

## CTBUH Update – February 2007

Dear Colleagues:

This month the Council has published its annual list of the 10 tallest buildings completed in the world last year. The tallest tower, Nina Tower, is 319m is located in Hong Kong,. The second tallest, the Sports City Tower at 300m, has incredibly only 36 floors and is reflective of the increasing flexibility of tall buildings to house a range of mixed-use, non-traditional functions. Of further relevance in the list is the fact that the UAE region has displaced China by having the most buildings in the tallest ten. Four out of the tallest ten are located in the UAE which is a reflection of the massive building boom that continues in the Middle East. A summary image of the buildings can be seen below. More information is contained on our web site at [www.ctbuh.org](http://www.ctbuh.org)

The Council is looking for articles about tall buildings, so if you feel strongly about any aspect of tall building design or construction, please send your articles to us at [gkery@ctbuh.org](mailto:gkery@ctbuh.org). We have opportunities to help our members publish their views in the CTBUH Journal, at our conferences and on peer reviewed magazines that the Council has agreed to sponsor. More details about these latter initiatives next month.

We are very pleased with the new format of our Newsletter that was issued last month. Many thanks to the editors Natalie Brush and Antony Wood. [awood@ctbuh.org](mailto:awood@ctbuh.org) Coming soon is the new format web site.

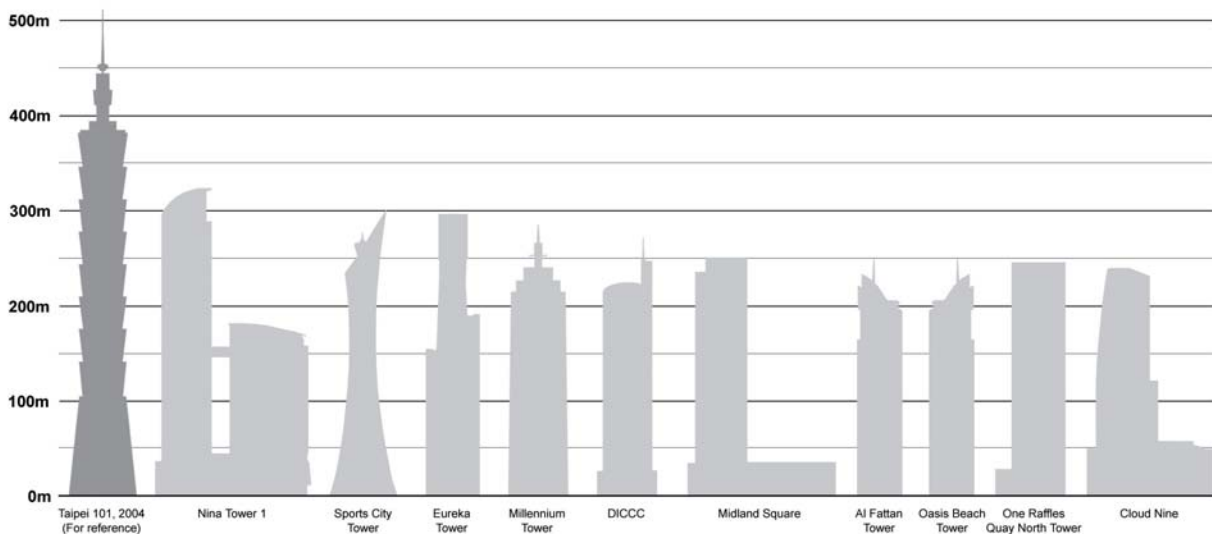
We have set the date for our 2007 Awards dinner, which will be held at S.R. Crown Hall, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Recipients of this year's Lynn S. Beedle and Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal Lifetime Achievement Awards will be honored, plus we have plans to recognize the team achievements in tall building excellence with the creation of two new awards; the 'CTBUH Best Tall Building Award' and 'CTBUH Best Sustainable Tall Building Award'. More on these initiatives – including a call for nominations – next month. The day of the awards dinner will also coincide with the first meeting of the new CTBUH Steering Group, following plans to reorganize this important committee – more on this below.

Finally, the Council is pleased do announce a collaboration with Marcus Evans on the organization of a Tall Buildings Conference in Shanghai, China on 9~10<sup>th</sup> July, 2007. More details on this conference will be contained in our next email update.

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### Tallest 10 Buildings Completed in 2006.

For more information on these, see our website [www.ctbuh.org](http://www.ctbuh.org)



## Changes to CTBUH Steering Group and Organizational Structures.

Following a series of discussions with the Steering Group, we have agreed a series of changes to the CTBUH organizational structure, that are designed to allow active members of the Council to have more say in the running and direction of the CTBUH. The intent is to give active members more opportunity to be on the Steering Group. The primary role of the Steering Group will be to meet on an annual basis to oversee Council progress and advise on its future direction. Steering group members are also expected to engage with Council activity through regular communication, and to offer opinions and feedback on specific issues.

The new Steering Group will consist of representatives from three areas:

1. The Executive Committee.
2. Members who are engaged and 'active' on behalf of the Council on a continuing basis – drawn from the existing Steering Group, the CTBUH Country Leader network, the CTBUH Working Groups and/or those individuals who are furthering other, specific aspects of the Council's mission.
3. Representatives from the CTBUH 'Contributing Supporter' membership level (\$10,000 per year), if they wish to be represented.

Appointments to the Steering Group would last 2-4 years in the first instance, with an opportunity for a follow-on term.

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**International Height Meeting, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, IIT, Chicago.** Last month's announcement of this meeting may have given a slightly wrong impression. The meeting is not intended to be an open public forum – attendance is restricted to CTBUH organizational members interested in contributing to the debate (with each organizational member asked to send a single representative to represent the company view). Further, due to the physical logistics of the meeting, attendance numbers need to be capped at 30. The following 18 members have already confirmed attendance. There are thus 12 places still open, and those organizational members who wish to be involved are urged to contact us soon, via Antony Wood at [awood@ctbuh.org](mailto:awood@ctbuh.org). A new height committee will be formed out of selected attendees from the meeting, to rule on possible future contentious cases.

Burns, Joseph	Thornton Tomasetti
Bychowski, Jim	Schirmer Engineering
Clawson, Kim	Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings
Collins, Alastair	Davis Langdon LLP
Elimeiri, Mahjoub	Illinois Institute of Technology
Gerometa, Marshall	CTBUH, Database
Heller, Jeffrey	Heller Manus
Johansen, Cris	Nakeel
Johnson, Tim	NBBJ
Kieckhefer, Daniel	Emporis
Klemencic, Ron	Magnusson Klemencic Engineers
McCool, Tom	Turner Construction
Scott, David	CTBUH, Chairman
von Klemperer, Jamie	KPF
Weismantle, Peter	SOM
Wood, Antony	CTBUH, Executive Director
Yi, Prof. Waon-Ho	Architecture Institute of Korea
Zils, John	CTBUH, Previous Height Committee

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**“Out of the Box” is in the box.** The 10-DVD box set of the presentations from the “Thinking Outside the Box - Tapered, Tilted, Twisted Towers” Chicago 2006 conference is now available and ready for shipping. An order form is attached for your use. Members in good standing receive a 25% discount off of the \$200 purchase price. These DVD's make excellent training and educational material, and are

appropriate for firms designing and building these unusual buildings. Order your copy today, via Geri Kery at [gkery@ctbuh.org](mailto:gkery@ctbuh.org)

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**Book Donors Acknowledged.** Last month's flying start to the Council's new resource library through books donations has slowed a little – if your company can contribute, please contact Antony Wood at [awood@ctbuh.org](mailto:awood@ctbuh.org). There have been 34 separate publications donated by 18 individual respondents to date, including this month's donations (below):

Thomas Gantard  
Howard Gelbtuch

Japan  
Greenwich Realty Advisors

*Duxton Plain Public Housing, Singapore.  
Real Estate Valuation in Global Markets.*

*Correction to last month's list:*

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Josef Hegger    Lehrstuhl und Institut für Massivbau (IMB)

*Hochhauser – entwerfen planen konstruieren*

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**New Members.** The Council welcomes Traynor O'Toole Architects as a new member at the Participant level. Based in Ireland, Traynor O'Toole was established in 1982, offering vast international experience with a reputation for high quality of design within cost efficient parameters. <http://www.totarch.ie>

Also, rejoining the Council at the Participant level is Norman Disney & Young. With offices in Australia, New Zealand, London and Kuala Lumpur NDY's focus on building services engineering provides their clients with 40 years of experience in leading edge technical knowledge. <http://www.ndy.com>

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**Meet the New Country Representatives.** The Council welcomes Ibrahim Al-Saudi as the new Country Leader for Saudi Arabia. Mr. Al-Saudi is Head of the Architecture Department at Omrania & Associates and is a member of the Saudi National Building Code Committee and the Lebanese Order of Engineers. Email: [ibrahim@omrania.com.sa](mailto:ibrahim@omrania.com.sa).

**\* \* \* PLAN TO ATTEND \* \* \***

- The Skyscraper Museum 2007 Lecture Series on "Mixed Greens: Sustainable Skyscrapers Go Global" – **February 22:** Brandon Haw of London-based Foster + Partners, will discuss Foster's international portfolio including Frankfurt's Commerzbank and London's "Gherkin". **March 15:** Helmut Jahn, President & CEO of Murphy/Jahn, will present "Archi-Neering. All lectures will be held at the NYAS headquarters on the 40<sup>th</sup> floor of 7 World Trade Center, New York City. Tickets are free for members of The Skyscraper Museum or NYAS, \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students and seniors. For additional information, or to register, visit <http://www.nyas.org/mixedgreens> or call 212-945-6324.

- Spring 2007 Fazlur Khan Lecture Series – **March 16:** Man-Chung Tang, Chairman of the Board of T.Y. Lin International, will present "Why? Why Not? What If?". Taken from the viewpoint of a bridge engineer, Dr. Tang will discuss past innovations while acknowledging that we must be innovative so tomorrow's world will be better. **April 20:** W. Gene Corley will present "Learning from the Attacks on an American Icon – World Trade Center Building Performance Study". All lectures will be held in Lehigh University's Sinclair Lab Auditorium, Bethlehem, PA, beginning at 4:10 pm. For additional information go to <http://www.lehigh.edu/frkseries>, or contact Leslie Ladick [lj12@lehigh.edu](mailto:lj12@lehigh.edu) (610-758-6123).

- February 24, 2007. Engineer's Week Open House Expo at the Illinois Institute of Technology's Rice Campus, 201 East Loop Road. Wheaton, Illinois. Sponsored by the DuPage Area Engineer's Week Committee, the expo will feature interactive displays and presentations designed to enhance children's interest in math, science and engineering. One of the featured presentations will be "High-Rise Building Design" by Larry Novak of Skidmore Owings & Merrill.

- March 6, 2007. SEAOL dinner meeting at the Cliff Dwellers in Chicago, featuring a presentation by Robert Sinn of Skidmore Owings & Merrill. Mr. Sinn will present the Trump International Hotel and Tower currently under construction in downtown Chicago which, when completed, will be the tallest

concrete building in the United States. Cost is \$45 for SEAIOI Members and \$55 for non-members. For additional information contact Donna Childs at 312-649-4600 ext. 200.

- May 24, 2007. CTBUH Tall Building Height Criteria International Meeting, for **representatives of pre-confirmed CTBUH Organisational Members only** (see note above). To be held at the Illinois Institute of Technology Hermann Union Building, Chicago.

- July 9-10, 2007. Tall Buildings Conference at the Grand Hyatt China. Organized by Marcus Evans and CTBUH . More details in our next email update.

- October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007. CTBUH 2007 Annual Awards dinner. Upper Core, S.R. Crown Hall, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

- October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007. First meeting of the re-organised CTBUH Steering Group, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago (to be held prior to the Awards dinner – see above).

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