Application of Innovative Daylighting in High-rise Buildings (Malaysia)

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Remember, we are in a part of the world where the sun is the enemy, and not a friend.
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Energy Efficient Office case study in Bangi:

GEO BUILDING
(MALAYSIA, 2007)
Good Orientation for Daylighting

Solar chart for Kuala Lumpur (3.15° North)
Step-in Design (Self-Shading)
Daylight Facade with Mirror Lightshelves
MIRROR LIGHTSHELVES:
Direct Sunlight Cut Off, Only Diffuse Light Enters Rooms

Photo taken on 12 June 2007 (North facade)
Split Window Design with Fixed Blind inside Double-Glazed Unit

Blind encapsulated in double glazing, no maintenance needed. Looks as good as new after seven years and counting....!

Semi-specular tannenbaum reflector in the ceiling. Maintains inward light reflection without causing glare to the occupants. Translucent cubicle walls parallel to the façade ensures daylight passage to table top.
Daylight & Lighting Energy Measurements

1. Occupants prefer working in daylight

2. Electrical lighting consumption is 25 times lower than the code requirement

Measured lighting consumption during office hours is only 0.56 W/m² (or 0.052 W/square foot) based on 6 months data
Daylight Responsive Lighting Control

Works really well in conjunction with task lighting

- Automatic off (light sensor and/or occupancy sensor)
- Manual on (people press the wall switch)
- Individually controlled task light (table lamp)
Transparent / Translucent Walls Parallel Not to Block Daylight
+ No Suspended Ceiling with Slab Cooling (high 3.6 m floor to ceiling height)
Roof Lights taking in diffuse soft daylight from the North
Daylight factor in atrium about 1 – 1.5%

Nice light pattern through PV atrium roof

- PV sandwiched in low-e glass
- 13% transparent area
Green Office case study in Putrajaya:

DIAMOND BUILDING
(MALAYSIA, 2010)
Winner of 2012 ASEAN Energy Award
(ST Diamond Building, Putrajaya, Malaysia)

Architects: Soontorn Boonyatikarn (Thailand) and NR Architect (Malaysia)
Energy efficiency and sustainability: IEN Consultants
Mechanical & Electrical: Primetech Engineers
Contractor: Putra Perdana Construction
Client: Malaysian Energy Commission
Self-shading facades

Façade Daylight Design
The building is 50% daylit. The façade daylighting system consists of a mirror lightshelf and a white painted window sill. Both deflect daylight onto the white ceiling for improved daylight distribution until 5 meters from the façade + 2 additional meters of corridor space. Installed office lighting is 8.4 W/m², but 1-year measurements show consumption of only 0.9 W/m² showing high reliance on daylighting.
Day-Lighting- Office

- Mirror lightshelf
- Fixed blinds for glare control
- Daylight reflected onto ceiling
Case study no. 3

Facade daylighting scoop system for ’urban canyon’

PUBLIC MUTUAL BANK TOWER
(KUALA LUMPUR, 2016)
Light Scoop for ‘Urban Canyon’

For urban streets where the daylight must be harvested from above

*Ray Tracing is done in “Raytrace” inhouse software. Daylight Factor is simulated in “Radiance” for a standard CIE overcast sky.

On an average day: Daylight Factor of 1.0% = more than 300 lux from 11am to 4pm
Daylight Factor of 0.5% = more than 200 lux from Noon to 3pm

Ongoing project in Kuala Lumpur, completion 2016
Case study no. 4

Innovative daylighting facade for high-rise building

MMK OFFICE TOWER
(KUALA LUMPUR, 2015)
Innovative façade daylighting
The MMK high rise office tower @ Damansara Perdana, Malaysia

Innovative daylight duct from facade

Daylight design by IEN Consultants
Video of Daylight Trough

Short video of the daylighting system installed above the suspended ceiling (play)
7 meters daylight with blinds down

Measured daylight show that the first 7 meters can be daylit, even when the blinds are fully engaged.

Note: Building not yet occupied, so measurements done without any furniture.
Case study no. 5

Innovative daylighting technology

REDIRECTING DAYLIGHT FILMS
(TEST INSTALLATION @ IEN OFFICE, 2015)
Window film instead of Lightshelf

This will solve the maintenance issue lightshelf cleaning

Redirected daylight by window film from 3M

Photo from IEN Consultants office (Kuala Lumpur)
Test installation of two films from USA (3M) and from Taiwan
Window film instead of Lightshelf
Light redirection still effective with upward tilted venetian blinds

Redirected daylight by window film from 3M

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The Case for Daylighting

Our findings show that:

- People want daylighting
- Offices with daylighting are marketable
- Misconception that daylighting is hot, when it is actually the coolest light source
- Daylit spaces increase productivity and well-being of people

Good daylight design:

- Control solar heat gain
- Rely on diffuse daylight, not direct sunlight
- Control glare from direct sun and overcast sky
- Make indoor daylight distribution more uniform
- For offices, a daylight factor of 0.5 – 3.5% is appropriate

*Building in Taiwan*
Thank you

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How I commute in Kuala Lumpur
(video link)
Appendix slides
Energy Efficiency consultancy
Senior Consultant curriculum

Gregers REIMANN
Roles: Energy Efficiency Consultant

Gregers is the managing director of IEN Consultants, the pioneering green building consultancy in Malaysia, with offices in Singapore as well as China. He specialises in building designs that have good daylighting, are highly energy efficient and have excellent thermal and visual comfort.

Key project references during his 10 years of working in Asia include the Setia City Mall (first green certified shopping mall in Malaysia), the new IKEA in Kuala Lumpur (ongoing), ST Diamond Building (2012 ASEAN Energy Award winner) and the GEO Building designed to be a zero energy office building. Other green projects include the KLIA2 airport terminal, the KL Eco City, the Pertamina Energy Tower – the first skyscraper designed to be ZERO energy – and energy efficiency building retrofit works incl. daylight retrofitting of the Asian Development Bank in Manila.

Gregers has also been a technical reviewer for the EU Energy-Efficiency Buildings project and is newly appointed Chairman of the “Energy Efficient Buildings” committee under the EU-Malaysian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (EUMCCI).

Gregers regularly contributes to green building articles and frequently guest lectures at universities internationally. He has a keen interest to pursue innovative and integrated design solutions bridging the gap between architects and engineers. Gregers is also ‘walking the talk’ with respect to green living habits, which includes commuting to work by a foldable electric bicycle that combines easily with public transport.
IEN Consultants

3.2 million square meters of green building space

Gregers (MD)  Poul (Founder)
We are a diverse group of individuals

5 different degrees
6 different nationalities
4 LEED AP
8 GBI Facilitators
Case study no. 3

Energy Efficient Retrofit case study

EECCHI OFFICE RETROFIT
(JAKARTA, 2011)
53% Measured Energy Savings

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BEFORE image shows an office with cluttered desks, while AFTER image shows a clean, organized office with better lighting and a view to the outdoors.
Retrofit & Improved Thermal Comfort

BEFORE RETROFIT
- Vertical blinds blocking most of the daylight
- Suspended ceiling

AFTER RETROFIT
- Mirror lightshelf on external ledge reflecting diffuse daylight onto the high ceiling (suspended ceiling removed)
- Perforated venetian blinds
- Extra window pane

Daylight retrofit design by IEN Consultants
Are daylit offices marketable? **YES**

Would a **fully day lit office concept with supplementary electric lighting for heavily overcast days** be marketable to tenants?
Do people prefer daylit offices? **YES**

Suppose daylight can be controlled just like electrical lighting. If this is the case, please indicate how you believe a **typical office worker** would prefer to have his workplace lit:

Fully lit with electric light

Fully lit with daylight

*Survey among 46 building professionals in Singapore (by Gregers Reimann)*
Do people prefer daylit offices? **YES**

“Regarding the balance between electrical and natural light, which do you prefer?”

Survey among 569 office building occupant in Manila, Philippines
(by Gregers Reimann)
MISCONCEPTION that daylight is "hot"

- Daylight through normal glazing is **2.6 times cooler** than people think

- Daylight through high performance glazing is **4.9 times cooler** than people think

Survey among 46 building professionals in Singapore (by Gregers Reimann)
What do people want from the window? **VIEW** and **DAYLIGHT**

Survey among 46 building professionals in Singapore (by Gregers Reimann)