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Going with the flow

Upon the new instructions of Executive Committee, we have updated our website and database.

We have also created a PCATP Facebook page. Do not forget to join our community.

<https://www.facebook.com/PCATP.Official>

Beware of other fraudulent pages!



Warm Greetings!

We all hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy during these uncertain and unprecedented times. However, PCATP deeply mourns over the loss of those architects who had lost the battle with COVID-19 and pray for their families and friends. This COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly turned our lives upside down but we hope that together we will fight the pandemic and come out stronger than before.

On huge public demand and overwhelming feedback, PCATP Executive Committee 2019-21 has decided to resume issuing its newsletter. This newsletter will exclusively highlight the activities of current Executive Committee 2019-21, which took charge in March 2019. We will be issuing our next newsletters on quarterly basis.



THE BIG MOVE

We are excited to inform you that we have shifted the headquarters to Islamabad, amidst the beautiful Margalla Hills in D-12 Markaz. It was indeed a daunting task but kudos to our team which has pulled it off in the best possible manner. Our office is operational and the team is working in good spirits. Our previous office at Karachi is still in place but is now working as the Regional Office.

Due to these chaotic and unsafe times, we are not dealing publicly. Our team has been working online from home except the administrative staff. PCATP looks forward to welcoming you all at our head office once things come back to normal. However, do not hesitate to contact us at our landline numbers or via email.

Acting Right Against Wrong

PCATP has issued 10 show-cause notices to those practicing architecture or town planning illegally and their registration has been suspended by the Executive Committee.

CLIMBING UP THE LADDER

PCATP has been engaged in more than fifty correspondences in this term so far. We continue to play our role diligently in protecting the rights of our registered town planners and architects. Many of our requests are not met with positive responses but we continue to ensure that we open avenues of opportunities for our architects and town planners. Do not get disappointed because we have a lot of accomplishments to share, a few bigger ones are highlighted below;

- Gilgit Development Authority has agreed to allow PCATP registered architects and town planners in Gilgit Master Plan 2040.
- PCATP registered town planners are now eligible for providing consultancy services For Preparation of Master Plan For Dalbin Town and outline development plan for Nokundi, Taftan & Chaghi Towns, District Chaghi.
- The Institute of Chartered Accounts of Pakistan revised its corrigendum and included the name of PCATP along with PEC in their advertisement.
- Chief Minister Punjab responded to providing grant of Technical Allowance for Architects and Town Planners working in all Provincial Departments and Agencies of their respective provinces.
- Letter sent to all Provincial Chief Minister's for the grant of Technical Allowance for architects and town planners working in all provincial departments and agencies of their respective provinces.
- Letter sent to all Chief Secretaries, Local Governments, Cantonment Offices, PDA, C&W Departments, and Tehsil Councils of all provinces and to Civil Aviation Authority to only allow registered architects/town planners work in all architectural/town planning departments and to revise the PPRA rules to change the criteria from PEC to PCATP registration for architectural/town planning related jobs.
- Prime Minister Secretariat through Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training responded to HEC on

the letter sent to Prime Minister subjected as Appointment of Non-Architects/ Town Planners in various government departments/development authorities and Educational Institutions in contravention of PCATP Ordinance IX of 1983.

- 18 licenses were cancelled by Municipal Committee Lalamusa and Kharian who did not have registration with PCATP.
- SPPRA responded on our letter with reference to EOI for selection of consultants for Architectural Design with PEC registration.
- Corrigendum issued by NIP (National Industrial Parks) for inclusion of PCATP along with PEC.
- PCATP name inserted with PEC for the hiring of consultant in Balochistan Coastal Development Authority.
- Secretary Local Government & Community Development Department, Punjab issued letters to all Municipal and Tehsil Councils to abide by the PCATP laws.
- DHA Lahore and Karachi showed consent towards getting PCATP's help in amendment of their construction rules and regulations.
- Meetings with FBR, 2020 requesting elimination of withholding taxes and provincial sales taxes in the Construction Policy 2020 to facilitate the construction industry and the profession.
- Inclusion of role of Architects and Town Planners in the proposed establishment of CIDB 2020.
- Inclusion of PCATP in Naya Pakistan Development Housing Scheme.
- 79 notices were sent to all cantonment boards, DHAs and development authorities to ensure compliance with PCATP Ordinance and discontinue the practice of re-registering architects if they are in possession of an up-to-date and valid PCATP registration. Only Swabi Development Authority and Walton Cantonment Board responded. A second wave of notices is issued recently to those who have not responded.
- HBFC revised its addendum for hiring of consultancy services of strong room and rehabilitation and inserted the name of PCATP along PEC.



POLISHING THE SKILLS

PCATP has assigned CPD points to around 25 various lecture series, conferences, seminars etc. held in Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Jamshoro and even Dhaka.

It recently assigned CPD points to the webinar series held recently by the Institute of Architects Pakistan-Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter, featuring Ar. Yasmeen Lari and others.

CPD points have also been awarded to the webinar series organized by the Institute of Architects Pakistan in collaboration with Aga Khan Award for Architecture (AKAA), presenting the winning projects and their Architects in discussion with the Steering Committee, Master Jury and Reviewers from the Aga Khan Award for Architecture Cycle 2017-19.

The Executive Committee is putting efforts in developing a cell phone application exclusively for CPD scheduling, attendance and record keeping. The Executive Committee is likely to keep the implementation of CPD requirements on hold until the application is fully functional.

Dates to Remember

PCATP also encourages all the architects to join the remarkable online sessions consisting of 9 webinars and 7 lecture series on sustainable urbanization organized by Commonwealth Association of Architects centered on Sustainable Urbanization.

These webinar/lecture series from 24th June to 31st August provide an excellent opportunity for all the architects to make the best of this time.

The details are already shared with the registered members via email.

ACING THE ACE

As per amended Bye-laws 2018, a graduate architect (2014-2019) of 2014 intake or later will have to go through Architecture Competency Examination (ACE) for obtaining license from PCATP.

All earlier graduates applying for registration after 31st December 2019 will also have to go through ACE for getting license from PCATP.

PCATP will issue the graduates with the registration certificate which will allow them to either get employed or continue higher studies. However, the license to sign the submission drawings or building plans will only be issued after acquiring one year of practical experience and clearing ACE.

Considering the current situation in the country, the Council is still deliberating if any change in applications dates of this examination is required or not. Log on to our website for the ACE syllabus and start preparing now!

SURVEYING FOR BETTER

Survey regarding status of Architecture and Town Planning Profession Status in Pakistan

The Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) organised a survey between October 2019 and January, 2020 with the approval of Executive Committee.

The main objective of this study, the first of its kind in Pakistan, was to map the current scenario of the architecture and town planning profession in Pakistan and compile of data for future guidelines. The results of the survey will be discussed in the AGM and will also be uploaded on the official website of PCATP.

Crisis Survey on the Status of Architecture and Town Planning during Coronavirus Emergency in Pakistan

The crisis survey on the Status of

Architecture and Town Planning during Coronavirus Emergency was conducted in May. This survey questionnaire was sent to all architects and town planners across Pakistan, to ascertain the nature and extent of difficulties faced by members of profession during these difficult times when the pandemic has hit the entire world.

The gathered information and the analytical data will be shared among all stakeholders for understanding the current situation and subsequently finding ways and means to improve and prepare a set of recommendations on the basis of data collected.



WORKSHOPS & COMPETITIONS

Two faculty development workshops have been conducted in NUST, Islamabad and an overwhelming response was received.

Three competitions are underway:

1. Architectural Design Competition For Establishment of National Film Academy at Islamabad.
2. National Architectural Design Competition for a Pakistan Park and Museum in lands adjacent to Quaid's Mazaar, Karachi.
3. Design Competition for the architectural design of Pak University of Engineering and Emerging Technologies (PUEET) in the premises of the area formerly known Prime Minister House Islamabad.

The dates for these competitions will be announced very soon. PCATP will notify all its members via email. The official advertisement published in the newspaper will also be uploaded on the website and Facebook page. Stay tuned to our website.

Bigger Family!

We have expanded our family
and it now consist of

7743
architects

1423
town planners

Important Announcement

PCATP will be holding its AGM virtually this year due to concerns of holding large social gatherings and maintaining social distancing. Chairman PCATP will be presiding the AGM from the Headquarters in Islamabad and all other members will be taken on board through Zoom video-conferencing software.

SURVEYING FOR BETTER

The Council, in collaboration with the Institute of Architects Pakistan, conducted a fund-raising campaign for the Prime Minister's Covid-19 Fund. It pleases the Council to inform its members that a first installment of 1.5 million has already been deposited in Prime Minister's designated account. The Council would like to appreciate the support provided by the Institute of Architects Pakistan and would also like to extend its gratitude towards all those architects and town planners who have donated.

Let's all hope that we will survive this pandemic and exploit the opportunities available and utilize this time to become a better version of ourselves. Do not forget your fellow architects and town planners in this state of crisis and help us in build a stronger network.

Stay Safe. Stay Healthy.

