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University of Tasmania architecture program secures coveted Malaysian accreditation

The University of Tasmania’s highly regarded architecture program has become one of only three in Australia to be accredited by the Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM), the Board of Architects of Malaysia.

The validation means the University’s architecture graduates are eligible to register as a Graduate Architect with LAM without having to pass a further rigorous examination process.

Head of School of Architecture and Design Professor Kirsten Orr said the accreditation was an endorsement of the quality of the University of Tasmania’s architecture program.

“I am delighted with this outcome and we look forward to continuing to produce many more highly skilled, highly qualified Malaysian architecture graduates in the future,” Professor Orr said.

“The accreditation process was intensive and exhaustive and it revealed the strength of our program, the excellence of our staff and the quality of the work produced by our students.”

Previously, all architecture programs in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom were automatically recognised by the LAM. But as of 1 January 2017, only programs that have been visited, validated and recognised by LAM can be accredited.

The University of Tasmania program is one of three in Australia, and only 12 internationally, to be accredited.

“Malaysia has traditionally made up a large part of our international student cohort and we have a strong network of alumni that that covers the whole country,” Professor Orr said.
“We’re proud of our graduates’ achievements, including Mohamad Nor Masyerin and Alan Teh who recently featured in a monograph 30 Emerging Architects Under 40 published by the Malaysian Institute of Architects.”

The University of Tasmania’s architecture program consists of a three year Bachelor of Architecture and Built Environments (formerly Bachelor of Environmental Design) followed by a two year Master of Architecture. Graduate architects must complete a significant period of practical experience in the industry before they are eligible to sit the for the examination process to become registered architects.

The visiting accreditation panel was chaired by LAM President A.R. Dato Sri Dr Amir Hamza Mohamad Yunus, who spoke particularly highly of the University’s teaching of building technology and the integration of research and design at the Masters level.

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