Platinum-rated building, a result of an open architectural competition.

The institute organises the annual PAM Architecture Awards and maintains a regular extensive programme of publications and programmes on architectural matters relating to its members, the public and the environment.

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