



# ARCASIA Emergency Architects

## Myanmar Earthquake Disaster Recovery – AEA Peer Learning and Support Proposal

In order for the ARCASIA community to assist Association of Myanmar Architects (AMA) to support their recovery from the recent disastrous 7.7 scale earthquake, as well as to prepare for the highly likely damage caused by seasonal flood expected in a next couple of months, AMA is seeking help from ARCASIA Member Institutes (MIs) their architects who had worked on similar disasters in their home country to share their experience and learnings so that they can respond quickly without avoid redundant work and focus on the most important. AEA is assisting AMA to organize this sharing, and also hope through this exercise that

- i) participating countries can also learn from one another's cases and take away something useful for their own countries, and
- ii) ARCASIA can form a community and establish a platform for future sharing and collaboration among Member Institutes.

The process of materialize this sharing is proposed as follows :

- 1) AEA to solicit, and MIs to offer, experts or experienced architects in their own countries with relevant experience. AEA has already identified several potential candidates (see below) but to cover the entirety of disaster recovery we would need more expert input. We hope to get around 6 to 8 architects and form a panel of experts. Member Institutes active assistance in identifying the right expert is required. The four confirmed experts are :

Ar. Geomillie Tummamao Guittap of UAP  
Ar. Vipavee Kunavichaya of ASA  
Ar. Yuli Kusworo of IAI  
Ar. Nabha Ali Saad of UAP

We welcome all MIs to further offer their experts to help.

- 2) AEA to contact potential candidates proposed by MIs, and conduct individual meetings with each of them to establish a portfolio of their experience, in terms of case information of disasters covered, aspects of the experience gained, special areas of expertise, and contribution they offered, and area of support they are offering to their countries, as well as potentially to ARCASIA community if such need arises (like in this case Myanmar Earthquake). I anticipate we need 2 to 3 people from AEA to do this. A standard list of area to be covered with specific format should be prepared so that the information could be recorded systematically.
- 3) AEA / ARCASIA to reach out to UIA Region IV for their collaboration as they are also working on Disaster Management work. Initial request has been sent to Ar. Aimee coordinator of the effort. Pending her response.
- 4) AEA and AMA to identify most relevant cases and solicit the experts to prepare case studies for sharing.
- 5) AEA to conduct a workshop in which :
  - (i) AMA to share their situation, how much has been done, and what they need going forward at different stages of the recovery based on the presentation they did for AEA on 24 April 2025;
  - (ii) AEA Expert Panel as mentioned in 1) above to understand the situation of Myanmar and share relevant case studies focusing on solving Myanmar's problems. We believe that we need to shortlist 3 to 4 cases which are of highest need and urgency to Myanmar.



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(iii) Open discussion and identification of potential actions that can be taken by AMA, and perhaps from ARCASIA/AEA to support the recovery.

6) The following timing are expected :

- Identification of Experts (2 weeks)
- Individual Meetings with Experts (2 weeks)
- Virtual Workshop (2 weeks – including follow up meetings if needed)

As a while if we can agree upon this framework by first week of May, it is expected to take 1.5 – 2 months to have the learning published for AMA to use (i.e. by around end June / early July)

7) All meeting would be conducted virtually subjected to the internet connectivity in Myanmar. No on-site support is anticipated as this might cause more burden and risk than the contribution we may bring. We expect that we need 2 to 3 people from AEA to help conduct the individual connection with MIs to propose experts.

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