



## CROSS-COMMITTEE REPORT

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### Introduction

This report presents the consolidated efforts of the ARCASIA Committees for the term 2024–2025. It is the product of close collaboration among the five active committees—ACAE, ACPP, ACSR, ACGSA, and ACYA.

The committees have worked guided by ARCASIA's overarching objectives. This report demonstrates how the committees have fulfilled ARCASIA's objectives through concrete programs, collaborative projects, and unified directions. Furthermore, it highlights how these initiatives resonate with ARCASIA's adopted theme of **LOVE—Legacy, Overall/ Inclusivity, Visibility, and Environment**.

### Part 1: Fulfilling ARCASIA's Objectives

At the core of ARCASIA's mandate is the strengthening of professional unity, collaboration, education, and advancement across Asia. In the past year, the committees have responded decisively to each of ARCASIA's objectives:

1. **Unity of Institutes:** ARCASIA's strength lies in its collective voice. The **Committee on Young Architects (ACYA)** advanced this unity through regional talks and exhibitions that engaged emerging professionals across all zones. Meanwhile, the **Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA)** brought together 12 countries through the Green AsiARCH 2025

exhibition, while the **Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR)** fostered solidarity with its “Architects as Good Citizens” forum.

2. **Cooperation and Assistance:** Collaboration was evident in joint outputs. The **Committee on Architectural Education (ACAE)** and the **Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP)** co-authored the Position Paper on Artificial Intelligence, providing guidance on this disruptive technology. Likewise, ACGSA and ACPP joined forces in producing a sustainability guidebook, while ACSR and ACYA integrated youth involvement in social responsibility projects.
3. **Representation at the Regional and Global Stage:** The Declaration 2025 on Climate Change, spearheaded by ACGSA and signed by all member institutes, symbolized a unified regional commitment. ACAE expanded representation through international Student Design Competitions, while the **Heritage Preservation Group (AHPG)** showcased Asia’s heritage through its symposium in Sri Lanka.
4. **Recognition of the Architect’s Role:** The committees advanced ARCASIA’s advocacy by highlighting the social, cultural, and environmental responsibilities of architects. ACSR championed architects working with marginalized communities, ACYA promoted young leadership and diversity, and ACPP positioned architects at the forefront of carbon-neutral development.
5. **Education and Capacity Building:** ACAE emphasized future-ready education by embedding sustainability, inclusivity, and AI literacy into its programs, complemented by the Thesis of the Year (TOY) and Student Design Competition (SDC). ACSR updated its Charter into a more accessible format, ensuring its relevance for young architects, while ACYA continued to mentor and promote emerging leaders.
6. **Research and Technical Advancement:** The ACPP highlighted innovation with Tsinghua University’s diagnostic platform for carbon-neutral campuses. ACAE’s academic competitions advanced research rigor, while ACGSA advocated for climate-responsive design principles.
7. **Knowledge Dissemination:** The committees ensured that their work reached broader audiences. The revised ACSR Charter, the enhanced ACAE manuals, and ACPP’s digital surveys and webinars have become important resources for member institutes.
8. **Providing Forums for Exchange:** The committees offered platforms for dialogue and collaboration. ACSR hosted the ACA Incheon Social Outreach Forum, ACYA partnered with KIRA for the Young Architects Talks, ACAE organized online forums for Zones A, B, and C, while ACGSA used the Green AsiARCH platform for knowledge exchange.
9. **International Linkages:** ARCASIA extended its reach beyond Asia through committee initiatives. The AI Position Paper involved international experts, AHPG partnered with heritage bodies in Sri Lanka, and ACGSA actively engaged in global climate discussions.

## Part 2: Common Directions Across Committees

Despite their distinct mandates, the committees demonstrated a convergence of purpose. Five common directions were evident across their work:

1. **Commitment to Sustainability & Climate Action** – The committees recognized sustainability as both a responsibility and an opportunity. From ACGSA’s climate declaration, to ACPP’s carbon-neutral campus guidelines, to ACAE’s educational integration, and ACSR’s wellness design, the message was consistent: architecture must be green, resilient, and future-ready.

2. **Emphasis on Inclusivity & Social Responsibility** – ARCASIA’s social mission was clearly upheld. ACSR’s focus on marginalized groups, ACYA’s advocacy for diversity, and ACGSA’s linkage of climate and community all underscored architecture’s obligation to society.
3. **Integration of Innovation & Knowledge Sharing** – Recognizing the pace of change, committees embraced innovation as a shared value. The Position Paper on AI, ACPP’s webinars, ACSR’s online platforms, and ACYA’s exhibitions all showed a commitment to continuous learning and exchange.
4. **Strengthening Regional & Cross-Committee Collaboration** – The committees did not work in silos; instead, they forged partnerships across themes and zones. The joint outputs between ACAE and ACPP, the youth programs under ACSR and ACYA, and AHPG’s heritage initiatives reflected ARCASIA’s unity.
5. **Capacity Building & Future-Oriented Leadership** – A clear investment in the next generation of architects was visible. ACYA empowered young professionals, ACAE prepared students for the digital era, ACSR ensured long-term guidance through its Charter, and AHPG preserved heritage for cultural continuity.

### Part 3: ARCASIA Theme 2024–2025: LOVE

The guiding theme of ARCASIA for 2024–2025 is **LOVE**, which stands for **Legacy, Overall/ Inclusivity, Visibility, and Environment**. LOVE has provided a framework through which the committees designed and implemented their initiatives. Each component of LOVE has found tangible expression across the committees’ work to show the relevance of the theme to ARCASIA’s continuing mandate.

#### Legacy

Committees have preserved and built upon ARCASIA’s heritage and values that ensured institutional memory and professional standards are passed on to the next generation.

- **ACGSA** showcased sustainable projects through the Green AsiARCH 2025 exhibition, cementing a record of best practices.
- **ACPP** developed the Carbon Neutral Campus Guidelines, a benchmark that will inform future practice.
- **ACAE** co-authored the Position Paper on AI, shaping the educational legacy of how technology is integrated into pedagogy.
- **ACSR** revised its Charter, ensuring continuity of values and making it accessible to the wider membership.
- **ACYA** built a leadership pipeline, empowering young architects to carry ARCASIA’s mission forward.

#### Overall / Inclusivity

Inclusivity was not treated as a central value. Committees consistently sought to engage diverse voices and ensure equitable representation across gender, geography, and professional backgrounds.

- **ACYA** exemplified this by enforcing gender and zone balance in its Young Architects Talks.
- **ACSR** highlighted work with marginalized communities and promoted universal and wellness design.
- **ACGSA** encouraged regional inclusivity by drawing submissions from 12 countries in its Green AsiARCH platform.
- **ACPP** built inclusivity into practice through its Asia-wide APPA survey, ensuring professional diversity is mapped and represented.
- **ACAE** promoted equitable access to AI knowledge, ensuring that digital transformation does not widen existing gaps.

## Visibility

The committees worked deliberately to enhance the presence and profile of ARCASIA—both within Asia and on the global stage. By staging forums, exhibitions, and international collaborations, ARCASIA’s work has been made more visible to members, partners, and allied organizations.

- **ACGSA** raised visibility through its prominent Green AsiARCH exhibition during ACA 21.
- **ACPP** engaged a global audience with high-profile webinars, including a keynote by Ar. Ken Yeang that drew more than 3,000 participants.
- **ACSR** increased ARCASIA’s stature through the Forum on Social Outreach and the prestigious Barry Will Award.
- **ACAE** made its mark through international collaboration in its Student Design Competition and Thesis of the Year programs, and through a series of online forums across zones.
- **ACYA** amplified youth visibility with its Incheon Talks and Exhibition, focusing on emerging talent.

## Environment

Sustainability and environmental stewardship cut across all committee outputs to emphasize ARCASIA’s leadership in promoting climate action and wellness.

- **ACGSA** advanced environmental responsibility with its Declaration 2025 on climate action.
- **ACPP** embedded sustainability in practice through its carbon-neutral initiatives and diagnostic platforms.
- **ACAE** reinforced environmental principles within education, ensuring they become standard components of training.
- **ACSR** linked social and environmental well-being through its promotion of universal and wellness design.
- **ACYA** cultivated environmental awareness among young architects, encouraging them to embrace sustainable practices early in their careers.

The **LOVE theme is alive in the committees’ work**. These four dimensions embody ARCASIA’s spirit and ensure that its objectives are carried forward in ways that are both relevant and forward-looking.

## Conclusion

This cross-committee report affirms that ARCASIA's committees have worked in synergy. Their achievements mirror the objectives of ARCASIA and its theme of LOVE. The committees have carried forward ARCASIA's mission that Asian architects remain at the forefront of global architectural discourse and continue to serve society with excellence.

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