

Award of Excellence in the category of Planning by the Central States Conference of ASLA in 2008. The residential and social amenities zone at Mahindra World City was designed by HOK, USA.

Arun Nanda, Executive Director, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd, said, "We at Mahindra believe in creating work and life spaces that are world-class and seamlessly integrate with the natural surroundings they are set in. Mahindra World City, New Chennai, is a clear demonstration of this and we are pleased that the master plan of this upcoming township created by HOK has received international recognition."

IBC organises seminar on trends in high-rise buildings

Indian Buildings Congress organised a seminar on 'Recent Trends in High Rise Buildings' in New Delhi recently. The event was inaugurated by **S Jaipal Reddy, Union Minister for Urban Development**.

The seminar highlighted the fact that the construction of high-rise buildings leads to traffic congestion in addition to problems regarding electric and water supply and sewerage disposal. All these problems could be mitigated by appropriate planning and the seminar proposed various recommendations like recycling concrete, optimising use of concrete pumping, precast construction and large mobile cranes and effective water management among others.

ICON and III held in Noida

The fourth edition of India International Construction & Contracting Exhibition (ICON) and Interiors International India (III), along with the co-located Intelligent Skins India (ISI) and the third Edition of Hospitality International India (HII) were held in Greater Noida recently. These three-day events which had 130 exhibitors from 18 countries attracted 4,836 trade visitors.

An estimated \$ 64.75 mn worth of business was transacted during the exhibition. Sponsored by Parryware ROCA, the exhibition also had an annual day conference of the Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID) and a seminar by the Indian Association of Structural Engineers (IAStructE).

The organisers of the events Expomedia Events India announced that the fifth edition of III and ICON, and the second edition of ISI will be a part of India Construction & Interiors Week (IC & IW) from 2009 onwards. The event will also have a new section Conmec - focused on construction equipment and another section Bathroom, Stonex & Ceramex - focused on bathrooms, flooring and ceramic products. IC & IW will take place from February 13 to 15, 2009 in Greater Noida. The regional edition of IC & IW will be held in Chennai from September 25 to 27, 2009.

Roof & Cladding India was a grand success

Asia's largest roofing, cladding and allied technology event - Roof & Cladding India 2008 - which was held in Chennai recently, witnessed

that the next edition - Roof & Cladding India 2009 will be held at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, during April 23 - 25, 2009. For details, contact E-mail: unitech@hathway.com.

Philippe Clover appointed President of QIEL

Quippo Infrastructure Equipment Ltd (QIEL) has appointed Philippe Clover as the President of the company. A Master in Business Administration from University of Paris IX Dauphine and University of Caen, he collates industry expertise of over 29 years. His experience in project management and business development supplement his strategic initiatives to minimise risks and maximise results.

He began his career in Westinghouse Electric, Minneapolis, US in 1979. He has been a core part of many



participation from over 90 national and international companies. The event showcased the latest in roofing systems, architectural cladding, façade engineering, metal building systems, pre-engineered buildings, spaceframe structures, skylight & domes, waterproofing, insulation, tensile membranes and roofing machinery.

The three-day expo attracted over 2,500 visitors and a major highlight of the event was the presence of almost all leading pre-engineered building (PEB) manufacturers in the country. The event also featured leading steel companies showcasing colour coated steels and coils, galvanised coils and sheets, CR coils etc. Union Steel from Korea also launched their product range for the first time in India at this event.

Unitech Exhibitions Pvt Ltd, the organisers of the event, announced

rental companies such as TTE, Ltd in UK, Fraikin S.A. and Mattei Car Rental in France. In 1991 he joined the Equipment Rental Division of Hertz Corporation in France as the Operations Director. Thereafter he rose to the level of visionary member of the board of directors, Hertz France in 1997.

Tapan Kumar Mitra appointed SVP of Supreme Infrastructure

Supreme Infrastructure India Ltd has appointed Tapan Kumar Mitra as Senior Vice President. Mitra has a rich experience spanning over three decades. He formerly worked as Dy General Manager with Simplex Infrastructures Ltd. A civil engineer by qualification, his core competencies are in handling large scale projects of thermal power plants, gas base