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ACSR REPORT for 3rd CC MEETING

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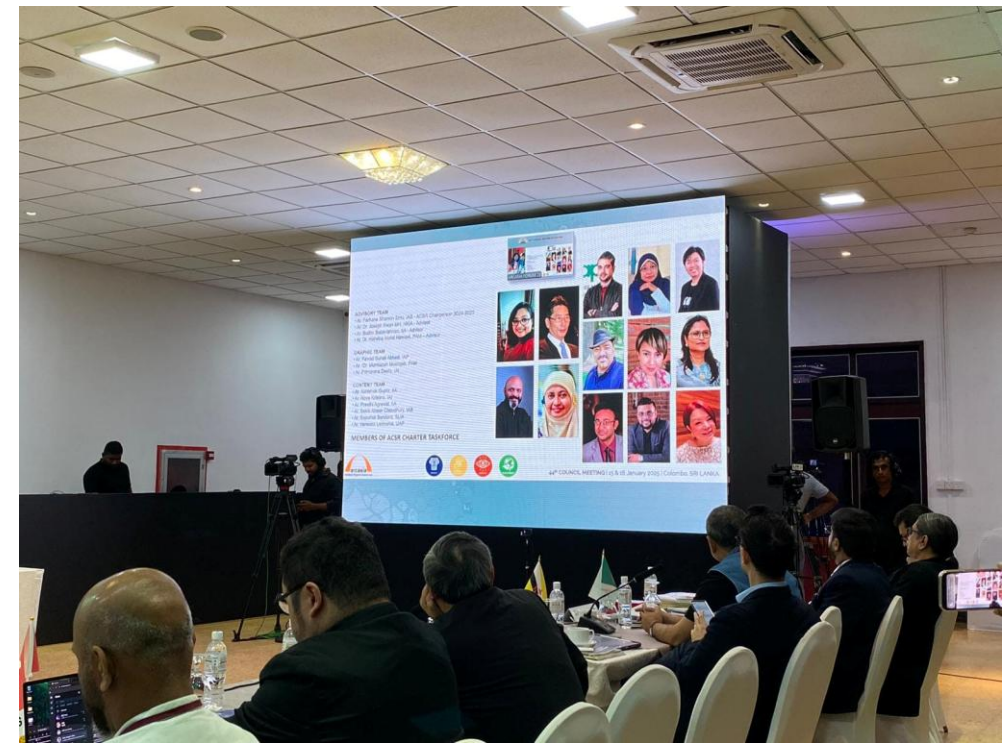
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Time : 8.00-9.00pm KL Time



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ACSR Charter was officially launched during ARCASIA Council Meeting on 16 January 2025 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



ACSR Charter was reviewed and launched unofficially on 14 January 2025 during the ACSR Committee Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



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CHARTER ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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November 2024 - Revision 1





ACSR Charter Taskforce aimed to create a contemporary, accessible, and impactful document that will serve future generations effectively.

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Sustainable Low-Cost Regeneration of Existing Social Housing and Community

The Red Roof
Award: GOLD AWARD in ARCSA Awards for Architecture 2020
Location: Quang Ngai, Vietnam
Architect: TAA Design Company Limited
The project site is a small house occupying 80 square meters. It is located on the main village road. Urbanization has transformed the village architecture and living space. The land has been divided into many small plots, and the buildings are influenced by the architecture of urban townhouses, which does not suit the local lifestyle. The house is meant for a married couple aged fifty-plus years living in this rural area. Daily activities, which include gardening and paddy drying, are connected with nature.

Disappearing Lands: Supporting Communities Affected by River Erosion
Award: GOLD AWARD in ARCSA Awards for Architecture 2018
Location: Galabandha, Bangladesh
Architect: Ar. Jaha Ahmed
Bangladesh's shifting rivers have displaced about seven million people over two decades. In response, Practical Action Bangladesh launched a project in April 2004 targeting north-western regions. The project focuses on developing cluster villages, multipurpose shelters, food security, alternative employment, and enhancing disaster risk management and climate adaptation.

Enabling Village
Award: HONOURABLE MENTION in ARCSA Awards for Architecture 2019
Location: Singapore
Architect: Ar. Mun Summ Wong
Located in Redhill, this project rejuvenates the heartland by repurposing the 1970s Built Merah Vocational Institute into the Enabling Village. This inclusive space integrates education, work, training, retail, and lifestyle, connecting people with disabilities to society. The client, an agency supporting disabled individuals, provides information, grants, training, employment options, and promotes inclusive practices among stakeholders.

S house 1
Award: HONOURABLE MENTION in ARCSA Awards for Architecture 2016
Location: Vietnam
Architect: Ar. Vo Trong Nghia
S HOUSE 1, the initial prototype for low-income families in Vietnam's Mekong Delta, exemplifies affordability and durability with a construction cost as low as USD 1500. Designed to minimize functions and lifestyle natural energies, it has evolved through iterations like S HOUSE 2, 3, and 4, adaptable for diverse tropical climates and social needs. The innovative spatial design includes multi-level floors and adaptable interiors with flexible living solutions like folding beds and curtain partitions, aiming to optimize small spaces efficiently.

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EXAMPLES OF SR

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05 EXAMPLES OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Post-construction

Planning with the Local Community to Regenerate and Revitalize the Community through Cultural Heritage Communal Bath & Toilets

Sustainable Low-Cost Regeneration of Existing Social Housing and Community

Covid-19 Guidelines

The efforts of the taskforce were focused on enhancing the charter to make it more user-friendly and appealing. Key updates include:

- **Improved Format:** Summaries, infographics, and color-coded chapters were incorporated to enhance accessibility.
- **Expanded Examples:** Recent award-winning projects and initiatives were added, highlighting the mission and vision of social responsibility.
- **Preservation of Core Content:** All original chapters have been retained, ensuring the document remains true to its foundational values.

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Ethical Behavior

What is Professional Ethical Behavior?

Ethical architectural practice in the context of Arcasia encompasses various aspects, including:

1. **Design Integrity:** Creating designs that are honest, authentic, and true to their purpose, without compromising on aesthetic or functional values.
2. **Environmental Stewardship:** Designing buildings and spaces that minimize environmental impact, reduce carbon footprint, and promote sustainability.
3. **Social Responsibility:** Creating architecture that serves the greater good, promotes social justice, and enhances community well-being.
4. **Cultural Sensitivity:** Respecting and celebrating local cultures, traditions, and built heritage, avoiding cultural homogenization or insensitive appropriation.
5. **Professional Accountability:** Taking responsibility for one's actions, decisions, and designs, and being accountable for the impact they may have on the built environment and society.
6. **Collaboration and Transparency:** Fostering open communication, collaboration, and transparency in all professional dealings, including client relationships, contracts, and project management.
7. **Continuing Education:** Committing to lifelong learning, staying updated on industry developments, and sharing knowledge and expertise with peers and the wider community.
8. **Respect for Local Regulations:** Adhering to local building codes, regulations, and laws, and advocating for improvements that benefit the built environment and society.

By embracing these ethical principles, architects in Arcasia can create a positive impact on the built environment, society, and the profession, upholding the highest standards of integrity and responsibility.

CHARTER EXPLANATION

Aspects of Ethical Behavior

Source: ARCSA ACSR

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Respect for Stakeholder Interest

ARCSA supports respect for the interests of all stakeholders, including ongoing engagement and formal acknowledgement of stakeholders' expectations.

What is Professional Respect for Stakeholder Interest?

The starting point for any individual or organisation to respect stakeholder interests is to identify the stakeholders. Stakeholders have been defined as the individuals or parties that have an actual or potential interest in or impact on the company, its operations and financial results, who often have the ability to influence the success (or failure) of a company at various levels (Libit, 2013).

The location, scale and nature of operations will determine who sees themselves as stakeholders. Stakeholders will expect to be recognized when an organisation's effect on them is direct or immediate, for example, employees. Even people who seem to have no direct connection to the business may consider themselves stakeholders, such as the families of employees and those who live in the communities in which the business is located.

For those involved in the practice of architecture, stakeholders also include those who are directly or indirectly affected by their built works. These may include occupants, neighbours, utility and service providers, those responsible for maintenance and, ultimately, future generations.

Identifying and Respecting Stakeholder Interests

Source: ARCSA ACSR

CHARTER EXPLANATION

Originally established in 2015, the ACSR Charter has served as the guiding principle for all ACSR activities.

Recognizing the need for a more engaging and adaptable version for the younger generation, the revised edition now includes:

- Colour coding
- Short notes
- Infographics
- Updated examples
- Enhanced graphical representation



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The Charter

General

“Corporate Social Responsibility” is a concept whereby companies integrate social and environmental concerns in their business operations and in their interaction with their stakeholders on a voluntary basis.








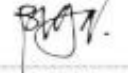






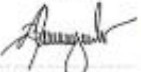

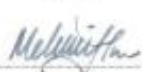
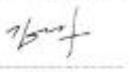
(ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility, Bali, Indonesia, 31 October 2012)

ARCASIA KEY PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



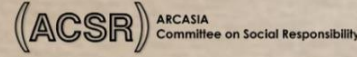
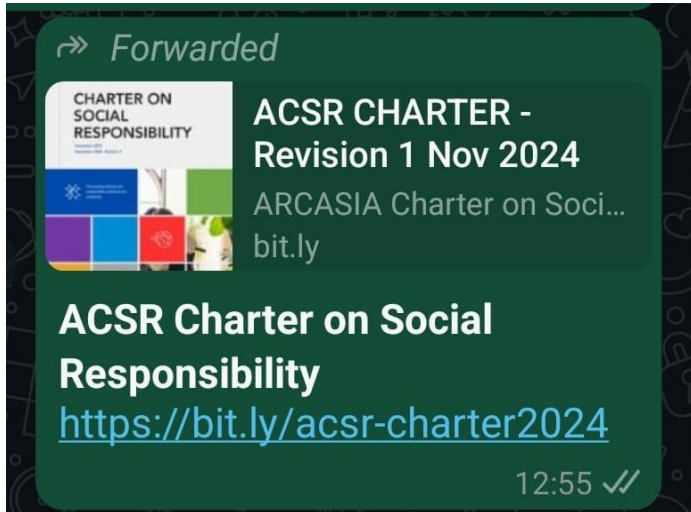
A dedicated task force of 13 members developed the revised Charter, which was subsequently approved by the Presidents of member institutes of ARCASIA.

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We, the above signed, as Representatives of our respective Member Organizations, hereby confirm our acceptance of 2nd Edition of the Charter, its content and our commitment to its implementation.

MAXIMUM USE OF THE ACSR CHARTER



ACSR Workshop ON Architecture with Marginalized Communities

26TH-29TH APRIL 2025
BANGKOK, THAILAND

Organized by

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Low-cost Micro Dwelling for Klong-Toey Community



Site 02

Baan Mankong Suan Phlu Sathorn Community



Site 03

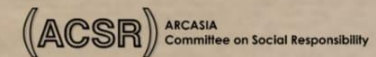
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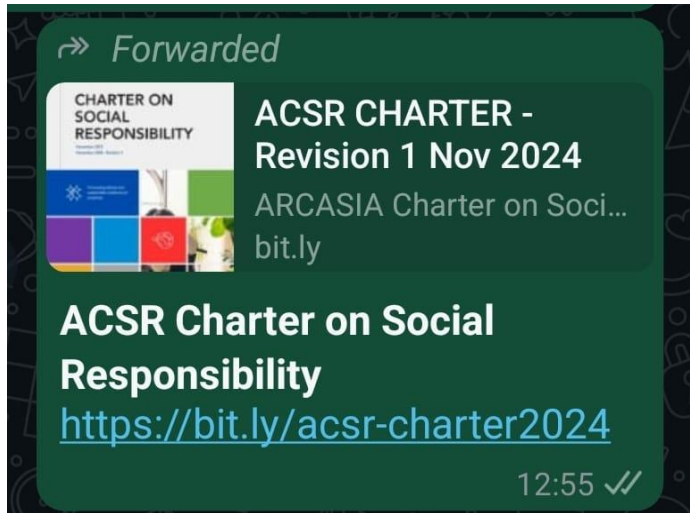
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OUTCOME FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING TWO FOCAL AREAS OF ACSR 2024-25

Topic A: **Architecture with Marginalized Communities**

how and what ACSR under ARCASIA can do to be with the marginalized community at large.

Topic B: **Universal Design - Wellness Design**

how and what ACSR under ARCASIA can do to make their architects become more aware of Universal - Wellness Design

Total Number of Institutes 17

Total Number of Representatives 19

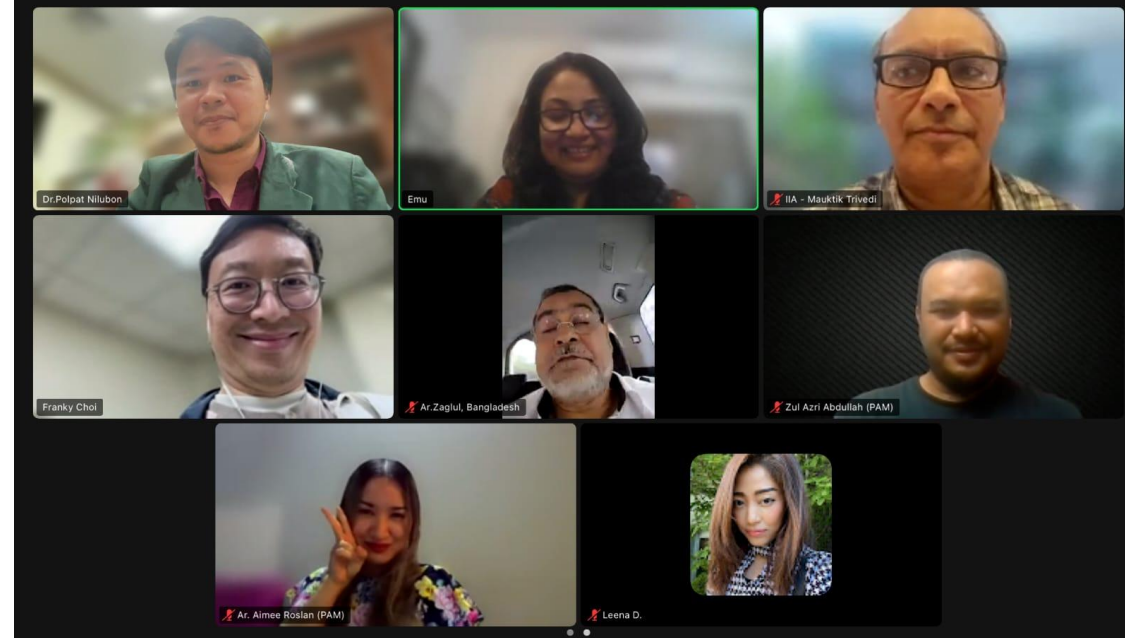
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TASKFORCE A

Architecture with Marginalized
Communities

TASKFORCE B

Universal - Wellness Design



Workshop on “Architecture with Marginalized Communities”

ACSR members collectively emphasized the importance of fostering inclusivity within ARCASIA by recognizing and promoting architects who are engaged in impactful work with marginalized communities across Asia.

UPDATE FROM TASKFORCE A

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PHASE ONE
On-site Exploration
April 26-29 ,2025

This phase has provided participants with direct, immersive experiences into the work of **architects in Thailand** who are engaged with marginalized communities.

Attendees has explored **methodologies, design processes, and the tangible social impacts** of community-centered architectural practices.

PHASE TWO
Online Knowledge Sharing
June -July ,2025

Upon returning to their home countries, participants will connect with local architects involved in similar work from their context.

They will gather case studies, methodologies, and community impacts to be shared in an online platform.

This phase aims to build a **knowledge base and foster a transnational network of architects working with marginalized communities.**



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PHASE THREE
Youth Engagement and Knowledge Dissemination

The final phase will aim to involve young architects, preferably through the **ACYA (ARCASIA Committee of Young Architects)**, in spreading the acquired knowledge.

This will help raise awareness, inspire interest, and nurture a new generation of socially responsible architects across the region.

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

April 26, 2025: Day 01 Arrival and Registration

April 27, 2025: Day 02 On-site Exploration

Time (Local Time)	Program	Details
08.00 am – 09.00 am	Brief introduction about the workshop "Architecture with Marginalized Community"	Moderated by Chairman ACSR, ARCASIA
	Introduction of the Delegates	Moderated by Chairman ACSR, ARCASIA
	Introduction about Site Visit Day 01	Moderated by Polpat Nilubon (At hotel lobby)
09.00 am – 12.00 pm	Site Visit 01	
	Project: Bo Farang Housing for Low-Income Individuals	Led by Ar. Yotsakrai Masa
12.00 pm – 01.00 pm	Lunch Break	At Restaurant
01.00 pm – 03.00 pm	Site Visit 02	
	Project: Baan Mankong Suan Phlu Sathorn Community	Led by Ar. Yotsakrai Masa
03.00 pm – 06.00 pm	Site Visit 03	
	Project: Klong Ladprao Community	Led by Ar. Yotsakrai Masa
06.00 pm – 07.00 pm	Open Discussion on Reflections on the Visits and Q/A	Venue: ASA HQ office or hotel

SCHEDULE OF THE WORKSHOP

April 28, 2025: Day 03 On-site Exploration

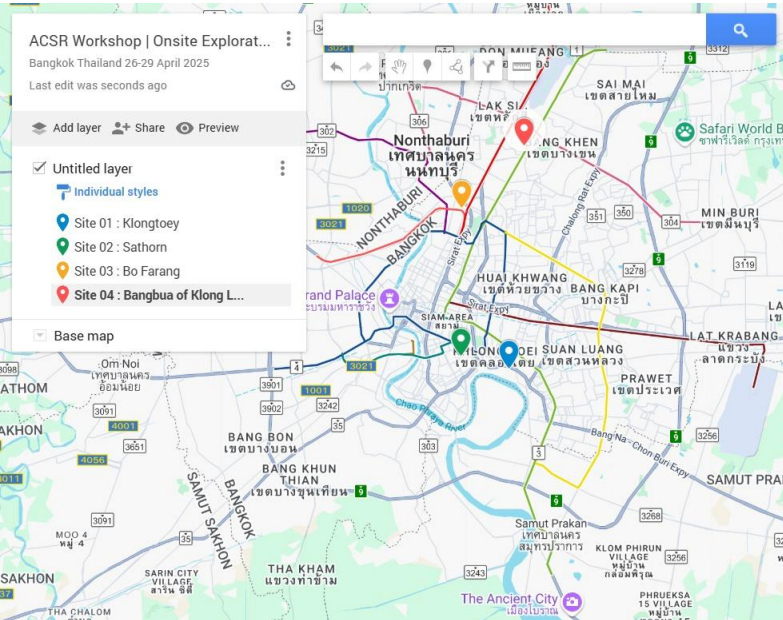
Time (Local Time)	Program	Details
08.00 am – 09.00 am	Introduction about Site Visit Day 02	Moderated by Polpat Nilubon (At hotel lobby)
09.00 am – 12.00 pm	Site Visit 04	
	Project: Low-cost Micro Dwelling for Klong-Toey Community	Led by Ar. ML Varudh Varavarn (Vin)
12.00 pm – 01.00 pm	Lunch Break	At Restaurant
01.00 pm – 03.00 pm	Panel Discussion	Venue: ASA HQ
	Welcome Remarks	By the Guests of Honour
	Discussion by Ar. Patama Roonrakwit , Dr. Wijitbusaba Marome , and Ar. Chutayaves Sinthuphan	Moderated by Dr. Polpat Nilubon
	Coffee/tea break	Seating: U-shape table
03.00 pm – 06.00 pm	Open Discussion on Reflections on the Day's Visits and Q/A	
	Workshop participant internal group discussion Concluding Remarks	Moderated by Ar. Farhana Emu, Chairman ACSR, ARCASIA



PRESENTERS

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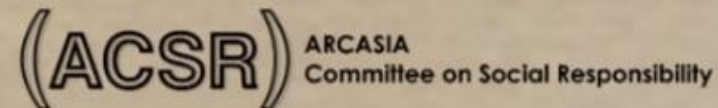


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Site 04
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INTRODUCTION AT ASA OFFICE



Site 01: Klongtoey

Positive Observations:

- The community demonstrates strong grassroots organization, resilience, and a self-help attitude, reflecting adaptability and potential for bottom-up planning.
- Informal economies and local engagement show capacity for sustaining livelihoods and building community responsibility, especially regarding environmental health.

Negative Observations:

- Inadequate wastewater drainage leads to stagnant water, posing serious health risks.
- Lack of tenure security undermines long-term development.
- Limited architectural engagement reduces the potential for truly integrated and human-centric environments.
- Poor natural light and ventilation in some units diminish well-being.

Recommendations / Comments:

- Promote **participatory design**, with architects as facilitators, ensuring housing reflects real needs and cultural identity.
- Embed **health and hygiene education** in the community, with models for trash collection and disposal drawn from successful case studies (e.g., Taiwan).
- **Redesign drainage systems** to eliminate stagnant water and improve health.
- Ensure **all units have 10% natural light** and proper cross-ventilation; adopt traditional designs to prevent the “hot box” effect.
- Encourage **cluster designs** over linear layouts to create shared green spaces and enhance social interaction.
- Introduce **public–semi-public–private transitions** in the layout to improve openness, friendliness, and informal surveillance.
- Enhance **tenure security**, financing options, and use of local materials.
- Build local capacity for **self-managed maintenance and upgrades**.
- Ensure the **continuity of community livelihoods** through mixed-use, income-generating spatial integration.
- Regular **Post-Occupancy Evaluation (POE)** to assess effectiveness and avoid repeated mistakes.



UPDATE FROM SITE 01



Site 02: Sathorn

Positive Observations:

- Demonstrates successful in-situ upgrading and integration of green public spaces, aligning with health and social wellbeing goals.
- Shows potential for Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models in urban renewal.

Negative Observations:

- Risk of gentrification, rising land values, and eventual exclusion of original low-income residents.
- Insufficient natural lighting and ventilation, with some designs lacking adequate waste management and drainage.
- Community participation in planning appears more limited—planning seems top-down.

Recommendations / Comments:

- Deepen **community-led action planning** to ensure inclusive and sustainable urban development.
- Implement **barrier-free, step-free ground-floor units** for elderly and disabled residents.
- Ensure **10% natural light and cross-ventilation** in all habitable spaces.
- Design inclusive systems that preserve **affordability** through micro-finance or rent-to-own schemes.
- Establish **Post-Occupancy Evaluations** to monitor not only physical infrastructure but also social wellbeing.
- Support **livelihood-generating infrastructure** and use canal or lake frontages to enhance communal and recreational spaces.
- Build a long-term vision that balances **infrastructure upgrading with community empowerment** and anti-displacement strategies.



UPDATE FROM SITE 02



Site 03: Bo Farang

Positive Observations:

- The **land-sharing model** is an exemplary case of collaborative governance and innovation in urban housing.
- Residents participate in building efforts, contributing to sustainability and ownership.
- The project integrates green spaces and begins to utilize local natural resources.

Negative Observations:

- The negotiation process is lengthy and not fully inclusive of all community voices.
- Architectural expression lacks cultural depth, appearing overly utilitarian.
- Limited **barrier-free access** for the elderly and disabled.
- **Livelihoods of traditional occupations** may not be adequately preserved.

Recommendations / Comments:

- Promote a **more inclusive negotiation process** and document it for replication in other contexts.
- Bring **architectural sensibility as a cultural expression**—beyond just technical functionality.
- Include **step-free, wheelchair-accessible ground-floor units** and adaptable interior layouts.
- Conduct **Post-Occupancy Evaluations** to refine the process and ensure alignment with resident needs.
- Support **mixed-use and income-generating zones** to protect traditional economic practices.
- Utilize natural features (canals, lakes) to create **community recreational hubs** and strengthen social life.



UPDATE FROM SITE 03



Site 04: Bangbua of Klong Ladprao

Positive Observations:

- The site stands out as a model for **climate-resilient canal-side upgrading**, with organized layout and strong institutional backing.
- Emphasis on public space and green areas supports social engagement and environmental health.

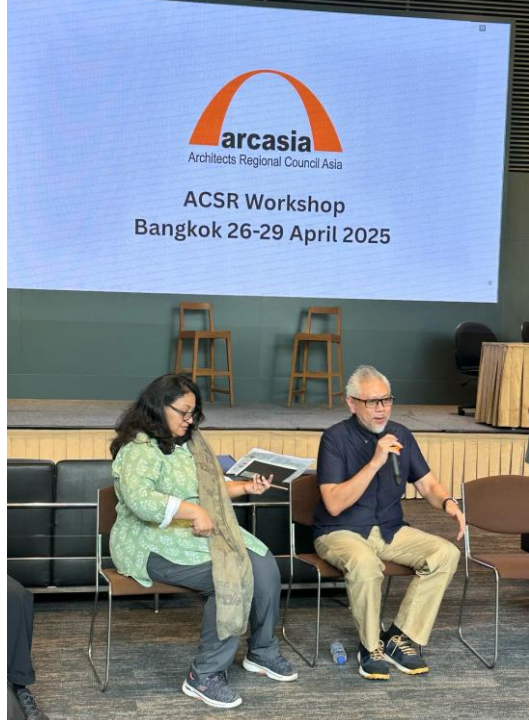
Negative Observations:

- Social fragmentation has been observed post-resettlement; some residents feel disconnected from the new setting.
- Uniform design approach does not reflect the **diversity of household structures and economic needs**.
- **Inadequate POE mechanisms** limit feedback for improvement.

Recommendations / Comments:

- Design spaces that support **cultural continuity and economic livelihood** (e.g., markets, communal workspaces).
- Ensure adequate **natural light and ventilation** in all rooms.
- Provide **barrier-free access** in ground-floor units and adapt designs for multigenerational use.
- Use the site as a **pilot for scalable, adaptive, and inclusive resettlement**—incorporate POEs to inform future policies.
- Organize **community fire drills** with special attention to elderly and vulnerable populations.
- Strengthen **community governance structures** to support participatory upgrades and post-resettlement cohesion.

UPDATE FROM SITE 04



PANEL DISCUSSION & CERTIFICATE

This initiative marks a critical step towards building a more inclusive and socially conscious architectural community under the ARCASIA umbrella.

General Integrated Comments (All Sites)

- **Human-centered design** must be the guiding principle—focusing on dignity, identity, health (physical and mental), and opportunity.
- Encourage **bottom-up planning** with meaningful community participation and architectural empathy.
- Prioritize **health and hygiene**, especially through localized educational campaigns, adequate drainage, and waste management systems.
- Design with **inclusive access, especially for the elderly and differently abled**, in all resettlement models.
- Shift from viewing housing as a shelter to seeing it as a **space of empowerment, culture, and economic resilience**.
- Integrate **Post-Occupancy Evaluations** systematically into every project to create an iterative learning and design loop.
- Empower residents through **capacity-building** and ensure continuity in **livelihoods and social ties**.
- Take advantage of **natural site features** to improve quality of life and environmental resilience.
- “**Build Back Better**” should mean more than rebuilding structures—it must mean restoring community life and expanding possibilities.

GENERAL INTEGRATED FINDINGS



THE 21ST ASIAN CONGRESS OF ARCHITECTS

ACSR COMMITTEE MEETING 8 SEPT 2025

MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time: Monday, 8 September 2025 | 09:00–17:00 (KST, GMT+9)

Venue: Songdo Convensia, Incheon, Republic of Korea

This year, the meeting will continue to focus on two thematic areas central to ACSR's mandate:

Session A | Topic A: Architecture with Marginalized Communities

- Presentation of **3–5 A4 project panels** submitted by member institutes, showcasing architectural work with marginalized communities.

Session B | Topic B: Universal Design – Wellness Design

- Discussion and finalization of the **UD + WD Students' Design Competition 2025**.



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Subject: ACSR's Invitation to Share Projects on "Architecture with Marginalized Community"

Dear Presidents of ARCASIA Member Institutes,

Following the outcomes of the **ACSR Workshop on "Architecture with Marginalized Community"**, held from **26th to 29th April 2024 in Thailand**, we are pleased to initiate the **second phase** of this important initiative.

As part of this phase, all workshop participants (List is attached with this mail for your reference) were encouraged to return to their home countries and connect with local architects involved in similar work.

With the support of these local practitioners, each ARCASIA Member Institute is now kindly requested to submit a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 projects that best represent architectural work with and for marginalized communities in their respective countries.

Definition of Marginalized Communities in the Context of ACSR's Work
In the framework of the ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR), marginalized communities refer to social groups that experience systemic disadvantage, exclusion, or vulnerability—often due to factors such as poverty, displacement, geographic isolation, disability, ethnic or cultural minority status, informal or precarious living conditions, and lack of access to public resources or infrastructure.

These communities typically face barriers to adequate housing, health, education, safety, and economic opportunity, and are often excluded from mainstream planning, design, and decision-making processes.

ACSR's work seeks to promote dignity, equity, accessibility, and resilience through built environments that are sensitive to cultural identity, social structure, and local needs—aligning with the broader ARCASIA vision of architecture as a tool for social good. The collected projects will contribute to a regional compilation that builds a knowledge base and fosters a transnational network of architects working with marginalized communities.



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DRAFT BY UD + WD TASKFORCE for UD WD Students' Design Competition 2025

Theme: Towards Equity – Design for All – SPACE (Built Environment)

Note: This competition focuses exclusively on the built environment – architectural spaces, interiors, landscapes, and urban/public spaces.

(Entries should not cover graphics, mechanical systems, industrial products, services, or ICT/software design.)

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Sub-themes

(We may either keep these broad or narrow them to specific areas such as bathrooms, kitchens, outdoor public spaces, streetscapes, transit hubs, etc., for standardization for example (1) cooking for the family (2) sleeping for three generation (3) recreation for the family and extended family (4) studying and working at home for single mother, etc)

Criteria to be present in all the subthemes:

1. Designing for Inclusion & Accessibility
2. Designing User-Friendly Accessible Spaces for All
3. Circularity and Barrier-Free Design
4. Comfort and cheerful
5. Safe and Gender sensitivity

Aim of the Competition

The goal is simple – to create awareness among students about Universal Design (UD) and Wellness Design (WD) through a creative yet practical design exercise, encouraging inclusive thinking for real-world spatial challenges and thinking for real-world spatial challenges.

1. Eligibility

- Open to all student members of ARCASIA Member Institutes (Undergraduate & Postgraduate)
- No age limit
- Proof of bona fide student status from the university/institute required
- Entries can be individual or group

2. Submission Details

- * Format: Digital drawings in high-resolution pixel format Use of font - Arial, size, 12
- * Sizes: A0 or A1 - Landscape / Portrait mode
- * Required Information:
 - * Name(s) of participant(s)
 - * Country Member Institution (e.g., PAM, IIA, etc.)
 - * University/College name
 - * Student's year/semester (e.g., 3rd year / 5th semester) & roll no.s
- Submission Mode: Online (details / Link to follow)

3. Proposed Timeline

- Launch: August 2025
- Submission Deadline: December 2025
- Jury Review & Results Announcement: Within December 2025

(Total duration: ~5 months including jury process)

4. Jury Members

- Experts in design, accessibility, and urban/public spaces
- Jury may include both ARCASIA and non-ARCASIA professionals

5. **Entry Fee** • None – participation is free CALL FOR ENTRIES



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FORUM 2 : Architects as Good Citizens: Social Outreach Round Table

12 SEPT, 2025

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

1. Opening Address

Welcome remarks and inspirational message

By **Saifuddin Ahmad**, ARCASIA President

2. Session Introduction

Overview of the program and highlights of ACSR's ongoing initiatives

By **Farhana Sharmin Emu (IAB)**, Chairperson, ACSR 2024–25

3. Barry Will Award Segment

Recognition of the 3rd Cycle Laureates

Presentation by **Barry Will Award Recipients**

4. Best Practice Presentations from Asia

Showcasing community-based architectural projects with marginalized groups

By **KASAMA Ploy Yamtree**, Senior Community Architect,

Openspace Collaborative Group (Thailand)

5. KIRA Presentation

Institute initiatives and contributions to social responsibility

By **Ar. Seung Yeal You**, Past chair of International Relations Committee, KIRA

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President of AA Architects & Associates

6. Open Forum & Q&A

Interactive dialogue with speakers and participants

Audience engagement and reflections

7. Concluding Remarks

Key reflections and closing observations



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ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON
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AHPG REPORT for 3rd CC MEETING

Ar. FARHANA SHARMIN EMU | ACSR Chair 2024-25

Date : 27 August 2025, Wed

Time : 8.00-9.00pm KL Time



08 May 2025 | Beijing ,China

AHPG Symposium

The first-ever Heritage Symposium, organized by the ARCASIA Heritage Preservation Group (AHPG) under ACSR, took place at Mihikatha Medura, graciously hosted by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA).

Date: 18 January 2025

The event concluded with the official Handing Over of AHPG Chairmanship to Ar. Sapumal Bandara (SLIA) from Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu



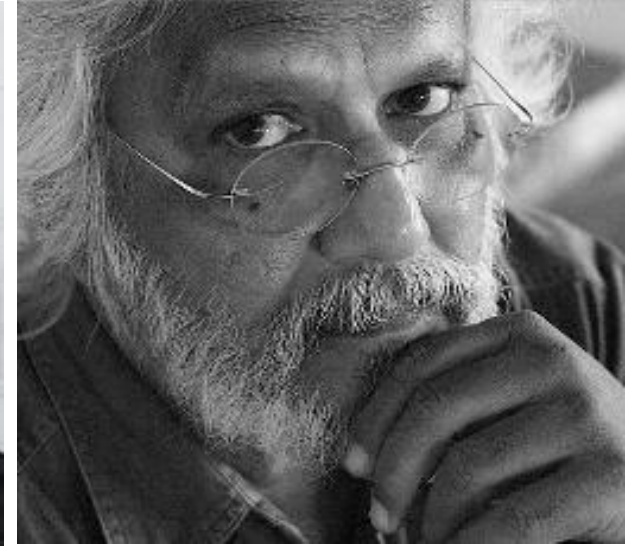
keynote speeches:

1. Prof Dr Ar Abu Sayeed M Ahmed

Architect and architectural conservation specialist

2. Ashley De Vos

Architect, Archaeologist, Landscape Architect, Ecologist



Four country presentations:

1. Ar. Ken KC, Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA)
2. Ar. Aimee Roslan, Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM)
3. Dr. Sajid Bin Doza, Institute of Architects Bangladesh(IAB)
4. Ar. Sapumal Bandara, Sri Lnaka Institute of Architects (SLIA)



AHPG HERITAGE TOUR

The Heritage Tour, organized by the ARCASIA Heritage Preservation Group (AHPG) under ACSR, was hosted by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA).

Date: 19 January 2025



The engaging discussion focusing on:

- Adaptive Reuse through Conservation: Appropriate Case Studies
- Conservation Techniques and Guidelines in Practice
- Preservation of Historic Urban Landscape

7.30	am	Departure from Hotel
10.30	am	10.30 AM - Galle Maritime Museum - History of Galle https://maps.app.goo.gl/aP6BYySKnGBMSfxC6 Galle Fort Tour
10.50	am	Open Yard Infront of fort complex
11.00	am	Old Dutch hospital turned into a Shopping Complex
11.30	am	Roaming around ramparts of Galle
12.40	am	Exit from Galle fort
12.50	am	Getting into Cloisenberg hotel for Sri Lankan Traditional lunch https://maps.app.goo.gl/nNSVYFeR188tWF9H9
2.45	pm	Back to Colombo
5.15	pm	Visit independence square https://maps.app.goo.gl/6wuFyG1ZbFmyzyVb9
5.35	pm	Visit Arcade independence square shopping complex https://maps.app.goo.gl/bKpuYHr43ykCn47Y7
5.55	pm	visit race course and shopping complex https://maps.app.goo.gl/Gau3ZBYJEfvj6hQo9
6.15	pm	Visit old Dutch hospital https://maps.app.goo.gl/QFrn9wFq6pnxE4SR9?g_st=ac
7.00	pm	Arrival at The Hotel





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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
- Helen Keller

THANK YOU

