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**Ahnlab Office Project 2011**

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AhnLab, Korea’s representative security solution provider with global technology – since the first step in 1995 as a professional developer of vaccine software, AhnLab has grown into a leading information security company in Korea.

**Our Services:**

- Interior Design Consultancy,
- Design and Build,
- Feasibility and Strategic
- Space Studies,
- Project Management,
- Environment a Brand: Brand Application to Interiors,
- Sustainability Advisers, based on USGBC’s LEED Accreditation

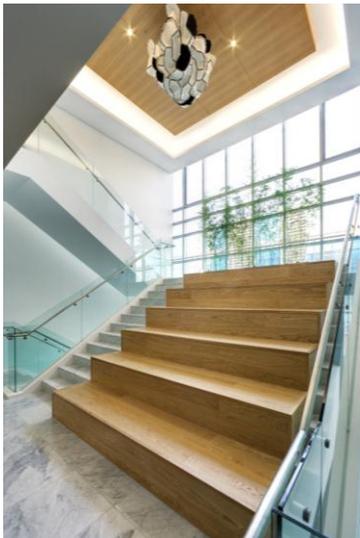
Located in Pangyo Techno Valley, AhnLab’s new building is a communication oriented space. The path from the carpark to the main foyer on the first floor creates a natural movement effect, leads and welcomes visitors to AhnLab. The Multipurpose hall, fitness center and staff cafeteria, located on the basement floor, are also linked with this natural effect, which leads employees and guests from the elevators.

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A vast staircase like structure is located on the first floor where employees are encouraged to take a break. Similarly the stairs connecting the 2nd floor to the 10th floor, unlike ordinary fire escape stairs, are open, bonding the central space of the building. Wooden stairs in addition to the stairs allow employees to sit and rest in a natural state or to hold a quick discussion during break time.



Office space is designed differently for each department to create the most suitable working environment and for open communication with supervisors, emphasizing horizontal relationships within the company.



Design Director : Jonathan Kim  
 Design Team : Sangdo Kim, Hyunseek Choi, Youngjun Park  
 Project Manager : Yongsun Choi  
 Location : Pangyo Techno Valley, 673 Sampyeong-dong, Bundang-gu, Seongnam-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea  
 Project Type : Design & Project Management  
 Project Period : July 2010 – October 2011  
 Project Size : 256,900 sqft

## New Partners of the Steven Leach China Operations

This core management team have consistently shown unwavering dedication to the success of our office and our staff development. They always bring amazing levels of positive energy to every task, they provide clear leadership through their passion for design excellence, and they represent the highest standards in our profession.

We welcome them to this important position, they are the fabric of the future of SLA.



**Sunny Wang**  
Managing Director

“Graduating from San Francisco Academy of Art College, armed with my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, I was ready and committed to the life of interior design, whatever it might bring.

That year I also made an even more important commitment, in Fall of 1996, I was married in Taipei. While I was preparing for my trip back to San Francisco with my new bride, a phone call changed the course of things. A friend who worked with SL+A Taipei suggested that I should drop in the office for an interview. Little did I know, I was not only getting married, I ended up getting a job that I was not really looking for and started work almost immediately, the pace has proved to be quite a ride. I soon became busy with banking projects in Taiwan and by early 2000 I was darting between Taipei, Hong Kong and Shanghai working on corporate offices and banking projects.

I had to stay in Shanghai for a month to finish a project on the Bund when I was handed my new name card that said Design Director, SL+A Shanghai. I was told my old Taiwan name card was no longer good! With the fast pace business demands and office growth, in 2005 I was asked to take the role Managing Director, again a job I was not really looking for. Luckily I was able to continue to lead design projects by sharing some management responsibilities with good friends and fellow Directors... and now happy to say... with my Partners.”



**Sharon Yeoh**  
Finance & Administration Director

“I am a Malaysian born and bred lass who has been blessed with opportunities in life. Hailing from Ipoh, a town famous for its food, water, and some even say, beautiful girls.

My friend was first offered the job with Steven Leach Kuala Lumpur Representative Office; she asked if I wanted to work at this interior design company.

I had the interview, got the job on the spot and joined the Steven Leach group in 1993. I was part of the party-of-4 core team in setting up the Kuala Lumpur office. At that time, the areas of my work scope spanned from answering incoming calls, housekeeping, office administration, secretarial, accounting, IT, purchasing, client services, debt collection, last but not least human resource. The KL office grew to a healthy size of 32 team members.

Fast forwarding into the future of my career, I was faced with the opportunity to work in SLA Shanghai in 2008. There were months of going back and forth Kuala Lumpur and Shanghai. My day-to-day job in Kuala Lumpur was divided and handed over to 3 members of staff; and I maintain my Director position of the Kuala Lumpur office. I joined the Shanghai team in September 2008 as Director of Finance & Administration (and Human Resource... oh and Operations) and how fast have time flown by.”

## 2011 Chinese New Year Card and Hong Bao Design Competition



1st Prize winner,  
Miss Binbin Lai  
from SL+A Shanghai

Congratulations to Miss Binbin Lai from SL+A Shanghai on winning the 1st prize for the Group’s Chinese New Year Card and Hong Bao Design Competition.

Binbin is our Senior Graphic Designer in Shanghai and she draws her inspiration from traditions; “I want to keep to the tradition of the colour red which signifies prosperity, happiness and celebrations to welcome in the Year of the Dragon”.





**Betty Hsieh**  
Design Director

“November 24, 1997 – it was cloudy my first day of work at SL+A Taipei, a young, innocent and wide-eye girl hired as a CAD Operator ready to take on the design world. After a short period of time, I was gungho and confident that I could handle my own project.

I picked up all courage to tell David that I am ready to design my own project; but I was advised to ‘be patient’. So, I worked, worked, and I worked, waiting for the moment of designer’s glamour.

After 6 years in SLA Taipei, I was sent to Shanghai on the Tianma Golf Club project and was told that it was for a short stay only! So I packed my bags in excitement and head off to Shanghai for what I thought was going to be 3 months of great learning. I am now into my 9th year in Shanghai!!! What happened to that short stay?

The Shanghai office had 8 team members in 2002 and 9 years later, we are a 32 member strong office. I am a Design Director and Studio Head (aka Senior Housekeeper) and part of the core Management Team. Much has changed since that first day in both the office and my abilities but one thing in common from the day I joined SL+A Taipei; I am still working, working, and working!”

### Scholarships for Seoul University Students 2012



In 2012, SL+A Seoul, plans to carry out an award for University Students Scholarship coupled with the opportunity for the internship experience at SL+A Seoul office. One interior design major student would be selected from two Universities based in Seoul, which they would then have an opportunity to experience working in an interior design firm contributing on various aspects of projects during their winter vacation.

This will be a promising opportunity for students not only to develop knowledge in the interior design industry in Korea but also to build communication skills working as a team within a company.



**Congratulations**



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**Scholarship 1,000,000 won**



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize went to Miss Nancy Su from SL+A Taipei featuring the Auspicious Symbols in Traditional Chinese Art



And 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize went to Pamanee Chaiwat, Year of the Dragon

