

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Malaysian Institute of Architects
(Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia – PAM)**

and

**Federal Chamber of German Architects
(Bundesarchitektenkammer - BAK)**

(Hereinafter called respectively "BAK" and "PAM")

Preamble

The danger of climate change is challenging the world. The Federal Chamber of German Architects (BAK) and the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) are convinced that the reinforced cooperation described in this Memorandum of Understanding will help architects of both countries to face this challenge and develop solutions jointly.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to form a general working agreement between BAK and PAM. This MOU is intended to create a productive working relationship between the two organisations.

PAM

PAM is the national professional institute representing architects in Malaysia. The mission statement of the Institute is "To promote the advancement of architecture and the architectural profession for the betterment of society". The Institute provides a framework for its members to operate effectively: to do, to run and to get the business of architecture within the Code of Conduct and Scale of Fees. The primary objectives of the Institute are:

- To promote and enlarge knowledge, study and practice of architecture.
- To provide a central organisation for architecture.
- To assist and advise Governments, local authorities, or other private or public bodies.
- To promote friendly interaction and discourse amongst Architects.
- To obtain and disseminate among the Members, information on matters affecting the profession, and
- To preserve and to maintain the integrity and status of the profession.

BAK

The BAK in Berlin is the umbrella organisation of the Architects Chambers of the 16 German Länder – bodies of public law.

BAK represents nationally and internationally the interests of more than 124,000 architects (as of January 1st, 2010). Among them a majority of 87 per cent works as construction architects, 6 per cent work as landscape architects, 4 per cent are registered as interior designers and 3 per cent as urban planners.

The designations “architect”, “interior architect”, “garden and landscape architect” and “urban planner” are protected by the rules and regulations of the Architects Chambers of the Länder. Only those who are registered in the relevant Architects' Chamber are allowed to be entitled.

Main topics and tasks of the BAK:

- To strengthen the consciousness of architectural culture and the built environment
- Consumer protection
- To maintain and improve the economic and legal conditions of professional education
- To promote the cooperation and regular exchange of experience with the Architects Chambers of the Länder

Agreement

The cooperation aims to combine forces to achieve common political goals and the professional promotion of architectural culture in both countries and specifically refers to the following areas:

- Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views
- Continuing education and training
- Law, contracts and fee system
- Architecture competitions
- Project cooperation

The parties therefore agree on the areas mentioned on partnership at less bureaucratic and collegial basis the following principles:

- Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views
 - (1) The parties inform each other continuously over significant professional policies.
 - (2) The Presidents of the BAK and PAM meet in principle every five years to a general Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views.
- Continuing education and training

The parties inform each other about developments in continuing education and training.
- Law, contracts and fee system
 - (1) The parties agree contracts for services of architects are to be awarded solely on the respective legal bases. Both parties support each other in their efforts to this end.
 - (2) The parties inform each other of the progress of the applicable rules governing the award of architectural as well as the remuneration of those services within their respective jurisdictions.

(3) The parties within its capabilities ensure that their members by providing cross-border services to the other state comply with provisions on the award of architectural services and their fees.

– Architecture competitions

The parties support in case of need each other in preparing for architectural competitions and inform each other about current developments in the national competition systems. In appropriate cases, the members of both organizations will be able to participate in architectural competitions.

– Project cooperation

The parties work towards the establishment of consortia and / or partnerships of its members in cross-border projects.

Final Provisions

- (1) The Parties will submit this proposed Memorandum of Understanding to their respective Decision-making Bodies.
- (2) This agreement does not create any right of mutual claims of the parties or individuals. Compensation claims are excluded.
- (3) Such costs of joint activities arising under this contract are to be determined by individual case. All other costs resulting from the agreement are borne by each party itself.



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