

IN conjunction with the 2nd Malaysia Eco Building & Design Exhibition 2013 (March 26-28), the Eco-B Forum organised by the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) will be held on Wednesday and will feature four regional speakers who will share new concepts and works in green buildings.

Green buildings are becoming part and parcel of our cities today. Since 2009 when Malaysia's own Green Building Index (GBI) was launched as a means of certifying whether a building is environmentally friendly, over 40 million square feet of buildings have been certified.

"Malaysia's GBI has become the world's fastest growing tropical green tool," explains Dr Tan Loke Mun, the forum's convenor who is past PAM president and adjunct professor at Universiti Putra Malaysia.

"This forum seeks to highlight innovative ideas and thoughts of some of the region's leading architects and designers to define and extend new green boundaries. Their projects have produced distinctive works that are winning international recognition and have opened up a plethora of new ideas and inspirations."

Elora Hardy is best known for the creation

Talking **green** architecture

of award-winning, eco-friendly bamboo buildings, like the Green School and Green Village in Bali, Indonesia. She will be speaking on "Designing In Nature". Hardy was formerly sole print designer at Donna Karan International in New York. In 2010 she returned to Bali to pursue her childhood dream of creating strong, beautiful bamboo houses.

A graduate of Japan's Nagoya Institute of Technology class of 2002, Vo Trong Nghia leads an award-winning, self-titled practice known for its intricate bamboo and sustainable structures. His works have been receiving high appraisals in Vietnam and overseas and honourable prizes that include the International Architecture Award, and Architectural Review Award. His representative works are wNw Café (2006), wNw Bar (2008) and Bamboo Wing (2009). In 2012, he was named Vietnam's Architect of the Year. During the forum, Vo will be speaking on innovative green architecture in Vietnam.

B.C. Ang is a founding partner of Malaysia's WHBC Architects, which is recognised for

its work in design, architecture and urban landscapes. The practice has won numerous awards from industry peers and its works are widely published in books and magazines in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, the Netherlands, China and Australia.

Veteran Singapore architect Yip Yuen Hong has been practising his trade for nearly 30 years. He honed his skills under pioneering architects such as William Lim, Tay Kheng Soon, and Liu Thai Ker. In 2002, Yip started ip:li architects with partner Lee Ee Lin. Yip's own contemporary tropical language in architecture combines simple materials to create a signature style, and he often refers to his residential projects as "modern kampung houses".

The forum will be held on Wednesday at the Plenary Theatre of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 9am to 1pm. Registration fees are RM100 for students, RM150 for PAM members and RM200 for visitors. For more information call 03-2693 4182 or e-mail info@pam.org.my.