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1) Brief History of the Institute



ABOUT AAM



Architects Association of Macau (AAM) was established in 1987 and today represents more than 300 members. Dedicated to uniting the architectural profession, enhancing professional standards, and strengthening public recognition of architects in Macau, AAM has played an active role in the city's development while promoting Macau's architectural achievements locally and internationally.

As a professionally recognized architectural association, AAM maintains strong relationships with architectural institutions around the world and has been actively engaged with international organizations including **UIA**, **ARCASIA**, **ACA**, **WACA**, and **CIALP** for more than three decades. Through these networks, AAM continues to foster professional exchange, collaboration, and the global presence of Macau's architectural community.

Many successful international conferences and events were hosted by AAM in Macau including:

- The 7th CIALP Congress in June 1999;
- The 12th CIALP Congress in December 2010;
- An architecture exhibition on "Modernism in the Portuguese Speaking Countries" in Tokyo and Macau in 2011;
- The 11th Asian Conference of Architects and the 25th ARCASIA Council Meeting in November 2014, etc.
- The WACA Annual Council Meeting and Academic Conference in 2011.
- The WACA Annual Council Meeting and Academic Conference in 2016.

Locally, through organizing activities, CPDs, field trips, courses and other less formal lunches or dinner gatherings, AAM strives to promote the fellowship among its members and that with other professionals of the building industry, as well as the government departments.

AAM's Mission

AAM is an international recognized association of professional architects with the aim of providing outstanding professional services to serve our city. Our objective is to promote general advancement of architecture through continuous education and raise the standards of Architecture and professional services offered by members of AAM.

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2) Current Office Bearers of the Institute



會員大會 General Assembly		
主席 President	梁頌衍	Leong Chong In, Ben
副主席 Vice Presidents	馬若龍	Carlos Marreiros
	黃中原	Wong Chung Yuen, Johnathan
	蔡韻璇	Choi Wan Sun, Christine
秘書 Secretaries	黃燕雅	Wong In Nga, Carmen
		Fabiana Lau May
侯保委員 Substitute	梁子健	Leong Chi Kin
理事會 Board of Directors		
理事長 President	鄺劍琴	Wu Kim Kam, Donna
副理事長 Vice Presidents	何培基	Ho Pui Kei, Jay
	黎冠鋒	Lai Kun Fong, Manuel
	蘇偉圖	Nuno Soares
	黎光豪	Lai Kuong Hou, Ryan
	黃業雄	Jimmy Wardhana
理事 Directors	張巧娟	Cheung Hau Kuen, Mimi
	梁頌榮	Leong Chong San, Ryan
	洪繼聰	Hong Kai Chong, Vincent
	施冠雄	Si Kun Hong, GorSi
	鄭劍藝	Zheng Jianyi
	黃震寰	Wong Chun Wan, Bruce
	陳凱華	Chan Hoi Wa, Nick
	馬智暉	Ma Chi Fai, Ives
	董文杰	Tong Man Kit, Kevin
	陳聰	Chan Chong, Alfreda
	馬文進	Bruno Ma
後補理事 Substitutes	吳世雄	Ng Sai Hung, Jason
	李子恩	Lei Chi Ian, Ian
監事會 Supervisory Board		
監事長 President	黃如楷	Wong Yue Kai, Eddie
副監事長 Vice President	鄭冠偉	Cheang Kun Wai, Paulo
監事 Directors	龍發枝	Long Fat Chi, Dennio
	杜潔雲	Tou Kit Wan, Karen
	林立仁	Lam Lap Yan, Manuel
後補監事 Substitutes	黃培俊	Wong Pui Chon, Kenneth
資深委員會 Follow Members Council		
主席 President	馬若龍	Carlos Marreiros
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3) Current Membership Strength

NUMBER OF ARCHITECTS; ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE/FIRMS DATA, PROFESSIONAL REGISTERED & LICENSED ARCHITECTS

Officially Macau registered Architects (June 2026) as follows:

• Total Registered Architects:	441
• Valid Registration (2026):	183
• Mentor Architects:	121
• Approved Internship:	74
• Qualify for Registration Exam:	70

ARCHITECTS QUALIFICATION:	
- Macau:	8
- China:	196
- Hong Kong:	21
- Taiwan:	53
- America:	24
- Portugal:	78
- England:	16
- Australia:	24
- Other:	21
- Total:	441

Data:

<https://www.caeu.gov.mo/statistics/?id=107>

<https://www.dsscu.gov.mo/zh/publicinfo/node-190>

These regard exclusively to private sector, as Architect Civil Servants are exempted from registration renewal.

Architectural professional practice in Macau is subject to a wide variety of conditions, however within the following relevant areas:

- **GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SECTOR:**
Gov., Municipality, Cultural Institute, Housing Institute and others.
 - **PRIVATE SECTOR:**
Architecture Firms, Consultant companies, Contractors, University Academics, etc.
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|---------------------------------|------------|
| • AAM Members: | 427 |
| • Active Members (2026): | 125 |



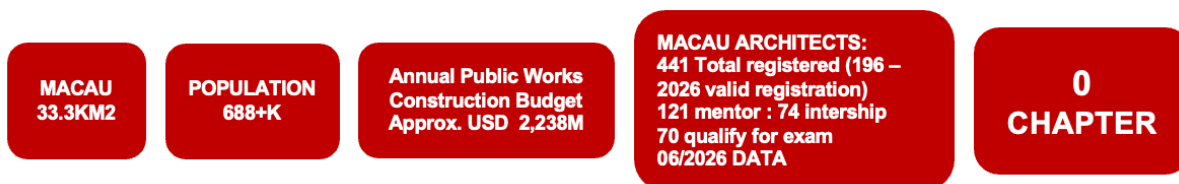
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4) Budget of the Institute

Funds for AAM are mainly through the following 4 channels:

- Annual membership subscriptions
- Government subsidy for projects
- AAM events
- External supports and sponsors

5) Number of Chapters: One Central Association with 0 chapter



Remarks: Data is based on AAM internal statistics and is for reference only. Official figures published by the Macao SAR Government shall prevail.

6) AGM/Congress of the Institute

The daily operation of AAM is executed by the Board of Directors with the supervision of General Assembly and Supervisory Board:

- **Day to day communications:** The board of directors are actively communicated via WhatsApp group (main group, sub working groups) for daily operations.
- **Monthly Board Meeting:** Hybrid Mode Meeting to report on monthly works, upcoming events and any decisions to be made or put forward for discussions.
- **Supervisory Board:** Annual Meeting to approve the works and financial report of Board of Director for the year.
- **General Assembly:** Annual General Assembly – December
- **AAM terms Duration** - Every 2 years with the board structures (General Assembly, Board of Directors, Supervisory Board and Fellow Members Council) to be elected at General Assembly

Webinar and Seminar are held regularly average to a monthly basis; Annual conference generally held during World Architecture Day (Oct).



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7) Legal Status of the Institute

The Architects Association of Macau is an independent Non-Profit Organization in Macau.

8) Legal Status of the Architect in Macau

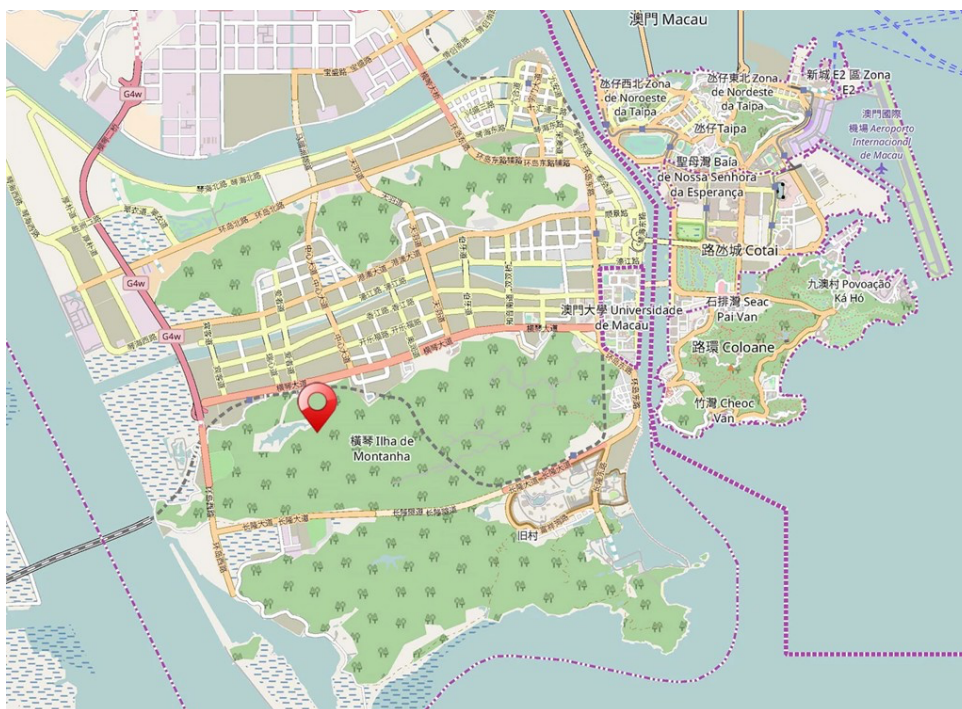
Architects are registered through the government department: Conselho De Arquitectura, Engenharia e Urbansimo (<https://www.caeu.gov.mo/>) with the following requirements:

- Valid Architecture Degree
- Completed a local internship program at an Architecture Practice with a registered Architect's Mentor. (minimum duration: 2 years)
- Examination with the CAEU Registration board; written and oral

Once qualified for Architects License registration:

- Renewal registration bi-annually with the following:
- Registration fee: MOP 6,600
- Minimum CPD Hours: 50

CROSS BORDER PRACTICES – HENGQIN CHINA



Macau registered Architects are qualified to apply for an architect's registration in Hengqin to participate in projects within the Hengqin districts.



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GUANGDONG-MACAO INTENSIVE COOPERATION ZONE IN HENGQIN ISLAND

Macau SAR and Guangdong Province will jointly govern the 106 square kilometers of land of Hengqin Island as part of a plan to deepen cross border cooperation and to facilitate the economic diversification of Macau.

The “Master Plan of the Development of the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin”, will rule the process and is under development. The Cooperation zone will also be a new space for Macau residents to live and work and a new area for promoting development of the Greater Bay Area.

“Hengqin Intensive Cooperation Zone” is expected to build a smooth mechanism of joint discussion, construction, administration and shared benefits. The zone is hoped to fully articulate with Macau’s economy by 2029.”

“By 2035, the economic strength and technological competitiveness of the Cooperation Zone will be greatly enhanced, and the goal of promoting moderate economic diversification will be reached.”

Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin island

The Hengqin cooperation zone will mainly focus on developing four new industrial sectors:

- “Scientific and Technological Research and High-end Manufacturing Industry”,
- “Traditional Chinese medicine and Macau brand Industry,
- “Cultural Tourism, Convention and Exhibition and Commercial and Trade Industry”, and
- “Modern Financial Services Industry”.

AAM is also actively involved in discussing such Cooperation Zone and is expected to further discuss:

- Architect’s involvement in the process, and
- Professional practice in the Intense Cooperation Area of Hengqin.

9) Architects Registration Authority in Macau

Refer to Above information in Item 8 - Architects are registered through the government department: Conselho De Arquitectura, Engenharia e Urbansimo (<https://www.caeu.gov.mo/>)



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10) International and Regional Affiliations of the Institute

- **UIA – The international union of Architects**
<https://www.uisa-architectes.org/en/>
- **ARCASIA – Architects Regional Council Asia**
<https://arcasia.org/>
- **CIALP – Community of Portuguese Languages Countries**
<https://www.cialp.org/101500/2/index.htm>
- **WACA – World Association of Chinese Architects**
<http://waca.xwork.net.cn/default.aspx?g=topics&f=169>
- **ASC – Architectural Society of China**
<https://www.chinaasc.org.cn/index.html>
- **HKIA – The Hong Kong Institute of Architects**
<https://www.hkia.net/en/>

11) Major Programs of the Institute in the past financial year

AAM has activities annual to focus on the different groups of Architects and Students. Aim to support the career development of architects.

SECONDARY
STUDENTS
中學

ARCHITECTURE
UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
建築系大學

YOUNG
ARCHITECTS
青年建築師

PROFESSIONAL
ARCHITECTS
專業建築師

Secondary Students – AAM 2026 Go-To-School Program

This year's program reached over **1,600 students** across **six secondary schools** through school seminars and a cross-school workshop. Supported by **37 volunteer architects and architectural professionals**, the program introduced students to the role of architects and the architectural design process, inspiring interest in the built environment profession.



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University Students – AAM Student Camp

Launched in 2024, the **AAM Student Summer Program** provides university students with an immersive learning experience in Macau and Hengqin through heritage and contemporary architecture site visits, guided tours, and workshops. Participants explore the region's architectural development while gaining deeper insights into the built environment. Following successful editions in 2024 and 2025, the program will enter its **third year in 2026**, with the next edition scheduled to take place in **Beijing in November 2026**.

AAM Continual Professional Development Courses & Seminars

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CPD1/2026 – Smart Design, Smarter Delivery: AI and CDE for Macau's Architectural Future
by Michael Choi, Solution Consultant at Tech Data distribution (Hong Kong) Limited

CPD3/2026 – Multi purpose solution in sustainable construction projects - YTONG AAC
Speaker: Mr. CK Leung /Contract Manager and Technical Director of Jetway Building Material Limited

CPD6/2026 - Urban Revitalization: Multi-dimensional considerations and iteration
by Director/Ar. Anika Poon, LWK & Partners (HK) Ltd



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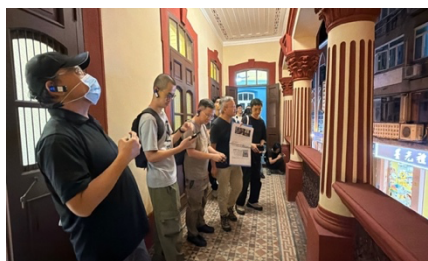
Architectural Heritage Guided Tours for Professionals and the Public

Launched in 2026, this program provides opportunities for both professionals and the public to explore and appreciate the AAM Headquarters, a historic building with over 100 years of history. Through expert-led guided tours and interpretation, participants gain a deeper understanding of the building's architectural, cultural, and heritage significance, while fostering greater awareness and appreciation of Macau's built heritage.

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Architects – Government visits, field trips

Through government visits and field trips, AAM continues to engage with local authorities and industry stakeholders, providing architects with opportunities to visit new developments, public projects, and competition sites. These activities facilitate professional exchange, strengthen industry collaboration, and support the advancement of architects through greater exposure to emerging practices, policies, and design excellence.





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Competitions

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ARCHITECTURE
UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
建築系大學

**橫琴粵澳深度合作區
第二屆建築設計競賽活動項目**
橫琴南部瀉湖生態保育區建築設計概念比賽
2nd Architectural Design Competition of
Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin
Hengqin Southern Lagoon Ecological Conservation Area
Architectural Design Concept Competition

公佈比賽詳情
Announcement of Competition
2025/11/07
比賽開始及報名時間
Bidding/Bidding and Sign Up
2025/11/15
截止報名日期
Closing Date for Registration
2025/12/12
截止作品提交日期
Closing Date for Submission
2026/01/14

評審日期
Jury Judging Date
2026/01/17

專業組別 PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY
一等獎獎項 (中多於五名)
Award Winner's (more than 5 names)
獎金澳門幣 100,000 + 紀念獎狀
Cash Award MOP 100,000 + Award Certificate
優異獎獎項 (中多於二名)
Honorable Mention Award (more than 2 names)
獎金澳門幣 50,000 + 紀念獎狀
Cash Award MOP 50,000 + Award Certificate
優異獎獎項 (中多於二名)
Honorable Mention Award (more than 2 names)
獎金澳門幣 5,000 + 紀念獎狀
Cash Award MOP 5,000 + Award Certificate

學生組別 STUDENT CATEGORY
一等獎獎項 (中多於五名)
Award Winner's (more than 5 names)
獎金澳門幣 10,000 + 紀念獎狀
Cash Award MOP 10,000 + Award Certificate
優異獎獎項 (中多於二名)
Honorable Mention Award (more than 2 names)
獎金澳門幣 5,000 + 紀念獎狀
Cash Award MOP 5,000 + Award Certificate

詳情及報名
For Details & Registration
請向主辦機構查詢
Please contact the organizing committee

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**CALL FOR ENTRY
作品募集**

13-31/7
註冊日期
Registration Open

21/8
作品提交截止日期
Submission Deadline

29/8
評審日期
Jury Day

15-29/9
參賽作品展覽
Exhibition of Entries

16/10
結果公佈及頒獎典禮
Awards Announcement and Presentation

詳情及報名
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**CADA
HKIA CROSS-STRAIT
ARCHITECTURAL
DESIGN AWARDS**

**海峽兩岸暨港澳
建築設計大獎**

**Nomination Deadline:
30.6.2026 TUESDAY 星期二
12:00 noon (GMT+8) (香港時間)**

Eligibility:
Buildings nominated for the HKIA Cross-Strait Architectural Design Awards must have been constructed within the last ten years in Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan or any international regions. The design team must be led by an architect in either Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan.

參賽資格:
提名參加海峽兩岸暨港澳建築設計大獎的建築師,必須於十年內建於中國內地、澳門、香港、臺灣或國際地區,而設計隊伍必須由海峽兩岸或港澳地區的建築師擔任隊長。

Judging Panel 評審團

詳情及報名
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**2026
大灣區城市設計大獎
Greater Bay Area Urban Design Awards**

2026/3/11 - 2026/6/12

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組別 Categories
專業 Professional
學生 Student

獎項 Awards
最佳城市設計獎
Best Urban Design Award
最佳城市設計獎
Best Urban Design Award
最佳城市設計獎
Best Urban Design Award

活動日期 Event Date
2026年2月11日
11 Feb 2026
2026年4月12日
12 Apr 2026
2026年7月8日
8 Jul 2026
2026年10月18日
18 Oct 2026
2026年11月18日
18 Nov 2026

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MACAO PROJECT
MANAGEMENT AWARDS**

卓越項目 琴澳典範

現正接受報名
報名時間: 7月1日至8月31日
查詢方式:
電話: 63965818
電郵: info@macaopm.org
網址: https://www.macaopm.org

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**23rd ARCASIA
AWARDS FOR
ARCHITECTURE
2026**

Awards Announcement: 30 March 2026
Call for Entries: 7 April 2026
Submission Closes: 15 May 2026 (23:59 pm, UTC+5:30)
Compilation: 15 May 2026 - 1 June 2026
Jury Assessment: 1 June 2026 - 1 July 2026
Finalist Announcement: 7 July 2026
Awards Ceremony: 11 September 2026 at Jaipur

Contact us at aao2026official@gmail.com
For Application / Submission / Information: <https://arcasiawardsforarchitecture.com/>

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12) Program of the Institute

	Annual Key Events
Q1	- 2nd Hengqin Architectural Design Competition – Exhibition of Entries' works
Q2	- New AAM Headquarters Opening Ceremony - AAM Continual Professional Development Courses - AAM Architectural Heritage Guided Tours for Professionals and the Public - Go to School Program – Part I (Seminar), Part II (workshop)
Q3	- Go to School Program – Part III (Shadow Program) - AAM Continual Professional Development Courses - AAM Architectural Heritage Guided Tours for Professionals and the Public - Annual Competition: Macau Architecture Awards - AAM Architectural Exhibition
Q4	- AAM Continual Professional Development Courses - AAM Architectural Heritage Guided Tours for Professionals and the Public - WAD Celebration & Macau Architecture Awards Award Presentation Ceremony - AAM Architectural Forum - AAM Architectural Roundtable - Student Camp (@Beijing) - Annual General Assembly (Each term: 2 years)

13) Macau Architecture Awards Bi-annual competition

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贊助單位 SPONSOR
澳門基金會
FUNDAÇÃO MACAU

CALL
FOR
ENTRY
作品募集



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As the Association's flagship awards program, the Awards celebrate projects that demonstrate design excellence while responding sensitively to their social, cultural, environmental, and urban contexts. Special recognition is given to works that successfully balance development with heritage conservation, regional identity, and ecological sustainability.

By continuing to organize this prestigious event, the Architects Association of Macau reaffirms its commitment to advancing the architectural profession, promoting high-quality design, and showcasing how architecture can make a meaningful and positive contribution to the community and the human environment.

14) Resources of the Institute

Architecture Macau (AM) is the official publication of the **Architects Association of Macau (AAM)**. First launched in the mid-1990s, it remains Macau's only publication dedicated exclusively to architecture, interior design, and urban planning. Published **twice a year**, the magazine serves as a platform for professional discourse, project showcases, and discussion of issues shaping the built environment. **Currently in its 44th issue**, *Architecture Macau* continues to document and promote architectural development in Macau and the region while fostering greater appreciation of design excellence.





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15) The Institute's efforts to implement ARCASIA resolutions adopted in the past Council Meeting

AAM's participation in **ARCASIA committees** has continued to grow, with an increasing number of delegates and observers representing Macau across various committees. Through active involvement in committee discussions, research, and initiatives, AAM gains valuable insights into regional architectural trends, professional development, sustainability, heritage conservation, and industry best practices. The knowledge and ideas generated through these engagements are regularly shared with the AAM Board and integrated into the Association's programs, projects, and events, helping to align local initiatives with broader regional objectives and professional standards.

ARCASIA Delegates & Observers 2026		
Committee & Workgroup	Delegate	Observer
ACPP	Jimmy Wardhana	Ng Sai Hung, Jason
ACAE	Nuno Soares	-
ACSR	Choi Wan Sun, Christine	-
ACEA	Leong Chong San, Ryan	-
ACGSA	Wu Kim Kam, Donna	Si Kun Hong, GorSi
	Zheng Jianyi (Deputy)	
ACYA	Lei Chi Ian, Ian	-

16) Opportunities and Challenges facing the Architects / Architectural Profession / Institutes in Macau

OPPORTUNITIES:

i. Aligning with China's 15th Five-Year Plan and Macau's Third Five-Year Development Plan (2026-2030)

As China launches its **15th Five-Year Plan** and Macau advances its **Third Five-Year Development Plan (2026-2030)**, new opportunities are emerging. The plan includes **32 development indicators**, with a strong focus on **Macao-Hengqin integration** and **increasing the non-gaming GDP share to 60%**. Four landmark projects will drive growth:

- Macao-Hengqin International Education (University) Town
- Macau International Integrated Tourism and Cultural Zone
- Pearl River West Bank International Aviation Hub
- Macau Science & Technology Research and Industrial Park

These initiatives are expected to generate significant opportunities for architects in public infrastructure, industrial development, and cross-border projects.



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ii. Policy Momentum from the 2026 Policy Address

The 2026 Policy Address places a strong focus on **Hengqin development**, prioritizing projects such as the **Guangzhou-Zhuhai (Macao) High-Speed Railway Hengqin section**, the **Hengqin pre-clearance cargo terminal for Macau International Airport**, the **Qin-Macao Innovation Industrial Park**, and the conversion of vacant commercial buildings under the "**commercial-to-industry**", "**commercial-to-social services**", and "**commercial-to-talent housing**" initiatives.

These implementation-ready projects are expected to generate new design and consultancy opportunities, with urban renewal and adaptive reuse projects offering particularly attractive entry points for local small and medium-sized architectural firms.

iii. Opportunities Arising from the Draft Amendments to the Macau Urban Master Plan (2020-2040)

(Public Consultation: June-August 2026)

The first revision of the **Macau Urban Master Plan (2020-2040)** introduces the vision of developing Macau as an **international hub for high-end talent**. The proposed amendments include land-use adjustments for several major public development projects, including a **cultural and tourism zone in the western Part of New Urban Zone B and Zone C**, a **science and technology research and industrial park along Avenida Wai Long and the western part of New Urban Zone E1**, and enhanced connectivity between the **Outer Harbour Cultural Corridor** and the **Macau Tower tourism precinct**.

These initiatives are expected to generate a steady pipeline of opportunities over the next decade, including **planning and design studies**, **urban design competitions**, and **public space renewal projects**.

iv. Hengqin Master Plan (2035): Expanding Professional Practice Opportunities

The **Hengqin Master Plan (2035)** establishes **31 detailed planning zones** within a **106 km² development area** and confirms the inclusion of a **Guangzhou-Zhuhai (Macao) High-Speed Rail station in Hengqin**. With the existing mechanism allowing **Macau-registered architects to obtain practice qualifications in Hengqin**, 2026 marks the first alignment of policy support with large-scale spatial planning.

The Institute is actively engaged in discussions on **cross-border practice frameworks**, **fee standards**, and **Chinese Portuguese bilingual drawing standards**, helping to create

a more integrated professional environment and broaden opportunities for Macau architects in the Greater Bay Area.



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v. “1+4” Economic Diversification Strategy Driving New Development Opportunities

Moving beyond the traditional integrated resort model, Macau’s “1+4” **economic diversification strategy** encompasses **tourism, traditional Chinese medicine, convention and exhibition commerce, modern finance, and high technology**. The initiative is generating new project types, including **traditional Chinese medicine industrial parks, EF Account financial districts, and embodied AI innovation zones**.

These projects often require strong cultural storytelling, placemaking, and heritage conservation elements, areas in which **Macau architects possess distinctive strengths and local expertise**, giving them a competitive edge over larger international commercial design firms.

vi. Unique Positioning under “One Country, Two Systems” and Macau’s Role as a Portuguese-Speaking Platform

Macau architects possess a unique combination of expertise in **Portuguese architectural traditions, dual legal and regulatory systems, and Chinese Portuguese bilingual communication**, making them highly valuable professional resources. As Hengqin progressively adopts rules and standards aligned with those of Macau, these capabilities are becoming increasingly relevant.

Building on decades-long ties with the **Council of Portuguese-Speaking Architects Associations (CIALP)** and other professional bodies in Portuguese-speaking countries, the Institute is helping transform these relationships from cultural exchanges into channels for **professional collaboration, standards development, and international knowledge transfer**.

CHALLENGES:

i. Regulatory Constraints Limiting Design Flexibility

Existing building regulations and approval procedures impose rigid development parameters, while constraints on land supply further limit design opportunities.

Macau’s land supply remains heavily dependent on **land reclamation**, a process characterized by long planning and implementation cycles that often do not align with immediate project timelines. This mismatch restricts the availability of sites for large-scale new developments and narrows opportunities for major greenfield projects.



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ii. Environmental Vulnerabilities and Climate Pressures

Macau's built environment faces growing challenges from **typhoons, saltwater intrusion, and the urban heat island effect**, increasing the need for resilient and sustainable design solutions. At the same time, the stringent requirements governing the **UNESCO World Heritage buffer zones** add further complexity to project planning, design, and regulatory compliance.

These environmental and heritage conservation considerations not only raise project costs but also place greater demands on architects to balance innovation, sustainability, and preservation.

iii. Gaps in Cross-Border Practice Implementation

Although policies allow **Macau-registered architects to practice in Hengqin**, key operational issues remain unresolved, including **fee structures, professional liability allocation, and integration with Mainland China's construction drawing review and approval processes**.

The lack of clear implementation guidelines creates uncertainty for practitioners and may limit the industry's willingness and ability to fully capitalize on emerging cross-border opportunities.

17) Plans for the Future

AAM will continue our role of promoting Architecture excellence and the importance of the role of Architects with the following key focus:

i. Professional Sustainability: Where is the industry headed?

- Collective promotion of Architecture
- Architecture Excellence – Opportunity and Execution
- Technology Advancement & Implementation
- Architecture Open Competition works

ii. Professional Practice & Knowledge Advancement: How do architect members grow?

- CPDs – Monthly
- External Connectivity & Knowledge Sharing – through international and regional architectural platforms including UIA, ARCASIA, CIALP, ASC, HKIA and WACA



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- Cross-Boundary Practice Support – Develop CPD modules tailored for Hengqin practice, covering fee benchmarks, liability frameworks, and alignment with mainland technical review processes.
- Field Trip – Annually take members for Architectural Field Trip for learning and experience
- Young Architects Advancements
- Establish fee structure reference for architecture projects

18) Areas for Collaboration and Regional Exchange

i. Technological Advancement

As technology continues to reshape architectural practice, there is significant value in harmonizing the adoption of digital tools across the region. ARCASIA is well-positioned to facilitate the sharing of practical experiences and tested workflows related to Building Information Modelling (BIM), virtual reality (VR), and artificial intelligence (AI). Collaborative platforms, case studies, and regional benchmarking would support member institutes in integrating these technologies effectively into daily practice.

ii. Disaster Resilience

In light of recurring extreme weather events across Asia, strengthening the resilience of buildings and communities has become a shared regional priority. ARCASIA could convene knowledge exchanges on enhanced architectural and construction standards, disaster-preparedness frameworks, and post-disaster recovery strategies. A regional repository of best practices would enable member institutes to adapt proven solutions to local contexts.

iii. Promotion of the Architect's Role and Value

Architects play a pivotal role in shaping sustainable and inclusive urban environments. As urbanization accelerates, there is growing merit in articulating a consistent regional narrative on the architect's leadership in balancing aesthetics, functionality, sustainability, and livability. ARCASIA could support member institutes by developing communication frameworks and public-awareness toolkits that highlight architecture's contribution to societal well-being.

iv. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility

Addressing climate change calls for concerted regional action on green building practices, energy efficiency, and responsible material use. ARCASIA is well-placed to spearhead collaborative initiatives such as regional sustainability workshops, carbon-measurement protocols, and certification-alignment studies. Shared resources and technical guidelines



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would assist member institutes in advancing low-carbon, resource-efficient design across diverse climatic contexts.

v. Cross-Regional Collaboration

Deepening professional ties among architects across Asia fosters a richer exchange of ideas, cultural understanding, and innovative responses to common challenges. ARCASIA's ongoing facilitation of cross-regional dialogues, joint research programs, and comparative studies on regulatory frameworks remains invaluable. Such collaboration enables member institutes to learn from one another's experiences in areas such as cross-border practice, fee structures, and professional liability—areas of particular relevance to Macau's evolving engagement with the Guangdong–Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.

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