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## Welcome, 2008!

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*T A E L owes its successes in 2007 to loyal clients and dedicated staff members. Thank you all for the extraordinary efforts you have shown throughout the year.*

*During the Third and Fourth Quarters, we have planned and implemented the relocations of our Detroit and Chicago offices, and we stand ready to serve our clients, both long-standing and new, as the New Year begins.*

*We wish for each and every one of you a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.*

*Yves Jeanty*

## T A E L to Relocate

It has already been 11 years since The Architects Enterprise, Ltd. relocated from the Fine Arts Building to its current offices at 116 South Michigan Avenue. It seems like only yesterday!

T A E L is pleased to announce the relocation of its offices to 230 West Monroe Street, effective January 1st, 2008. As we journey into a new year and new offices, our objective continues to be to diversify our client base and to sustain our tradition of sound project delivery, while adding value to our clients' endeavors. Although we will miss the magnificent views of Lake Michigan and Millennium Park, our new home on the 22nd floor affords us views of architecturally significant buildings and places us at the heart of Chicago's dynamic urban fabric. An unexpected stroke of luck has even allowed T A E L to retain its current telephone and fax numbers.

To inaugurate the new office location, we will be hosting an Open House, which is projected to occur in March, 2008. More details will follow in the New Year. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the memories at 116 South Michigan – and welcome to 230 West Monroe!

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*New Address, Effective January 1, 2008:*

**230 W. Monroe Street  
Suite 2205**

**Chicago, IL 60606**

**Tel: 312-424-0330 (unchanged)**

**Fax: 312-424-0111 (unchanged)**

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## Project Highlights

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### ***Francis W. Parker Community Academy – ADA and Campus Project***

**Project Manager:** Billy McGhee

**Status of Project:** Program Confirmation / Schematic Design

**Project Start Date:** October, 2007

**Estimated Date of Completion:** February, 2009

TAEL has been selected to provide architectural and engineering services to design and engineer improvements and modifications to the existing building, site and adjacent public right of way for the Parker School Building and Power House. Parker School (formerly Parker High School) and the Power House are located at 6800 S. Stewart Avenue in Chicago.

The 234,400 square foot main academic building was built in 1929. Though now used as an elementary school, the building originally housed Parker Junior High School, which was part of a larger complex including Parker Practice School, Parker Junior High School and Chicago Normal College. Currently, the 614 student Francis W. Parker Community Academy shares an Educational Campus with Robeson High School, Francis Parker Child Parent Center and a Regional Board of Education Early Childhood Office Building.

Chicago Public Schools, through Chicago School Associates, has commissioned TAEL to provide Architectural, Urban Design and Engineering Services to create, design and engineer exterior ADA modifications and interior building adjustments. The site scope of work includes new exterior ramps, parking lot improvements and a new trash enclosure.

The interior work scope includes a new elevator installation, new science labs, a new library resource center and toilet and locker room modifications. In addition, mechanical modifications, an electrical upgrade and adjustments to the student and faculty toilets are programmed. The work for Francis W. Parker is budgeted at \$5,000,000.00.

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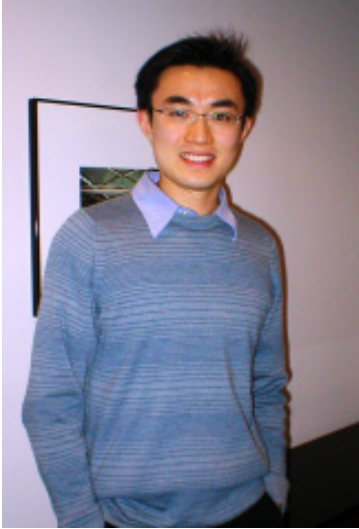
*The TAEL staff wishes its clients, friends and associates a joy-filled Holiday Season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!*

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## Employee Spotlight: Chun Yiu Fu

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From his first Lego forays into modeling the built environment, Chun Yiu Fu, an Intern at TAEL, aspired to become an Architect.



Chun Yiu attended Illinois Institute of Technology, where he received a Bachelor of Architecture with a Minor in Construction Management. While in school, Chun Yiu worked part time as a room coordinator and also worked as an intern at a residential architectural firm on the North side of Chicago.

The past two years at TAEL have enabled Chun Yiu to gain valuable experience as an Intern Architect in building types outside of the residential forum. His main responsibilities include assisting Project Managers, designing graphics for various projects, and preparing construction documents. He has also contributed to proposals and firm presentations. Chun Yiu has assisted on projects of varying size and complexity, including the

Wayne State University Adamany Undergraduate Library Design, a rendering for Sign of the Dove Church and construction documents for Stewart Campus Park in Chicago. His most recent assignment has entailed the upgrading of classrooms in three Philadelphia School District elementary schools to become "Smart Rooms." This is accomplished by installing Smart Boards and corresponding projection equipment for access to the Internet and long distance learning.

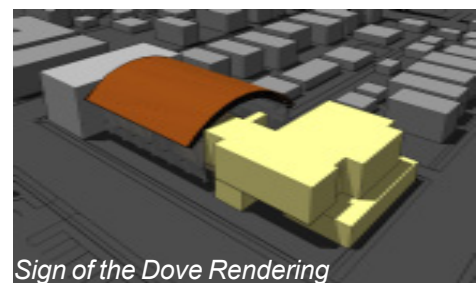


Chun Yiu's favorite aspects about TAEL are the friendly people and the one-on-one working environment. He is pleased to have had the opportunity to travel to TAEL's Philadelphia and Detroit locations. "I really love the fact that I am able to gain hands-on experience by working under the supervision of the Project Architects," stated Chun Yiu. "I feel very fortunate to work at TAEL because I have a chance to express my creativity while advancing my architectural skills."

Chun Yiu's immediate career goals include becoming a Licensed Architect and attaining LEED certification. He enjoys cars, airplanes, and traveling. (His dream car is a Porsche!) Already a well-traveled individual, Chun Yiu has journeyed to China, the United Kingdom, Italy, Japan and Canada. Dubai, Egypt, the Western United States, Greece and Western Europe await his visits.

A sound addition to the TAEL team, Chun Yiu has already made significant contributions to the company. Keep up the good work!

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