

Guidelines on 'USE OF TITLE'

under

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (Cap. 516)

With the enactment of the Landscape Architects Registration Ordinance (Cap. 516) on 6 June 1997, the Landscape Architects Registration Board ("LARB") would like to draw your attention to Section 29 under PART VI of the said Ordinance regarding the Use of Title as follows:

- i) Section 29(1) stipulates 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."
- ii) Section 29(3) stipulates 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."
- iii) To avoid any doubt in the interpretation of Section 29(3), please be advised the following examples:
 - the use of title 'Landscape Architect (CSLA)', 'Landscape Architect (ASLA)', 'Landscape Architect (LI)', 'Certified Landscape Architect, CLARB', etc. with reference to a membership of an overseas institute of landscape architects would be acceptable;
 - the use of title 'Landscape Architect' or 'Assistant Landscape Architect' without the reference above would not be acceptable;
 - the use of title 'Landscape Architectural Designer' or Landscape Architectural Assistant' would be acceptable.
- iv) For firms or companies which intend to use the description of 'landscape architect', please refer to Section 29(4) of the said Ordinance for details.

Should there be further queries on the Use of Title under the Ordinance, please contact LARB.

Note: In accordance with Section 30 under PART VII of the said Ordinance, any person, who not being a registered landscape architect, knowingly permits the use of or uses in connection with his business or profession the description of "landscape architect"; "registered landscape architect"; or the initials "R.L.A.", commits an offence and is liable to a fine at level 5¹ and to imprisonment for 1 year.

¹ In accordance with Schedule 8 under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221), level 5 of fines for offences would be at \$50,000.