

CTBUH Update – October 2006

Dear Colleagues:

Well October is here at last, and the final preparations are being made for our focus conference in Chicago on October the 25th and 26th. It looks like it's going to be a great event and I hope that you are looking forward to meeting and networking with members of the Council from around the world.

Following the conference there will be a meeting of the Steering Group and Country leaders to review our progress against the Five Year Plan. We have two main objectives to put in place in the next few months. Firstly we plan to improve and refurbish our web site. Charles Killebrew of Pickard Chilton Architects has been leading this effort for the Council. We have an outline of a new format and layout and we are now running preliminary tests.

The second objective is to formalize and brief the two remaining Working Groups that we have planned. These working groups will focus on Sustainable Tall Buildings and Fire and Safety of Tall Buildings. Some of the plans for these are well advanced and will be discussed at the Conference.

Our membership is continuing to grow and I am particularly pleased to welcome the WSP Group and the Schindler Group as members at the Sustaining Contributor Level. The Sustaining Contributors are exactly that; they sustain and support the Council and help it to grow, so that it can have a meaningful impact on the design and construction of tall buildings around the world. So I am very pleased to see two very large, very international firms renew and confirm their support for the Council in this way.

Sincerely,

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October 25-26, Conference Update – “Thinking Outside the Box – Tapered, Tilted, Twisted Towers”. We have finalized plans for the presentations, the exhibitions and the displays. We now have over 500 individuals registered for the conference, which is a record for the Council for a single track Conference. The popularity can be attributed to a great line-up of speakers and a very topical subject. Given the current registration numbers, we cannot guarantee that there will be space available for ‘walk ups’. The registration desk will be very busy on Wednesday morning so if you want to take advantage of the learning and networking opportunities but are planning to be a last minute attendee, please contact gkery@ctbuh.org at your earliest convenience.

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CTBUH Awards Dinner (October 26). A very limited number of seats are still available for the Council's Annual Awards Dinner, honoring Ken Yeang and Hal Iyengar. The Council would like to thank the following organizations for sponsoring tables for this year's event – the Illinois Institute of Technology, KONE Inc., LR Development, McHugh Construction Company, Perkins & Will, Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Thornton Tomasetti Engineers, and Walsh Construction Company.

For information about making a dinner reservation or to sponsor a table please contact Geri Kery at gkery@ctbuh.org.

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2006 Top Building Projects. Our preliminary list of tallest building completed in 2006 is shown below. If you are working on a tower or are aware of a tower which is not on the list, please contact the Council at gkery@ctbuh.org. As a point of interest, construction is such in Asia that for the second year in a row the list is dominated by projects in China. The list of buildings we have is:

1. Rose Tower, Dubai (333 m, 1093 ft)
2. Minsheng Bank Building, Wuhan (331 m, 1087 ft)
3. Nina Tower I, Hong Kong (319 m, 1046 ft)
4. Eureka Tower, Melbourne (297 m, 975 ft)
5. Diwang International Commerce Center, Nanning (276 m, 906 ft)
6. Union Square Phase 6 North Tower, Hong Kong (270 m, 886 ft)
7. China International Center Tower B, Guangzhou (269 m, 884 ft)
8. Dual Towers 1, Manama (260 m, 853 ft)
9. Dual Towers 2, Manama (260 m, 853 ft)
10. New Century Plaza Tower A, Nanjing (245 m, 837 ft)

We are planning to release the list before the end of the year, so we welcome any and all input. For additional information on the buildings please visit the Council's website at <http://www.ctbuh.org>.

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New Members. The Council welcomes the WSP Group as a new member at the Sustaining Contributor level. As one of Europe's largest consultants, employing 6,000 people worldwide, WSP Group is a global business providing management and consultancy services to the built and natural environment <http://wspgroup.com>.

Special thanks go to Schindler Elevator Company for increasing their membership to the Sustaining Contributor level. With 40,000 employees and operations spanning all five continents, Schindler designs, installs, services and modernizes transport systems for almost every building type worldwide <http://www.schindler.com>.

The Council also welcomes MulvannyG2 Architecture as a new member at the Contributor level. Based in Washington state, MulvannyG2 is a global firm, creating renowned retail, commercial, civic and multi-use buildings in 19 time zones <http://www.mulvannyG2.com>.

Finally, but certainly not least, the Council welcomes CB Engineers at the Participant level. Based in San Francisco, CB Engineers is an award winning MEP design firm, providing engineering design and consultancy for more than 40 years.

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Fazlur Rahman Khan Named to the Illinois Engineering Hall of Fame. During its annual awards banquet, the Illinois Engineering Council posthumously inducted Dr. Fazlur Rahman Khan into the Illinois Engineering Hall of Fame. Dr. Khan was honored for his distinguished engineering service and contributions to society.

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Chicago Building Congress' 2006 Award of Honor. Congratulations to Clyde N. Baker, Jr., Senior Vice President and Senior Principal Engineer of STS Consultants on receiving the Chicago Building Congress' 2006 Award of Honor. Over the course of his 50-year career, Mr. Baker has served as the geotechnical engineer on most of the high-rise construction built in Chicago, including the three tallest in Chicago (the Sears Tower, the John Hancock Center, and the AON Center). The award will be presented at CBC's Membership Meeting on October 18.

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- October 15-22, 2006. 2006 AIA Northwest & Pacific Region Conference and AIA Committee on Design Fall Conference on "Pacific Crossings", Hong Kong and Shanghai. <http://www.aiahk.org>

- October 19, 2006. International Congress on "Fire Safety in Tall Buildings" presented by GIDAI Fire Safety Research & Technology, University of Cantabria, Santander, Spain. <http://grupos.unican.es/GIDAI>

- October 25-26, 2006. CTBUH conference on “Thinking Outside the Box – Tapered, Twisted, Tilted Towers”, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois. <http://www.ctbuh.org>

- October 26, 2006. Fifth Annual CTBUH Awards Dinner, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois.

- November 8-9, 2006. International Conference on Construct in Steel – the Next 50 Years, organized by the Southern African Institute of Steel Construction, Johannesburg, South Africa. <http://www.saisc.co.za>

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