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### **ARCHITECTURE FIRM WORKLOUNGE 03-**

**Australian and Japanese Architects working together on Green Building Design and Consulting Services based on International Rating Systems**

**WORKLOUNGE 03-VIETNAM CO., LTD** (Subsidiary office: Hanoi, Vietnam, Representative: **Hiroomi TAKEMORI - Director**) alongside Australian representative **Tim Middleton** has launched design and consulting services with 3 different Green Building rating systems, including **LEED (International - US)**, **LOTUS (Vietnam)** and **Edge (IFC, a member of the World Bank Group)**.



Photo from Green Building Panel Discussion at ZAK World of facades HCMS  
Mr. Tim Middleton (Right)

#### **■Background to the launch of new services**

According to World Green Building Council research, Buildings account for 30% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions globally and 14% of the water consumption. As of 2015 the global total floor area was estimated to be 223.4 billion m<sup>2</sup>. This is set to almost double to 415.2 billion m<sup>2</sup> by 2050, thus, reducing the environmental impact of the building and construction sector has become an urgent issue to be

addressed. Currently, Green Buildings which reduce their impact on the environment have been drawing attention in Vietnam as the construction boom and rapid development continues.

It is in response to these trends that Worklounge 03- has started Design and Consulting services in Green Building and Certification.

### ■Summary of Services

Green Building Design and Consulting Services based on the following 3 Rating Tools:

- LEED: International - US
- LOTUS: Vietnam
- Edge: IFC (IFC, a member of the World Bank Group)

### ■Completed Projects、Capability

- Sakura Montessori Ha Dong(Preschool)
- Genesis School(Preschool and Primary School)
- Vietnam Securities Depository(Public funded office building)

### ■What is Green Building?

Buildings which aim to reduce energy, water and other resource consumption through their construction and operation. This includes consideration of optimisation of equipment, vegetating the building and maximising the environmental performance of the building throughout design and construction.

### ■Comments from Tim Middleton

*LOTUS, Vietnam's Green Building Rating Tool was started by the VGBC in 2009. Up until now I have consulted on a number of Green Buildings and contributed to the development of LOTUS. The people I have engaged with in such projects in Vietnam have been very enthusiastic about environmental efforts and are very willing to take proactive action.*

*Through environmentally sustainable values and Green Building strategies, people can enjoy a comfortable environment both inside and outside the building. By expanding the circle of people who desire sustainable development, I hope we can leave beautiful lakes and rivers for our future generations and a rich natural environment. It is our goal that Green Building services can contribute significantly towards this effort and to Vietnamese society.*

### ■WORKLOUNGE 03- VIETNAM CO., LTD

An architectural design firm, based in Hanoi, Vietnam. Specialise in Architectural Technology, culture of place and environmental design. Working in Vietnam, Japan and throughout Asia, focusing on mainly Education and Cultural buildings, Wellbeing and Hospitality design. Well known projects include Vietnam Japan University temporary Campus, Step House, the Japan Foundation Hanoi Library.

#### ■Achievements

- \*ArchDaily Building of the Year Winner (Step House), March 2019
- \* HOPE Awards Grand Prize (Aquila Center), September 2018
- \* 2A Asia Architecture Award Prize Winner (Step House), September 2017
- \* Ashui Vietnam Architecture Award Prize Winner (Step House), March 2017

#### ■Hiroomi TAKEMORI

1977 Born in Shizuoka, Graduated with Bachelor and Masters degree from Kansai University

2002 Established 03- Design Office (Now “03- Co.,Ltd.”, Shizuoka) as Partner

2011 Until present, moved to Vietnam to establish WORKLOUNGE 03- VIETNAM CO., LTD

#### ■Tim Middleton

1984 Born in Newcastle, Australia

2008 Graduated with Master of Architecture from University of Sydney

2010 Worked for Hiroyuki Shinozaki Architecture, Tokyo Japan

2011 Worked with the VGBC to develop LOTUS Rating Tools

2012 Until present, established WORKLOUNGE 03- VIETNAM CO., LTD as Partner

#### ■Company Profile

Company Name : WORKLOUNGE 03- VIETNAM CO., LTD

Representative : Director of Hanoi Office, Hiroomi TAKEMORI

Address : 9th Floor, 7 Chua Nen, Dong Da, Hanoi, Vietnam

Established : October 2015

Business activities : Architectural Design

Initial Investment : 40,000 USD