



**21st Asian Congress
of Architects**

INCHEON, KOREA

2025 September 8 ~ 12



A BETTER

TOMORROW

*towards Smart, Sustainable
and Inclusive Architecture*

Theme for ACA 21 : 'a Better Tomorrow'

2025 is the halfway to the global target year 2050, Paris Climate Change Accord agreed to achieve “carbon neutrality”. It’s the time almost every country pledged to achieve Carbon-free. The challenges imposed on architects are unprecedented. Asia has a key role for the challenges and ARCASIA has been granted for the forum of creative future.

Now, ACA 21 will offer time to reflect where we are and having a meaningful dialogue with our friends and colleagues in our profession to announce our visions. Architecture should play an important role in how to get there. And architects are the catalyst for those rapid and radical changes in the built environment. There are so many doomsday scenarios. But we must convince the society with “a Future Positive” attitude possibly with the fresh thinking and new approaches.

Empowering the “Sustainable Design” and embracing “Smart Technologies” will enable meaningful changes to achieve “Net Zero”, while “Inclusive Design” as a way to make “better places no one behind”.

More Smart ; Korea/ Global

- Showcase Korea as the global leader of IT. Songdo as an exemplar city of tomorrow.
- Korean architects provide insights by showing their projects. (panel discussion followed)
- Global company leaders can address how to tackle Global Issues.
- Growing awareness of exposing global/ regional issues to achieve Net Zero.

More Sustainable ; Songdo and Incheon as a case study

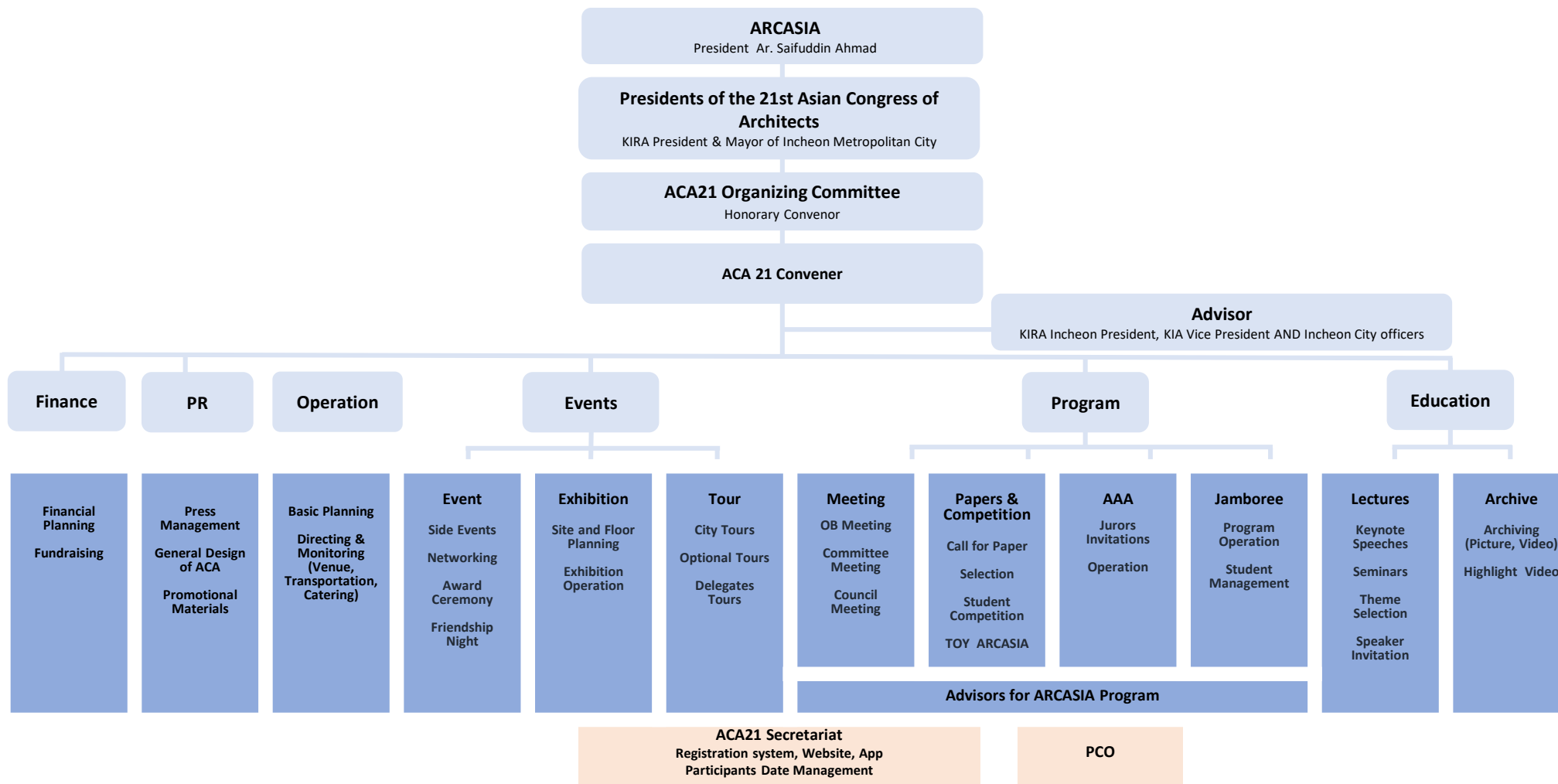
- Individual building designs success to be discussed.
- Carbon Management in a District to be presented. (panel discussion followed)
- Education as a vehicle to foster “a new generation of students”.
- Sustainable Campus / Educational facility tour to be arranged.

More Inclusive ;

- A Big Difference Global / Regional / Local perspectives
- AGE, Gender gap and Minority issues to “Leave No One Behind”.
- Inclusivity, Equality, Democratic aspect of public architecture.
- Foreign country case to be panel-presented. (Overcome Racial/ Ethnic difference)

Now, Architects must take the role as active leaders to build “**a Better Tomorrow**”.
This will bring us to **One Asia, and One ARCASIA.**

Structure of Organizing Committee



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ARCASIA



President
Ar. Saifuddin Ahmad

Presidents of the 21st Asian Congress of Architects



KIRA President
Ar. Jaerok Kim

ACA21 Organizing Committee



Honorary Convener
Ar. Sungik Kang

ACA 21 Convener



Ar. Donghee Oh

AAA Convener



Ar. Chungyu Shin

Jamboree Convener



Prof. Dongwha Kwack

Operation



Ar. Heekyang Youn

International Relations



Ar. Gibson Rhie

Finance



Ar. Yongkyo Jeong

Education



Ar. Hangnyeon Kim

Regional Cooperation



Ar. Sungjoon Park

ACA21 Program

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	Parallel Programs			
09:00 ~ 10:00	Office Bearers Meeting Committee Meeting	ARCASIA Council Meeting	ARCASIA Council Meeting	UIA Region IV Meeting	Session 1	Exhibition			
10:00 ~ 11:00				Special Lecture			Session 2		
11:00 ~ 12:00					Exhibition Opening			Session 3	
12:00 ~ 13:00				Opening Ceremony	Public Program		Session 4		Archi-Talk
13:00 ~ 14:00								Keynote Speech	
14:00 ~ 15:00				Keynote Forum	Closing Ceremony Friendship Night				
15:00 ~ 16:00							Fellowship Meeting		
16:00 ~ 17:00				Welcome Dinner	Architect's Night				
17:00 ~ 18:00							Screening of Architecture Film	ARCASIA Awards Ceremony and Dinner	
18:00 ~ 19:00				Welcome Dinner					
19:00 ~ 20:00									

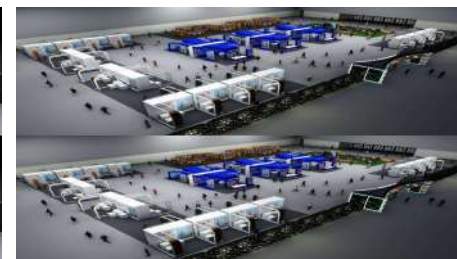
Main Venue

**SONGDO
CONVENSA**



Main Venue

Exhibition



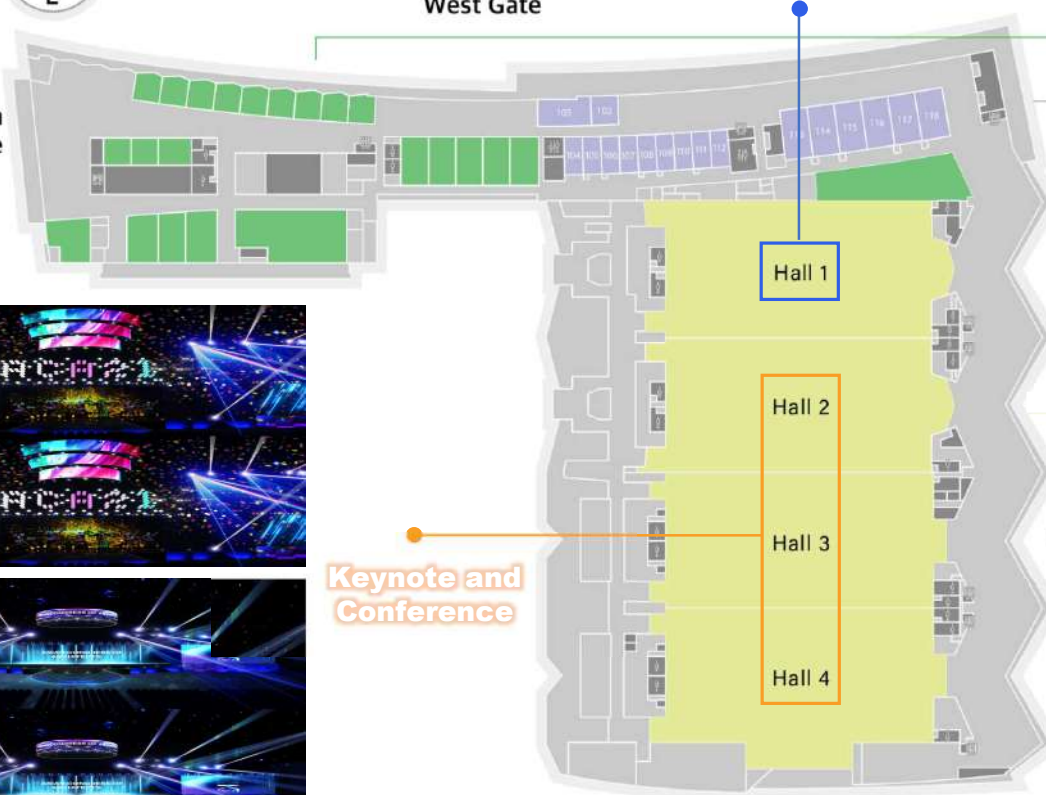
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- Exhibition Hall
- Meeting Rooms
- Commercial Facilities
- Others



South Gate

West Gate



Commercial Facilities



- Smart MICE Lounge
- ONE-STOP Service Center
- Restaurant, Cafe, Convenience Stores etc.

Meeting Rooms



- Meeting Rooms 1F (room 102~118)
- 72m² (8 rooms), 81m² (2 rooms), 144m² (6 rooms)
- Partition usage up to 16 rooms available, or up to 6 combined rooms

Keynote and Conference

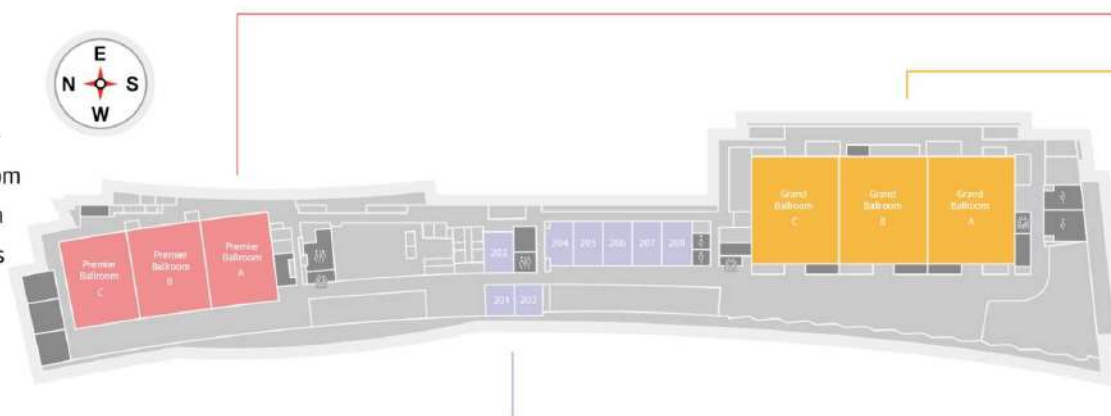


North Gate

Main Venue

2F

- Premier Ballroom
- Grand Ballroom
- Meeting Rooms
- Others



Programs for the Public

Premier Ballroom



- Meeting Rooms 2F
- 1,680m² (integrated), 560m² (individual)
- Division into 3 rooms available
- Capacity: 200-250 ppl

Special Lecture

Grand Ballroom



- Meeting Rooms 2F
- 2,916m² (integrated), 972m² (individual)
- Division into 3 rooms available

ARCASIA Meeting

Meeting Rooms



- Meeting Rooms 2F (room 201~208)
- 81m² (2 rooms), 108m² (6 rooms/ including 2 Board Rooms)
- Divided into up to 8 rooms available, or up to 5 combined rooms
- Capacity: 100 ppl



HQ Hotel

Orakai Songdo Park Hotel

275 Rooms

5 minutes walk from the main venue

20 minutes from Incheon Airport



**Orakai Songdo
Park Hotel**

Hotels nearby Songdo ConvensiA

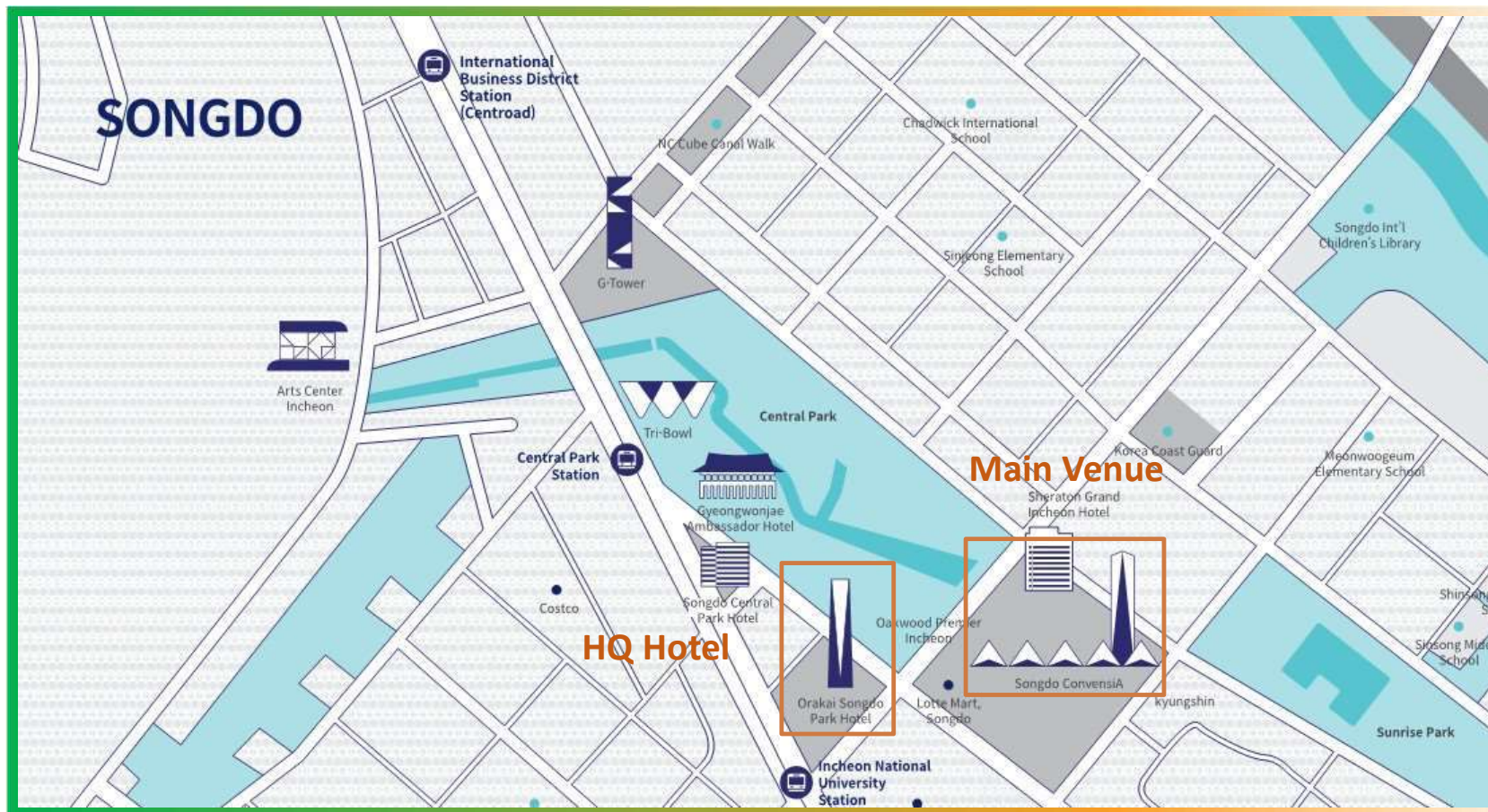
Songdo ConvensiA features 9 hotels and 2,073 rooms within less than 10 minutes' walking distance.

as of January 2022

Hotels	Rating	No. of Rooms
Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon	5stars	30
Sheraton Grand Incheon	5stars	321
Oakwood Premier Incheon	5stars	423
Songdo Central Park Hotel	4stars	300
Orakai Songdo Park Hotel	4stars	275
Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo Hotel	4stars	202
Hotel Skypark Incheon Songdo	3stars	241
RAMADA Songdo Hotel	3stars	203
Brown Dot Songdo Hotel	2stars	78
Total		2,073



HQ Hotel and Main Venue at Songdo Area in Incheon



2025 AAA Award

AAA Convenor

Ar. Chungyu Shin

Jurors

President of ARCASIA (one)

An eminent Non-Architect personality from any ARCASIA country (one)

Two eminent Architects from ARCASIA Zones other than the country represented by the President of ARCASIA (two)

An eminent Architect from any region other than the ARCASIA Region (one)

Provisional Schedule

Award Announcement : January 1, 2025

Submission Open : February 15, 2025

Submission Close : March 30, 2025

Announcement of Finalists : May 30, 2025

Awards Ceremony : September 10, 2025

Processing Fee

100 USD (per entry)

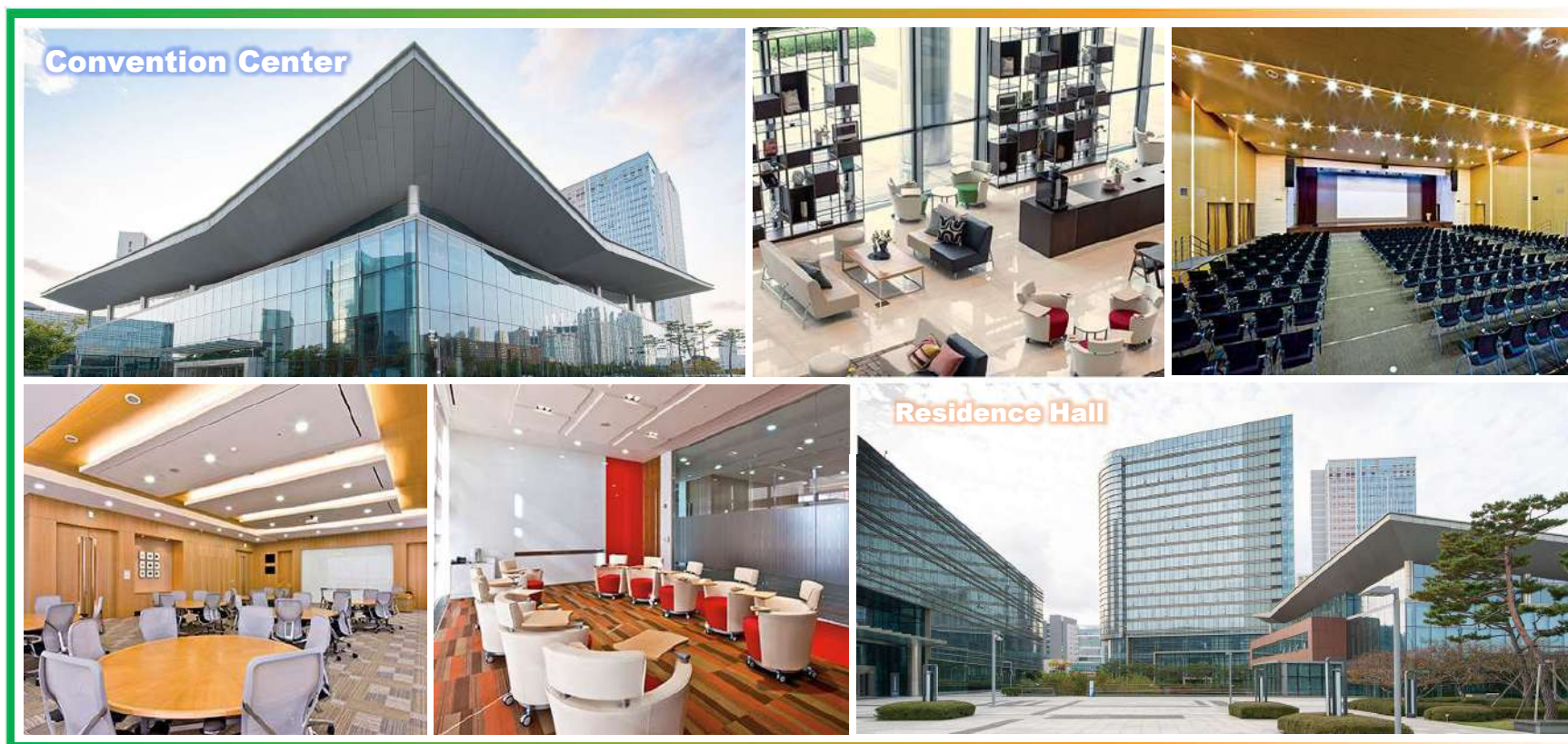
75 USD (per entry for members of the ARCASIA Member Institutes)

Student Jamboree

AAA Convenor Prof. Dongwha Kwack

Venue POSCO Global R&D Center

Number of Participants approx.100 Students including 2 official student delegates from member institutes



Student Jamboree

Program

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
09:00~10:00	Orientation	Group Workshop (Architecture Studio)	Workshop Final Presentation	Architect's Office Visit	ACA21 Lectures & Seminars	
10:00~11:00	Jamboree Keynote (Workshop Theme Presentation)					ACA21 Opening Ceremony
11:00~12:00				Keynote Speech		
12:00~13:00						Award Ceremony
13:00~14:00						
14:00~15:00						
15:00~16:00	Group Workshop (Architecture Studio)		ACA21 Exhibition			
16:00~17:00						
17:00~18:00						
18:00~19:00						
19:00~20:00						

This schedule and program details are subject to change.

Speakers

1) Conferences : the conference outlines are under discussion.

- 1 keynote speech with 1 speaker
- 1 keynote forum of 3 speakers
- 5 lectures with 5 speakers
- Archi-talks

2) Speakers : Speakers will be invited from both Eastern and Western countries.

Keynote Speech



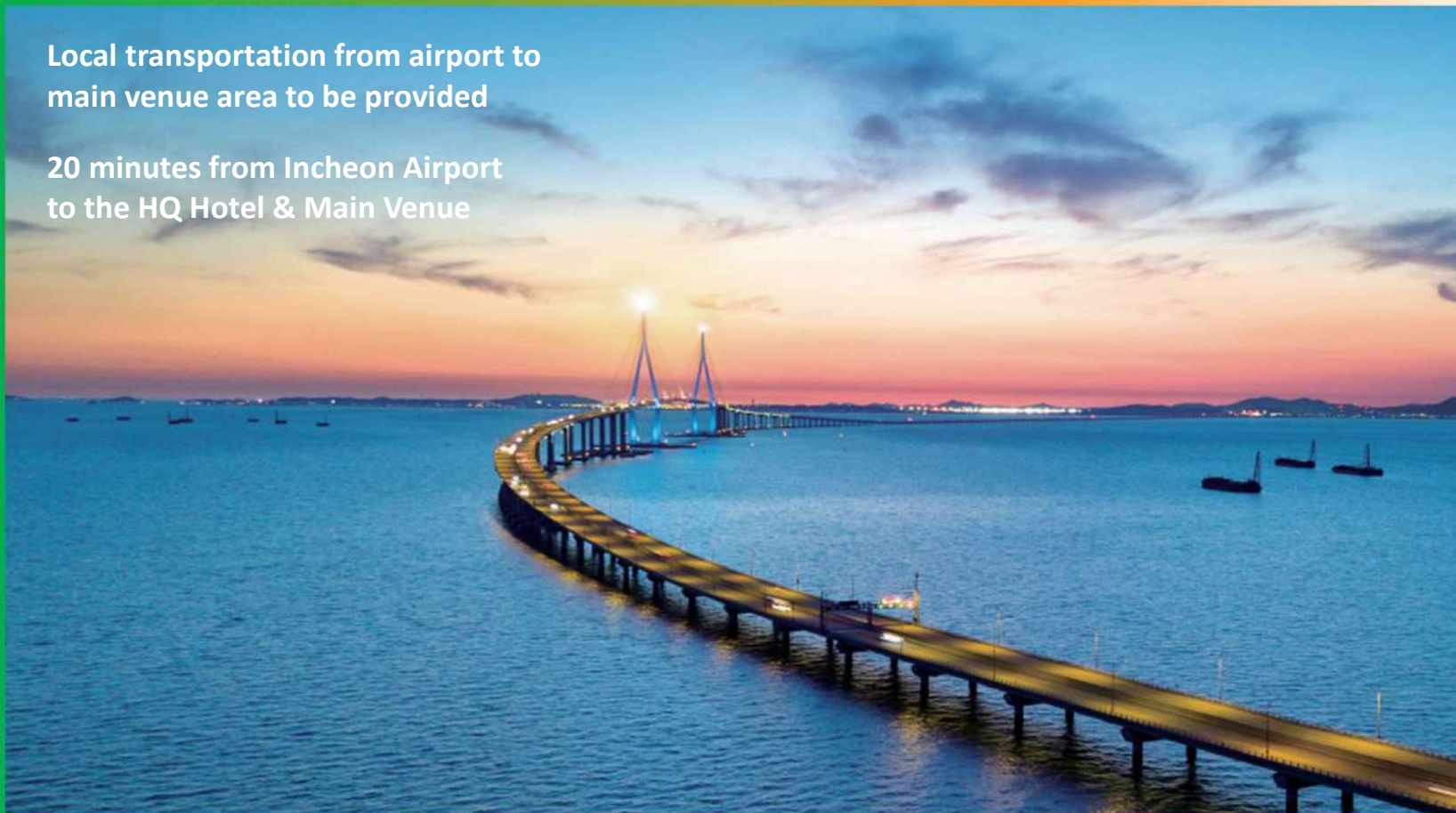
Ar. Riken Yamamoto
2024 Pritzker Winner

Official Invitation has been sent

Transportation Arrangements

Local transportation from airport to
main venue area to be provided

20 minutes from Incheon Airport
to the HQ Hotel & Main Venue



Visa Arrangement

ZONE	Member Institutes		Visa-free entry countries / Maximum stay duration for single entry (based on general passport holders)	Note
A	Bangladesh	IAB	X	
	Bhutan	BIA	X	
	India	IIA	X	
	Nepal	SONA	X	
	Pakistan	IAP	X	
	Sri Lanka	SLIA	X	
B	Brunei	PUJA	30days	General Non-Immigrant Visa (B-2-1)
	Indonesia	IAI	X	
	Laos	ALACE	X	
	Malaysia	PAM	3months	Visa Waiver (B-1)
	Myanmar	AMA	X	
	Singapore	SIA	90days	Visa Waiver (B-1)
	Thailand	ASA	90days	Visa Waiver (B-1)
	Philippines	UAP	X	
	Vietnam	VAA	X	
C	China	ASC	X	
	Hong Kong	HKIA	90days	General Non-Immigrant Visa (B-2-1)
	Japan	JIA	90days	General Non-Immigrant Visa (B-2-1)
	Macau	AAM	90days	Visa Waiver (B-1)
	Mongolia	UMA	X	
	North Korea	KAU	-	

Registration Fee

Registration Type	Early Bird	Regular	Note
Young Architects (Under 40)	350\$	450\$	Registration Fee Includes : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome Dinner - Cocktail Reception Screening of Architecture Films - Architect’s Night and Dinner - Friendship Night and Dinner - Local transportation between the airport and the HQ hotel, as well as between the main venue and dinner venues
Architects	400\$	500\$	
Accompanying Person	350\$	450\$	
Student Jamboree	300\$		Optional : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AAA Award Night and Dinner (100\$ per person) - Accommodation and Meals Included - Local Transportation between the airport and the Jamboree Venue as well as between the programs

* Free registration, including the AAA Award Dinner and six nights of accommodation, will be provided to ARCASIA OB & CC, as well as two official delegates from member institutes (with two delegates per room).

* Two student delegates will be invited to the Student Jamboree, with free registration, accommodation, and meals included.

Reference

ACA

Year and Event	Registration Type	Early Bird	Regular	Note
2023 ACA20 (Philippines Boracay)	Young Architects	\$250	\$300	Local Transportation(\$35) not included
	Architects	\$300	\$350	
2018 ACA18 (Japan Tokyo)	Young Architects	\$350	\$550	Local Transportation was not provided AAA Award Ceremony(\$150) not included
	Architects	\$400	\$600	
2016 ACA17 (Hongkong)	Delegate	\$500		Group Registration(5 or more) \$50 discounts
	Young Architects	\$450	\$500	
	Architects	\$500	\$550	

* 2021 ACA19(China Shanghai) was online event

Forum

Year and Event	Registration Type	Super Early	Early Bird	Regular	Note
2024 Forum21 (Sri Lanka Dambulla)	Young Architects				Local Transportation(\$75) AAA Award Ceremony(\$100) not included
	Architects	\$200	\$250	\$300	
	Accompanying Person	\$150	\$200	\$250	
2022 Forum20 (Mongolia Ulaanbaatar)	Young Architects			\$400	
	Architects			\$450	