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# **2<sup>nd</sup> ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION ONLINE FORUM**

**(July 18, 2025)**

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**JULY 18, 2025**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM PhST**



**Speakers**

 **Chee Huang Seah**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Discover how well-framed problems—rooted in empathy and context—can lead to impactful design. Featuring insights from socially responsive projects.

 **Fawad Suhail Abbas**  
Principal  
Suhail & Fawad Architects  
Pakistan

Learn how history, culture, memory, and heritage can inspire meaningful design ideas—rooting architecture in place, identity, and community narratives.

 **Amata Luphaiboon**  
Principal  
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- A wireframe architectural drawing of a multi-story building with a staircase.
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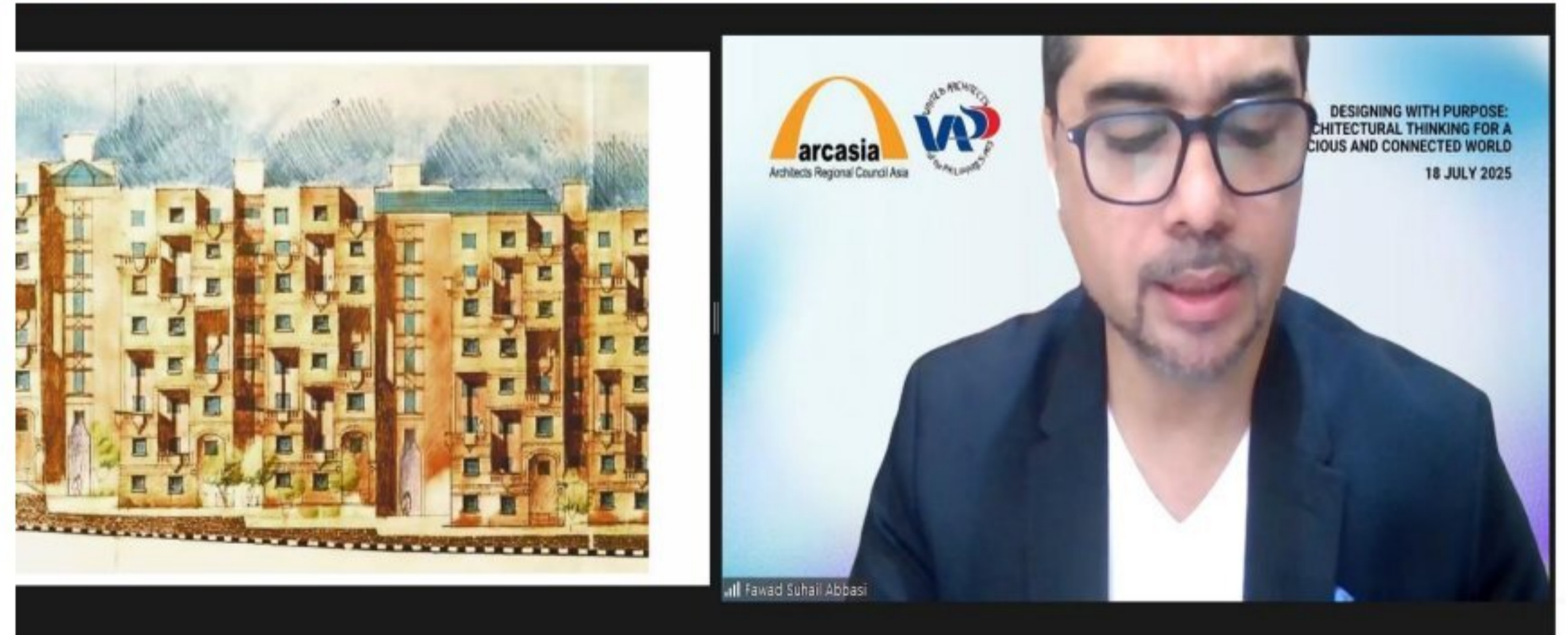
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## I. Rationale

The architectural profession is rapidly evolving due to global challenges like technological disruption, climate change, and urbanization. Recognizing this, a roundtable discussion is proposed for ARCASIA member institutes to explore how architectural education must adapt to prepare graduates for the demands of 2040. This benchmark year is strategically chosen to create urgency for educational reform while allowing time for meaningful innovation.

The discussion will focus on identifying emerging skillsets beyond traditional architectural skills, such as systems thinking, digital ethics, sustainability, and social empathy. By gathering insights from across 24 ARCASIA member countries, the session aims to map regional strengths, shared challenges, and creative responses to guide the future of architectural education in Asia, ultimately ensuring architects are equipped to thrive and lead in a changing world.



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## II. Goal and Objectives:

**Goal:** To engage architecture educators across ARCASIA member countries in a collective reflection on the evolving demands of the profession and to identify the future competencies needed to prepare architecture graduates for the realities of 2040.

## Objectives:

1. To identify the emerging competencies and skillsets architecture graduates will need by the year 2040.
2. To examine how ARCASIA member institutions are responding to these future needs through curriculum, pedagogy, and academic strategies.
3. To formulate a collective position and set of recommendations to guide the future direction of architectural education across the ARCASIA region.



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**ACAIE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

Dear ACAIE REPRESENTATIVES,

Warm greetings!

We are pleased to share with you the details of the upcoming **Roundtable Discussion** entitled:

**“Designing the 2040 Architect: Competencies for a Changing World”**

to be held during the **ACAIE Committee Meeting at ACA21 in Incheon, South Korea, from 8–12 September 2025.**

As you may recall, our previous committee meeting in Sri Lanka last January centered on updates and future plans concerning architecture education in your respective countries. Given the short interval since then, we believe it is premature to solicit similar reports for this forthcoming meeting. Instead, we would like to seize this opportunity—our face-to-face gathering—to host a meaningful and insightful roundtable discussion.

We look forward to your enthusiastic support for this initiative and request your full cooperation in preparing the necessary materials for presentation. Your active participation during the plenary discussions will be vital to the success of this endeavor.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to another productive exchange of ideas in Incheon.

Sincerely,

**Ar. JONATHAN V. MANALAD**  
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## III. Guide Questions for the Institute Representatives:

The following are the guide questions in preparing for this Roundtable Discussion:

- 1. What emerging global, regional, or national trends are reshaping the role of architects in your country? It may include, but not limited to climate change, digitalization, housing crises, demographic shifts, cultural identity, etc.*
- 2. What competencies, beyond traditional design and technical skills, will your architecture graduates need by 2040? It may include, but not limited to digital fluency, ethical leadership, sustainability literacy, social engagement, collaboration across disciplines.*
- 3. How is your institution or country currently addressing these future competencies in architectural education? It may include, but not limited to curricular changes, new subjects, pedagogical models, cross-disciplinary initiatives, etc.*
- 4. What barriers or challenges are you encountering in aligning education with the profession's future needs? It may include, but not limited to regulatory limitations, outdated curriculum, lack of resources or faculty training, resistance to change.*
- 5. What recommendations or commitments can you offer to help ARCASIA member institutes collectively prepare for 2040? It may include, but not limited to proposals for collaboration, shared frameworks, twinning programs, research agendas, or joint policy work.*



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## IV. Details in Preparing for the Country Report:

A. Each country is requested to prepare a **Country Report** guided by the following format:

### Slide 1: Cover Page

- Title of presentation
- Name of presenting representative(s)
- Country and Member Institute
- Optional: Institute and country logo

### Slide 2: Context and Trends

- What global, regional, or national developments do you foresee that will reshape architectural practice in your country by 2040?
- What is the projected future role of architects in your context?

### Slide 3: Future Competencies

- What competencies (skills, values, mindsets) will architecture graduates need by 2040?
- Which of these are currently being integrated into your academic programs (if any)?



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## Slide 4: Challenges and Innovations

- What barriers or gaps does your country face in adapting architecture education?
- Highlight any innovative initiatives, reforms, or policies addressing these challenges.

## Slide 5: References and Acknowledgements

- Cite any documents, policies, or data sources referenced in your report
- Acknowledge contributors or institutions involved, if applicable



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## B. Presentation Duration

1. Strictly 5 minutes per country report
2. A visible timer will be displayed during the session
3. The moderator will signal at the 4-minute mark and will stop presentations that exceed 5 minutes

## C. House Rules During Presentations

1. Please use PowerPoint or PDF format (16:9 layout recommended).
2. File Name Format should be: Institute\_ACAE2040\_Report.pdf (e.g., UAP\_ACAE2040\_Report.pdf)
3. All presentations must be submitted on or before 25 August, 2025, or two (2) weeks before the meeting in Incheon.
4. Only one (1) official presenter per country will be allowed during the delivery to manage time.
5. Please adhere strictly to the 5-minute limit to give all countries equal opportunity.
6. After all presentations, a facilitated open forum will be held. Please take note of key insights to contribute during the discussion.



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# Proposed Program Schedule

## ACAIE Roundtable Session

### “Designing the 2040 Architect: Competencies for a Changing World”

Date: September 8, 2025 (Mon) Time  
09:00~17:00

Venue: Songdo Convensia Meeting  
Room (1F)



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09:00 – 09:25

#### Opening Program

- National Anthem (Host Country)
- Opening Remarks – Chair, ACAIE
- Welcome Remarks – President, ARCASIA
- Message – Host Institute Representative

09:25 – 10:45

#### Country / Institute Presentations – Session 1 (12 presentations, ~6 minutes each)

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|------------------|--------------------|
| - AAM (Macau)    | - HKIA (Hong Kong) |
| - ALACE (Laos)   | - IAB (Bangladesh) |
| - AMA (Myanmar)  | - IAI (Indonesia)  |
| - ASA (Thailand) | - IAP (Pakistan)   |
| - ASC (China)    | - IIA (India)      |
| - BIA (Bhutan)   | - JIA (Japan)      |

**10:45 – 11:05 Tea / Coffee Break**

**11:05 – 12:00 Country / Institute Presentations – Session 2**

**(Part 1, 6 presentations, ~6 minutes each)**

- KAU (Korea Architects Union)
- KIRA (Korea Institute of Registered Architects)
- PAM (Malaysia)
- PUJA (Brunei)
- SIA (Singapore)
- SLIA (Sri Lanka)

**12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break**

**13:00 – 13:40 Country / Institute Presentations –**

**Session 2 (Part 2, 6 presentations, ~6 minutes each)**

- SONA (Nepal)
- UAP (Philippines)



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- UMA (Mongolia)
- VAA (Vietnam)
- Observer(s), if any
- Synthesis by Moderator

**13:40 – 14:30**

**Plenary Discussion**

- Reflections on presentations
- Common challenges & shared strategies
- Drafting of key points for resolution

**14:30 – 14:50**

**Adoption of Resolution**

- Presentation of Draft Resolution by Rapporteur
- Open Floor for Endorsements / Amendments
- Formal Adoption by ACAE Representatives

**14:50 – 15:00**

**Closing Program**

- Summary & Next Steps – Chair, ACAE
- Closing Remarks – AR. Saifuddin Ahmad, ARCASIA President

# ARCASIA Thesis of the Year - Judging on August 12, 2025



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2025. 9. 8. - 9. 12. Incheon, KOREA



## ARCASIA THESIS OF THE YEAR 2025

Announcement of Competition	10 March, 2025
Submission Closes (submission to Member Institutes)	10 June, 2025
Submission of 3 Finalists from each Member Institutes to KIRA	30 June, 2025
Final judging and notification of the finalists	30 July, 2025
Award Ceremony	10 September, 2025 during ACA 21

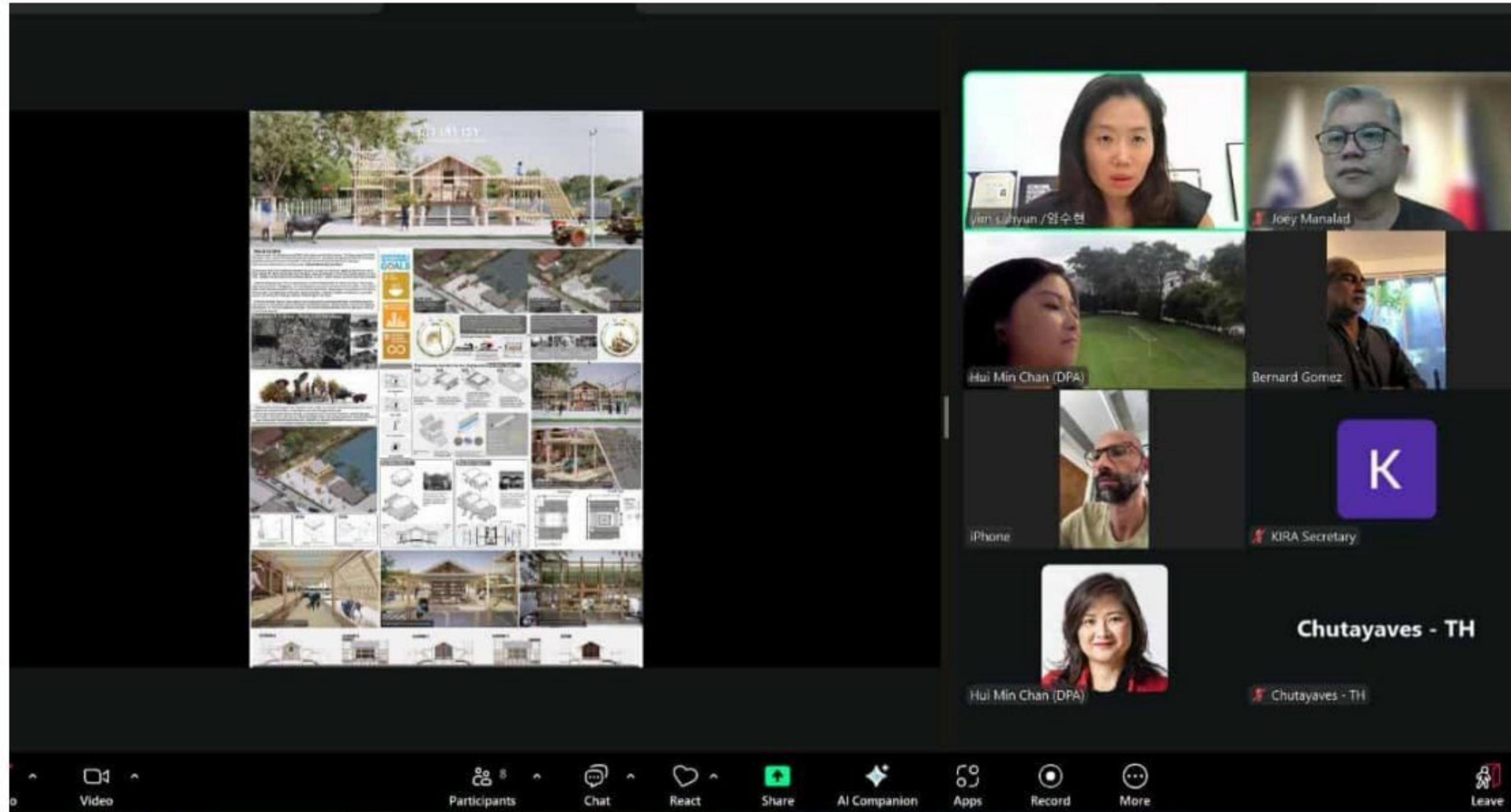


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TOY JUDGING Aug 12

# ARCASIA Students' Design Competition - Judging on August 22, 2025



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# ARCASIA STUDENTS' DESIGN COMPETITION 2025

THEME  
**PLUG-IN ARCHITECTURE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**

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For Submission details and other inquiries  
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