HONG KONG AMBASSADORS OF DESIGN

IS SEEKING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hong Kong Ambassadors of Design (HKAoD) is a leading non-profit organization with a mission to promote design and creative culture both in Hong Kong and abroad. Since its inception 5 years ago, HKAoD has sought to actively empower the public through participatory projects that stimulate cultural interaction and creative dialogue in unconventional ways. Through bold experimental and innovative initiatives, HKAoD encourages exchange between the local and international design community, supports excellence in design and promotes the value of design in everyday life.

HKAoD is now seeking an Executive Director to lead the organization into its next phase of development. The ideal candidate should be a passionate and visionary leader, a bold curator of exhibitions and programs advancing discourse and practice of design and creative cultures, and an efficient and proven manager.

The position will require strong leadership experience to work across the intersections of education, creative industry, the public, and business. The Executive Director, reporting directly to the Board of Directors, will be responsible for conceiving and executing a strong annual program of events (both new and existing), lectures, workshops and exhibitions in line with the organization's mission. Supported by the Board,

the Executive Director will also assist in public/ private fundraising as well as sponsorships.

The candidate should have the following qualifications:

- University degree required, Master's degree or advanced degree in related field preferred;
- Commensurate programming and management experience in a small to medium-sized; organization or team;
- 5+ years experience in a design, architecture, art, or related field;
- Experience in a curatorial or event programming position;
- Extensive network in the design, architecture, and/or art industries;
- Experience working with public projects or in a non-profit environment;
- Experience in a private or corporate development;
- Excellent leadership and communication skills;
- Experience managing staff and budget;
- International living or working experience preferred (Chinese language is not specifically required).

Please send applications (cover letter, CV and references) to: hr@ambassadors.org.hk by 12th August 2011.

About HKAoD

The Hong Kong Ambassadors of Design's unique form of public engagement encompasses large scale events such as Detour, the organizations' flagship annual programme of events and exhibitions, incorporating the most original, bold and stimulating ideas from Hong Kong and across the globe; to smaller public platforms like Pecha Kucha, a forum for emerging designers to network and show their work in public. Creating future 'Ambassadors of Design', the organization also works with school children, communicating the importance of design and encouraging exchange through popular initiatives such as Brick by Brick and We Love My Chair. HKAoD most recently participated in the 2011 DMY Fair in Berlin. For more information, please visit www.ambassadors.org.hk.