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Guidelines on 'USE OF TITLE'

Your special attention is drawn to PART VI, Section 29 of the Landscape Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap. 516) (hereafter refer as LARO):

- Section 29(1) of LARO states that "A person whose name does not appear on the register shall not be entitled to describe himself as "landscape architect" or "registered landscape architect" or to use the initials "R.L.A." after his name."
- Section 29(3) states that "A person whose name is not on the register may describe himself as a landscape architect if he describes himself by reference to a membership of any body or institute of landscape architects formed outside Hong Kong which description does not imply that he has the right to practise landscape architecture in Hong Kong under the description of landscape architect."

To avoid any doubt in the interpretation of Section 29, any person who is NOT registered under the LARB should be advised of the following examples of acceptable and unacceptable use of title:

Acceptable	Unacceptable
Landscape Designer	Landscape Architect
Landscape Architectural Designer	Design Landscape Architect
Landscape Architectural Assistant	Assistant Landscape Architect
Resident Engineer (Landscape)	Resident Landscape Architect
Senior Landscape Designer	Senior Landscape Architect
	Landscape Architect (HKILA)
Landscape Architect (OALA, Canada)	Landscape Architect (OALA)
Landscape Architect (UKLI, United Kingdom)	Landscape Architect (UKLI)

Titles like "Landscape Project Architect" and "Landscape Design Architect" do not violate LARO, but they may subject to the interpretation of Architects Registration Board under Architects Registration Ordinance - Cap. 408, which regulates the use of title "architect".

Suspected cases of misuse of title under LARO may subject to criminal investigation by law enforcement agencies. Convicted offenders will be liable to a fine at level 5 and to imprisonment for 1 year.