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THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS COUNTRY REPORT 2026

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1. Brief History of the Institute

On 3rd September 1956, 27 architects gathered and formed a Society “for the general advancement of Civil Architecture and for promoting and facilitating the acquirement of the knowledge of the various Arts and Sciences.” Thus, The Hong Kong Society of Architects was formed. On 7th May, 1957, the first amendments were made, to stand for over two and a half years. During the period the membership of the Society increased by 50% and recognition was given by Royal Institute of British Architects as an Allied Society. In accord with this growth, further amendments were made to come into effect on 3rd November 1959. By the end of 1962, the Society expanded to a membership seven times as large as that first body of Foundation Members. The change of name from Society to Institute was effected in 1972 and this initiated a new phase of activities for the Institute. In 1990, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Incorporation Ordinance (Chapter 1147) was enacted which governs the running of the Institute since then. HKIA also operates a representative office in Beijing since 2006 with an aim to promote Hong Kong architects’ professional services in the Mainland.

2. Current Office Bearers of the Institute

The Institute is governed by a Council consisting of five Office Bearers and eight Ordinary Members of the Council, the Immediate Past President (ex-officio member) and Chairmen of six Boards. Appointed by the Council, six Boards are formed to deal with specific areas in the objectives of the Institute, they are: -.

- The Board of Educational Affairs
- The Board of External Affairs
- The Board of Internal Affairs
- The Board of Local Affairs
- The Board of Mainland Affairs
- The Board of Practices

3. Current Membership Strength

<u>Individual Membership</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Subscription per unit (US\$)¹</u>
Member	4412	305.92
Graduate Member	379	76.48
Non-Resident Member	60	152.96
Fellow	198	458.88
Associate	58	305.92
Affiliate	6	127.47
Student Member	126	Waived
Retired Member	68	127.47
Retired Fellow	11	127.47
Honorary Fellow	12	Not Applicable
Total:	5330	
<i>(Statistics as of 31/07/2026)</i>	-	
<u>Corporate Membership</u>		
1-9 HKIA members	144	458
10-19 HKIA members	16	611
w/ 20-29 HKIA members	6	917
w/ 30-39 HKIA members	2	1222
w/ 40 or more HKIA members	7	1528
Total:	144	458
<i>(Statistics as of 31/07/2026)</i>		

List of Architectural Practices

For detailed list of HKIA Members and Specialists, please visit the links below;

- HKIA List of Specialists - <https://www.hkia.net/en/whats-on/3/information/detail/6>
- HKIA List of Members - <https://www.hkia.net/en/whats-on/3/information/detail/242>
- Architectural and Associated Consultants Selection Board (AACSB) List of Consultants - Band 1 / Band 2 | List of HKIA Band 3 Architectural Consultants - <https://www.hkia.net/en/whats-on/3/information/detail/12>

4. Budget of the Institute

Funds are largely raised through membership annual subscription. Budget is approved by the Council and audited accounts would be presented to the General Membership in the Annual General Meeting. Office Bearers are empowered to execute payment of Institute's expenses.

5. Number of Chapters

There is no Chapter affiliated to the Institute in Hong Kong.

6. Annual General Meeting / Congress of the Institute

There are three Quarterly General Meetings and one Annual General Meeting per year for collective decision making. Annual election is held in the Third Quarterly General Meeting in September.

7. Legal Status of the Institute

The Institute is recognised by the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the representative professional body of the Architects in Hong Kong. It is enacted under the Hong Kong Institute of Architects Incorporation Ordinance (CAP 1147) of the Laws of Hong Kong. The Institute is the only professional body offering professional accreditation of Architects in Hong Kong for admission to be Registered Architects under the Architects Registration Ordinance (CAP 408).

8. Legal Status of the Architect in Hong Kong

The title “Architect” is protected under the Architects Registration Ordinance (please refer to: https://arb.org.hk/en/regulations/use_of_architect_title?menu=22).

The registration remains in force for 12 months and is subject to annual renewal.

9. Architects Registration Authority in Hong Kong

There is a registration body for the Architects in Hong Kong, namely Architects Registration Board (ARB), HKSAR. Applicants satisfying the qualifications for registration as stipulated under Section 13 of the Ordinance are eligible to apply. As of August 2026, there are 4,526 Registered Architects in total. Under the Architects Registration Ordinance, the ARB which consists of 11 Members appointed by the Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects plus one Member appointed by the Hong Kong SAR Government is authorised to process architect registration and disciplinary proceedings °

10. International Affiliations of the Institute

HKIA is committed to participating in the activities organised by its international affiliates. The Institute is a Member of the International Union of Architects (UIA), ARCASIA and Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Human Settlements (EAROPH). In June 2025, HKIA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia (IAI) and Pertubuhan Akitik Malaysia (PAM) to promote

professional and cultural exchanges and to explore advanced sustainable building methods within the architecture community.

HKIA has set up the UIA Committee and the ARCASIA Committee/ EAROPH under the Board of External Affairs.

HKIA Members Appointments

- Ar. Glory WANG of HKIA has been appointed as Deputy Director for Region 4 of the UIA Architecture for All (AfA) Work Programme;
- Ar. Corrin CHAN of HKIA has been appointed Co-Director for the Architecture, Cities, and Territories Work Programme;
- Ar. Thomas CHUNG of HKIA has been appointed Co-Director for the Public Spaces Work Programme;
- Ar. Joseph KWAN of HKIA has been appointed Advisor for the Architecture for All (AfA) Work Programme;
- Ar. Martin TAM of HKIA has been appointed Advisor for the Community Architecture and Human Rights Work Programme.

Members of the Committees represent the Institute to the below,

UIA Commission and Work Programmes:

- Education Commission
- Professional Practice Commission
- International Competitions Consultancy Board
- Sustainability Commission
- UN 17 SDGs Commission
- UNESCO-UIA Validation Board
- Architecture and Children Work Programme
- Architectural for All Work Programme
- Architecture, Cities and Territories Work Programme
- Community Architecture and Human Rights Work Programme
- Educational and Cultural Spaces Work Programme
- Heritage and Cultural Identity Work Programme
- Indigenous Peoples Work Programme
- Public Health Work Programme
- Public Spaces Work Programme
- Sports and Leisure Work Programme

ARCASIA Committees:

- ARCASIA Committee of Architectural Education
- ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice
- ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility
- ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture
- ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects
- ARCASIA Fellowship
- ARCASIA Emergency Architects

11. Major Programmes and Activities of the Institute during 10/2025 to 09/2026

International / Regional Conference / Symposium and Meetings

ARCASIA - 21st Asian Congress of Architects (ACA21)

The Institute led a delegation of approximately 30 members to participate in ACA 21, held in Incheon, Republic of Korea, from 8 to 14 September. Organised by ARCASIA under the theme “A Better Tomorrow,” the congress featured a comprehensive programme of council meetings, professional symposiums, architectural site visits, and regional networking sessions. During the proceedings, Ar. Joseph Kwan was elected as the Chairman of Fellowship, strengthening the Institute's representation within the ARCASIA leadership.

HKIA Rep:

Thomas CHEUNG (ARCASIA Zone C Vice President)

HKIA Official Delegate:

Julia LAU, President & Ching TONG, BExA Chairman

Event webpage: <https://aca-21.kr/2024>



UIA World Congress 2026 in Barcelona

The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) successfully hosted a professional delegation to the prestigious International Union of Architects (UIA) World Congress in Barcelona from 28 June to 5 July 2026. Marking the platinum 70th Anniversary of the HKIA, the institute mobilised its largest-ever delegation to the UIA Congress. Led by HKIA President Ar. Julia Lau, with the entire HKIA programme meticulously organised and managed by Ar. Glory Wang, HKIA UIA Committee Chair, a prominent group of over 50 cross-disciplinary professionals—

spanning members from the HKIA, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP), and the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA)—landed in Spain to showcase seven decades of Hong Kong’s architectural excellence and forward-looking urban design to a global audience.

The intensive week-long programme was made possible through the generous sponsorship and unwavering partnership of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (Brussels ETO) and the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). Key representatives from both organisations actively participated and lent their support throughout the milestone events, including Mr. Kasper Ng, Deputy Representative for HK Economic & Trade Affairs to the European Union, Brussels ETO, and Ar. Donald Choi Wun Hing, BBS, JP, Managing Director and Deputy Chairman, URA.

Programme Highlights

- HKIA Exhibition Booth (“Architecture N.O.W.!”)
- HKIA Gala Dinner
- Institutional & Architectural Site Visits
- HKIA Parallel Session
- UIA General Assembly and Presidential Election

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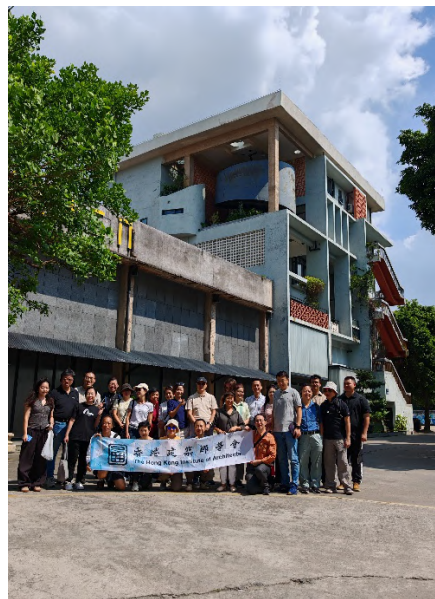
Mainland Activities

Revitalizing Cantonese Heritage - In-Depth Tour of Urban Historical District Revitalization and Historical Building Adaptive Reuse in Guangzhou

From October 11 to 12, 2025, the Board of Mainland and Belt & Road Affairs (BMBRA) successfully organized the "Revitalizing Cantonese Heritage — In-Depth Tour of Urban Historical District Revitalization and Historical Building Adaptive Reuse in Guangzhou." The event attracted 22 members and non-members, including Ar. Julia Lau, President of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA); Ar. Anika Poon, Chair of BMBRA; Ar. Stephen Ho, Honorary Secretary of HKIA; and Ar. Albert Chan, HKIA Council Member, among others.

Ar. Edward Leung led the team to visit several historical and cultural heritage sites and districts in Guangzhou, including Panyu Zini Twelve Gates, the Cantonese Opera Art Museum, Yongqing Fang, Pantang Wuyue Urban Village, Shamian Island, the Former Site of the French Barracks, the Banque de l'Indochine building, and Jinlun Guild Hall, providing detailed explanations and introductions throughout the tour.

The complete success of this visit and exchange activity fostered a deeper understanding and dialogue regarding cultural sites and urban regeneration, while fueling members' interest in the rich cultural history of the Greater Bay Area.



Bay Area Exchange Seminar/Forum and Project Tour on the Research and Application of Contemporary Timber Structures and Renewable Materials

From November 29 to 30, 2025, the Board of Mainland & Belt and Road Affairs (BMBRA) successfully organized the event "**Bay Area Exchange Seminar/Forum and Project Tour on the Research and Application of Contemporary Timber Structures and Renewable Materials.**" The event attracted widespread attention, with active participation from member groups during the two-day, one-night offline

field visit. Meanwhile, the online forum received an enthusiastic response, drawing a cumulative total of 953 members and non-member attendances.

This event not only provided a valuable platform for exchange among Greater Bay Area architecture industry peers, but also advanced cutting-edge dialogue on green building principles and technologies. By combining field visits with academic discussions, the initiative deepened participants' understanding of timber architecture and renewable materials regarding safety, innovation, and sustainability—holding positive practical significance for driving the GBA construction industry toward a low-carbon and eco-friendly transformation.



Shenzhen Day Tour

On January 24, 2026, the Board of Mainland and Belt & Road Affairs (BMBRA) successfully organized a one-day architecture tour in Shenzhen. The event featured visits to three major contemporary architectural landmarks in Shenzhen, sparking an in-depth dialogue on urban architecture and professional exchange. It attracted 56 members and non-members, receiving an enthusiastic response.

On the morning of the event, the group first visited Tencent's headquarters in Dachen Bay, coordinated by Tencent architects Wang Ji and Pu Xiongfeng, with guided tours led by architects Jin Ruiting, Fang Xiaopei, and MAD architect Liu Hailun, who introduced the spatial design and architectural vocabulary of a tech corporate headquarters. In the afternoon, the group proceeded to Shenzhen Bay Cultural Plaza, where MAD architect Aki Zhang Chao provided a guided tour, offering an in-depth interpretation of its design philosophy, spatial organization, and integration with the urban landscape. The group then visited Huafa Snow World, led by architect Jan Tang from the 10 Design team, who explained the project's innovative practices in architectural technology, functional integration, and experiential design. We sincerely thank each architect and person in charge for taking time out of their weekend to provide such detailed explanations.

Through on-site visits and professional commentary, participants engaged in discussions and exchanges on topics such as technological innovation in contemporary architecture, spatial narratives, and urban

development in the Greater Bay Area, fostering mutual inspiration in design thinking and professional practice.



Digital Intelligence Empowering Construction Technology Innovation in the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area

BMBRA Board Chair Ar. Anika Poon, Board Member Ar. Vivian Cheung and Thomas Cheung attended the event.



Beijing Delegation Visit

From March 21 to 24, 2026, a delegation led by President Ar. Julia Lau of the Institute, comprising the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the Architects Registration Board (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region), visited Beijing for professional exchanges, institutional visits, thematic seminars, and on-site inspections.

During the visit, the delegation called on the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Architectural Society of China, the China International Contractors Association, and the China Building Decoration Association. On March 23, the 2026 Construction Industry Seminar was successfully held. Leaders and representatives from the

Beijing Municipal Commission of Planning and Natural Resources, the Architectural Society of China, the Beijing Engineering Survey and Design Association, the Beijing Society of Architects, and the China International Contractors Association were invited, with key leaders from each organization delivering addresses and keynote speeches. Ar. Henry Man of the Institute, as one of the keynote speakers, gave a presentation titled "Innovation Leading High-Quality Development: Hong Kong Integrating into the National Development Landscape, connecting with the World to Explore New Opportunities in Technology and Artificial Intelligence." During the event, the delegation visited the Shougang Park, the "Good Housing Technology Exhibition," the Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall, Langyuan STATION, the Beijing City Library, and the Grand Canal Museum for study and observation.



Shanghai the INLET Visit

On May 23, 2026, a site visit to "The INLET" (今潮8弄) was jointly organized by the East China Chapter of the Board of Mainland and Belt & Road Affairs of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) and the Shanghai Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS). As one of Shanghai's landmark urban renewal and historical preservation projects, it integrates the renovation of Shikumen architecture with modern commercial and cultural spaces. The visit was enthusiastically received by members and guests of both institutes.



HKIA Workshop for Architectural Students/Graduates

On 31 July 2026, the "HKIA Workshop for Architectural Students and Graduates" was successfully held at the HKIA Premises. The event was organised by the Professional Development and Liaison Committee under the Board of Mainland and Belt & Road Affairs (BMBRA) of the HKIA, co-organised by Starian Center for Education, Employment and Exchange for Hong Kong Students in Mainland China, and the China Education Exchange (Hong Kong and Macao) Centre. It was supported by the American Institute of Architects Hong Kong Chapter, Royal Institute of British Architects Hong Kong Chapter, and the Australian Institute of Architects. The event received an enthusiastic response, attracting nearly 100 architectural students and graduates from local, Mainland Chinese, and overseas institutions.

HKIA will continue to organise similar events in the future, building bridges for young architects to connect with the industry and providing comprehensive support to the future pillars of the profession.

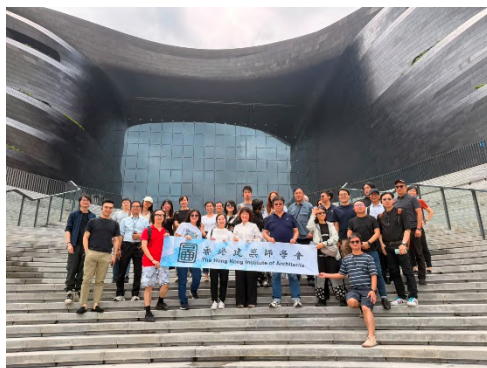


Shenzhen Day Tour

On August 1, 2026, the "Shenzhen One-Day Architectural Tour," organized by the Professional Development and Liaison Committee under the Board of Mainland and Belt & Road Affairs of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects, was successfully held. 34 members and

architecture industry professionals visited Guangming District, Shenzhen, for an in-depth study of two emerging cultural landmarks: the Shenzhen Science and Technology Museum and the Shenzhen International Art Museum.

Participants not only gained deep insights into the design concepts, spatial layouts, and architectural features of the two landmark buildings, but also engaged in direct dialogues with the project architects to explore the latest trends in contemporary architecture, finding the experience highly beneficial.



Overseas/ Non-Local Exhibition

The 19th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition and the Roving Architecture Exhibitions 2025/2026

Organised by The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Biennale Foundation (HKIABF), Hong Kong's official entry in the 19th International Architecture Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia (VB2025), *Projecting Future Heritage: A Hong Kong Archive*, was presented at Campo della Tana, Venice, from 10 May to 23 November 2025.

Following its presentation in Venice, the exhibition continued its international outreach through the Roving Architecture Exhibitions (RAX) programme, with subsequent showcases held during Bangkok Design Week from 31 January to 13 February 2026, and at Design Republic, a renowned design exhibition space in Shanghai, from 14 to 27 June 2026.

The Hong Kong exhibition, scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2026, will serve as the concluding presentation of the VB2025–RAX2026 programme. As of July 2026, the exhibitions in Venice, Bangkok, and Shanghai have collectively attracted more than 55,000 visitors.

Venice

10 May – 23 November 2025 | Campo della Tana, Castello 30122, Venice, Italy

Bangkok

31 January – 13 February 2026 | The Former Residence of Prince

Sawasdiprawat (Sommot Amornbhand), Phra Nakhon, Bangkok, Thailand

Shanghai

14 – 27 June 2026 | Manifesto Gallery, Design Republic, Jing'an District, Shanghai, China

[Exhibition Website \(Venice\)](#) / [VB Facebook](#) / [VB Instagram](#)



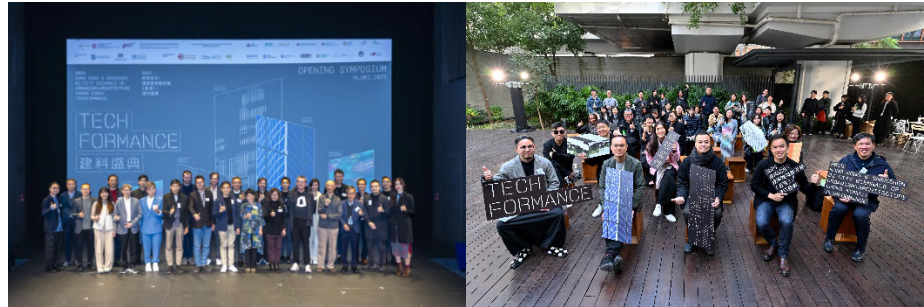
Hong Kong Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism\ Architecture (UABB) 2025

Organised by The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Biennale Foundation, in conjunction with The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP), and the Hong Kong Designers Association (HKDA), and sponsored by the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency (CCIDA) of the HKSAR Government, the Biennale was held from 16 December 2025 – 31 March 2026 with Hong Kong and Shenzhen exhibitions.

With the theme "Techformance – Technology, Platform, Performance", the exhibition featured over 25 exhibitor groups—with half representing young and emerging architects—to examine the

rising impact of AI, generative design, and robotic fabrication on architecture and urbanism. The showcase used interactive installations, live demonstrations, and speculative provocations to explore the evolving dialogue between human intuition and machine intelligence in shaping the future of design.

[Exhibition Website \(Hong Kong\)](#) / [Exhibition Website \(Shenzhen\)](#)



China Architectural Design Expo (CADE) in Shanghai



Awards and Competitions

Annual Awards 2026

The prestigious HKIA Annual Awards 2026 has closed for nominations, with shortlisting and judging currently underway. This year marks a significant evolution of the awards programme, featuring a rebranding of the award title to the "HKIA Outstanding Award", alongside category refinements and stricter cross-category submission rules. These enhancements establish a renewed framework that aligns more closely with the contemporary

architectural landscape and strengthens the awards' standing among major international architectural accolades.

Submission period was opened from 1 June to 20 July 2026, 17:30



The 36th HKIA Young Architect Award

The 36th HKIA Young Architect Award is open for registration. With the theme of "Tourism is everywhere", eligible young architects are invited to envision creative, sustainable architectural proposals to facilitate ecotourism on Lantau Island. A briefing session was held on 7 August 2026 at HKIA Premises to provide guidance to prospective entrants.

Submission period was opened from 20 August 2026 to 3 September 2026.



The Hong Kong Institute of Architects Cross-Strait Architectural Design Awards (CADA) 2026

CADA is a biennial architectural design award organised by HKIA since 2013. Its objective is to give professional recognition to outstanding buildings designed by architects in Hong Kong, the Mainland, Macau, and Taiwan that have achieved distinguished architectural merit and deserve professional acknowledgement and public appreciation.

HKIA Cross-Strait Architectural Design Awards 2026 (CADA 2026) closed for entries on Friday, July 10, 2026. A total of 138 complete applications were received, broken down by category as follows:

- Conservation and Adaptive Reuse: 13 entries
- Commercial: 21 entries
- Residential: 8 entries
- Community and Institution: 68 entries
- Transport, Industrial & Infrastructure Facilities: 20 entries
- Sustainable and Low-Carbon Architecture: 7 entries
- Overseas Projects from the Cross-Strait Architects: 1 entry

This year's awards continue to attract numerous outstanding works from across the region. The international jury has now commenced the first stage of scoring, with the final review scheduled for September. The highly anticipated awards ceremony will be held on November 25, 2026, at the Hong Kong Palace Museum. Tenders for related event support services, together with the "70A International Symposium," were issued on August 7.



HKIA and URA Jointly Call for Community Installations to Revitalise Urban Spaces and Weave the Community in Central & Western District

The open call invites design proposals for community installations in underutilised corners and overlooked public spaces across the Central and Western District. Through a two-stage adjudication process, selected designs will be implemented on site to beautify the built environment, strengthen community connection and belonging, and bring vitality to the district.

Stage 1 Idea Proposals are open starting from 2 July until 2 August 2026. Shortlisted entries will advance to Stage 2 to submit comprehensive implementation proposals for the Jury Panel's final adjudication, with on-site implementation planned towards the end of 2026.

<https://www.hkia.net/en/whats-on/9/70A/detail/1278>

Community Events

ALKF MiC Project Tour at HKU

Date & Time: 30 May 2026 (Saturday)
Venue: The University of Hong Kong

Sharing topics: Project planning and construction, challenges encountered, MiC and advanced steel hybrid system, design flexibility and efficiency

Highlights:

- Exclusive members-only tour of the High West Development at HKU

- Presentations on planning, construction and the challenges encountered
- Insights into MiC and the advanced steel hybrid system, enhancing design flexibility and efficiency
- Impressive attention to detail and use of new technologies in fabrication, transportation and quality control

Audience: 21 in person — HKIA Members



Urban Regeneration Dialogue 2.0

Date & Time: 11 July 2026 (Saturday)

Venue: HKIA Premises

Sharing topics: Regeneration of ageing neighbourhoods, balancing heritage and community needs, winning design ideas for Yau Ma Tei & Mong Kok, and professional input to Hong Kong's first Five-Year Development Plan consultation

Highlights:

- Second forum in the ongoing dialogue series on urban renewal, co-organised by HKIA, HKIUD and URA
- Presentations by the winning teams of the URAXHKIA Urban Renewal Design Ideas Competition, reimagining Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok
- A timely platform consolidating professional insights to contribute views to the HKSAR Government's public consultation on Hong Kong's first Five-Year Development Plan

Audience: 200 (50 in person, 150 via Zoom) — Members from HKIA, HKIUD, HKIS, HKIP



Technical Visit to CLP Kai Tak Headquarters

Date & Time: 1 August 2026 (Saturday)

Venue: CLP Kai Tak Headquarters

Sharing topics: CLP's latest developments, building design concepts inspired by local culture, and Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) strategies

Highlights:

- Guided tour of the newly completed headquarters, including the atrium, workplace and collaboration areas
- First-hand insights into the integration of low-carbon features, sustainable materials and people-centred design

Audience: 30 in person — HKIA Members



Global Perspective: HKIA Delegates Share International Insights

An engaging Public Sharing Session featuring delegates from The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) and student representatives who have participated in regional and international architectural events. They will share their invaluable experiences and insights.

Date: 13 Mar 2026, Friday

Time: 19:00 - 20:40

Mode: In person and zoom

Venue: HKIA Premises, 19/F One Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

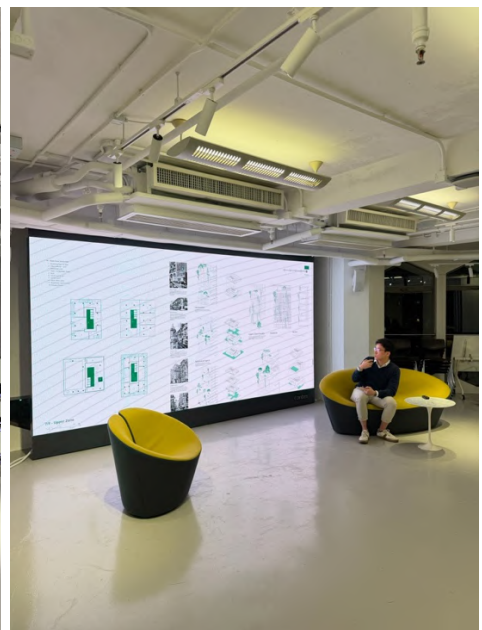
Enrolments:

Online: 104

In-person: 14 (including speakers)

Programme Highlights:

- ARCASIA Asian Congress of Architects - Incheon, South Korea
- ARCASIA Student Jamboree 2025
- ARCASIA Student Design Competition Award - presented by Tony Chiu
- Fontainebleau Schools Summer Programme - presented by Matthew Chung
- UIA International Forum - Kuala Lumpur
- Promotion of UIA World Congress of Architects in Barcelona in June and ARCASIA Forum in India in September





Design Charrette 2025 (Part 2)

The second part of the Design Charrette has been rescheduled to November 2025 due to typhoon signal number 8 on the event day. This will be a one-day visit to Macau and an interactive workshop designed to introduce secondary students to the principles and practices of architects at HKIA Premises, encouraging students to think critically and apply design principles in their projects.



Design Charrette 2026

The HKIA x HKFYG Design Charrette 2026, themed "Vertical City: Re-Designing Hong Kong's Skyline," was successfully held over two weekends in July 2026 as a major youth engagement milestone for the Hong Kong Institute of Architects' 70th anniversary. Organised jointly by HKIA and The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, the two-part programme brought together over 28 secondary school students (F.2–F.6) from 13 schools and 30 HKIA volunteer mentors to explore the evolution of Hong Kong's vertical landscape from the 1950s to the 1990s through guided architectural tours in Central and a two-day design workshop in Fanling. Participating students examined the balance between historical conservation and modern innovation, creating design models focused on adaptive reuse and urban sustainability while strengthening collaborative ties across HKIA, HKFYG, ARCASIA, HKIP, and industry supporters.

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Day 1 – Sharing and Tour



Day 2-3 – Workshop



Events / Activities Increase the Sense of Belonging of Members

HKIA Spring Reception 2026

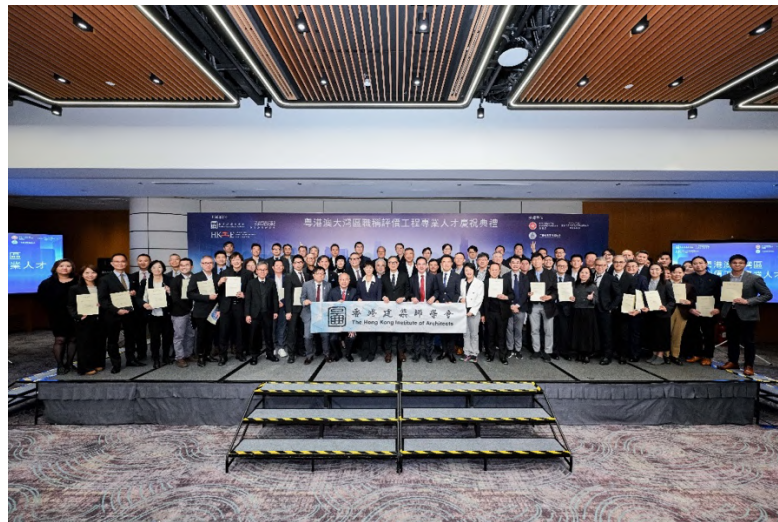
On 27th February 2026, over a hundred guests and HKIA Council & Members gathered at Hopewell Hotel to celebrate the "Spring Festival" and the inauguration of the 2026-27 HKIA Council, marking the official launch of the Institute's 70th Anniversary celebrations.

The evening was graced by the Guest of Honour, Dr. the Hon. Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP, President of the Legislative Council, who shared inspiring words that resonated with all attendees.



Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Professional Title Assessment Ceremony

On November 24, 2025, the "Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Professional Title Assessment Ceremony" was grandly held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The ceremony was co-organized by The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), and The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), with full guidance and support from the Development Bureau, the Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the LOCPG, the Department of Human Resources and Social Security of Guangdong Province, and the Guangdong Association for Science and Technology.



2026 Professional Title Assessment

Application Status for Institute Members' Professional Title Assessments:

- 正高級工程師: 57 applicants

- 高級工程師: 54 applicants
- 工程師: 50 applicants

Interview Venue: The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA)

Interview Dates: August 19–20, 2026

RSCP Volleyball Tournament 2025

The Recreation and Sports Club for Professional Bodies (RSCP) Volleyball Tournament 2025 was held on 25 January 2026 at the Christian Alliance International School. Hosted by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), the tournament brought together six professional bodies, including HKIA, HKBA, HKICPA, HKIS, HKMA and LSHK, for a day of competitive volleyball.

The HKIA Men's Team delivered an outstanding performance and claimed the championship for the fourth consecutive year. The Women's Team also achieved an impressive result, advancing to the final and finishing as 1st Runner-up after a closely contested match against LSHK. The strong performances of both teams demonstrated HKIA's continued competitiveness and team spirit in the tournament.



RSCP Golf Tournament 2026

The 19th RSCP Joint Professional Golf Tournament was held on 22 April 2026 at the Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club.

Following their championship victory in the previous tournament, the HKIA Golf Team delivered another strong performance this year and finished as 1st Runner-up. The result reflected the team's continued competitiveness and consistent performance.



RSCP Basketball Tournament 2025

The RSCP Basketball Tournament was held from 27 January to 1 June 2026, with the HKIA team concluding the tournament in 5th Place overall. A notable individual achievement saw Anson Au Yeung receiving the Best Steals Award for his outstanding defensive performance throughout the competition.



RSCP Badminton Tournament 2026

The RSCP Badminton Tournament was held on 7 June 2026 at the Christian Alliance International School, Lai Chi Kok. Competing in a single round-robin format against six other professional teams, the HKIA players contested five categories—Men's Doubles, Senior Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Singles and Women's Doubles—and finished 5th overall.



HKDS/RSCP Inaugural Invitational Pickleball Competition 2026

The HKIA Pickleball Team took part in the inaugural Hong Kong Disciplined Services / RSCP Pickleball Competition on 4 July 2026 at

the Police Officers' Club in Causeway Bay. HKIA was represented by three male and two female players, competing together with representatives from other professional bodies. A total of nine teams—seven from the disciplined services and two RSCP teams—participated in the full-day competition. The RSCP teams achieved encouraging results, securing 2nd Runner-Up in both the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles categories.



Tuen Ng Festival Dragon Boat Race

The HKIA Dragon Boat Team competed in the Tuen Ng Festival Dragon Boat Race at Sai Kung Promenade on 19 June 2026, joining over 100 teams. The team delivered a strong performance, finishing among the trophy winners and receiving a traditional suckling pig prize. The event also provided valuable race experience and strengthened team spirit as part of the team's summer training programme.



Holistic Wellness Seminar: “Chinese Medicine · Music · Health”

A Holistic Wellness Seminar was held on 5 February 2026 at HKIA Premises, featuring speakers Dr. Danny Lo, MH, Dr. Ar. Otto Lee, and Ms. Diana Leung, with Ms. Vivian Wong as moderator. The event attracted 80 on-site and 500 online participants.



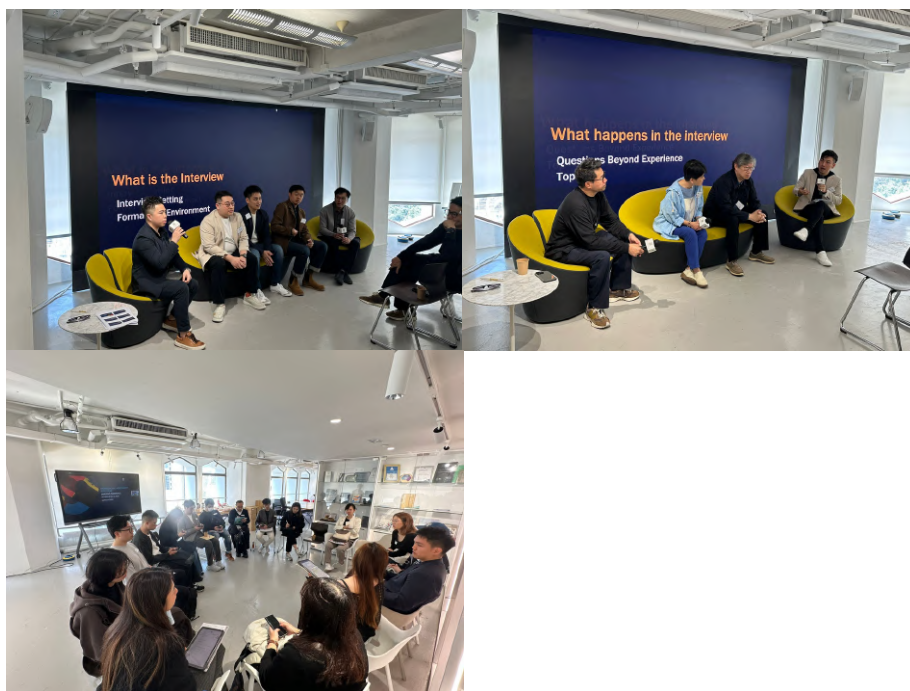
HKIA 70A x URA 25A The Voice of Architect 2.0

The "Voice of Architects 2.0" singing competition, co-organised by HKIA and URA, was successfully held at The Hall, Graham Street, Central, bringing together architects and URA colleagues on stage to celebrate HKIA's 70th Anniversary and URA's 25th Anniversary. Participants from both organisations showcased their musical talents, expressing the connections and passion of our city through song.



Professional Assessment Interview Sharing Session & Interview Clinic

The Professional Assessment Interview Sharing Session & Interview Clinic was successfully held, and we are grateful to all the candidates and guests for their participation. We trust the sharing and clinic sessions provided valuable insights for the candidates in preparing for their Professional Interviews.



YAG Social 2.0

YAG Social 2.0 took place on 22nd May, bringing together participants for an evening of engaging conversations and networking. The event featured two speakers from the "Dream Girls" initiative, Sabrina Wu and Lenna Tsang, who shared their invaluable insights on their professional journeys and their mission to inspire the next generation. The evening fostered a wonderful atmosphere and set the stage for future YAG activities.



HKIA Member & ARB Registration Certificates Presentation Ceremony 2026

HKIA Member & ARB Registration Certificates Presentation Ceremony 2026 was successfully held on 9th Aug 2026 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC).



HKIA CPD Events

- CPD Guided Tour: The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong and the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute
- CPD Seminar: Sustainability and Carbon Neutrality: Let Us Embrace Innovative Eco-Shorelines!
- CPD Seminar: Reflections on Architectural Heritage and Conservation
Theme 1: Early Roots of Architectural Conservation — Exploring the pioneering milestones of Hong Kong's heritage landscape.
- CPD Seminar: Modernising Environmental Impact Assessment through AI in Hong Kong
- CPD Seminar: Net Zero Concrete: Pathways to Sustainable Construction
- CPD Seminar: Reflections on Architectural Heritage and Conservation
Theme 2: Regulation and Practice in Adaptive Reuse
- CPD Seminar: From Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) to Hong Kong Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Design Guidelines
- CPD Seminar: Reflections on Architectural Heritage and Conservation
Theme 3: Urban Renewal and Heritage Conservation
- CPD Guided Tour: Revitalizing Cantonese Heritage —In-Depth Tour of Urban Historical District Revitalization and Historical Building Adaptive Reuse in Guangzhou

- CPD Guided Tour: Bay Area Exchange Seminar/Forum and Project Tour on the Research and Application of Contemporary Timber Structures and Renewable Materials
- CPD Seminar: 跨越邊界：建築師的海外市場故事（一）
- CPD Seminar: Hong Kong Architects' China Tales III
- CPD Guided Tour: Shenzhen Day Tour – 20260124
- CPD Guided Tour: Shanghai the INLET Visit
- CPD Seminar: Bridging Practice and Innovation: Technology and AI Application in Design and Building Industry
- CPD Guided Tour: Shenzhen Day Tour – 20260801
- CPD Sharing: Global Perspective: HKIA Delegates Share International Insights
- ICAC Seminar with URA and HKP for HKIA Members
- C PARK 海粟文化廣場參觀活動
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Tech Data Distribution (Hong Kong) Limited (Distributor of Autodesk)
- Introduction of HKIA Specialist: Project Manager (Architect)
- CPD Seminar: Pixelated Histories: Revealing the Hidden Stories from Islands in Hong Kong
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: GRAPHISOFT Asia Limited
- 粵歷更生 —— 廣州城中歷史街區 活化及歷史建築改造深度行
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Jetway Building Material Limited (2nd Seminar)
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Saint Gobain Hong Kong & Macau
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Marsh (Hong Kong Limited)
- BIM Pro Top Up Training Course
- CPD Seminar: NEC4 Professional Services Contract (PSC)
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Orientop Limited
- Fortifying Your Practice: Preventing and Managing Contractual Disputes & Disciplinary Actions
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Denka Construction Solutions Far East Limited
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Marsh (Hong Kong) Limited
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Leigei Stone Company Limited
- CPD Seminar: Role of a Specified Professional under the Basic Housing Unit Regulatory Regime
- CPD Guided Tour: Lau Fau Shan Former Police Station
- YAG x UABB2025 x GDGHK the ArchiTech Hackathon: Bridging Architecture and AI
- Master Series 2 - CPD Seminar: Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Hospital & Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute
- Space and Sound in Architecture_Part 1
- Space and Sound in Architecture_Part 2

- CPD Seminar: Towards AI+ Architecture: Early Adoption of Generative AI in Practice
- CPD Seminar: Land Leases and their impact on Project Management Professions in HK
- Carbon Neutrality
- CPD Seminar: Beyond Hype: Practical AI Performance for Code Compliance, Knowledge Management & Early-Stage Design
- CPD Seminar: AI Applications in Project Management
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Orientop
- ICAC Workshop: Tackle Integrity Risks in Management of Public Works Projects in a New Way
- Joint CPD Seminar: Enhancing Safety Culture for Excellence
- How to Manage the Main Contracts under the Construction Industry Security of Payment Ordinance (Cap. 652)
- CPD Seminar: The Placemakers of Hong Kong
- CPD Seminar Overcoming Digital Delivery Risks Understanding BIM Requirements
- CPD Seminar: From Buildings to People – An Understanding of Human-Oriented Design Approach
- CPD Guided Tour at HSITP
- Shenzhen Day Tour
- CPD Seminar: CIC - CITF
- CPD Seminar by Industry Partner: Jetway
- ICAC Workshop: Integrity Capacity Building Workshop – Corruption Prevention in Administration of New Engineering Contract (NEC) Target Contracts
- CPD Seminar: Project Management: Team management
- Joint CPD Seminar: Construction Safety
- CPD Seminar - Introduction of the new SFBC and the Guidance Notes
- CPD Seminar - Introduction of the New Standard Form of Contract for Building Works 2025 – the Nominated Sub-Contract and Nominated Supply Contract by Pinsent Masons
- CPD Seminar - Overcoming Digital Delivery Risks Understanding BIM Requirements

12. Program of the Institute

Please refer to above major programmes and activities

13. Architectural Competitions/Awards for Membership during the year under review

Please refer to above major programmes and activities

14. Key Issues Facing the Architects/Architectural Profession/ Institute in Hong Kong

Fee Diving Issues

Intense market competition and economic slowdown have led to severe "fee diving," where firms undercut prices to win projects. This aggressive price-cutting severely shrinks profit margins, restricts operational resources, and threatens design quality. The resulting financial pressure leads to lower salaries and staff retention struggles, posing a major risk to the sustainability of Hong Kong's architectural sector.

The Adaptation for AI

The rapid rise of AI is transforming architectural design and technical workflows. While AI offers huge boosts in efficiency and visualization, firms face challenges in upskilling staff and managing risks around intellectual property, data security, and professional liability. HKIA is actively supporting members through CPD training and workshops to help them adopt AI tools responsibly while maintaining professional standards.

15. Resources of the Institute

HKIA Weekly

<https://hkia.net/en/whats-on/4/hkia-weekly>

16. The Institute's efforts to implement ARCASIA Resolutions adopted in the past Council Meetings

To ensure that resolutions adopted at ARCASIA Council Meetings are effectively implemented, HKIA maintains an active governance workflow through regular Board and ARCASIA Committee meetings. To deliberate directives, evaluate their local context, and formulate concrete recommendations. These suggestions are then submitted to the HKIA Council, institution-wide execution across HKIA's initiatives and professional practice framework.

17. Plans for the Future

Building upon a rich legacy established on 3 September 1956, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) is proudly celebrating its 70th Anniversary in 2026. Marking seven decades of architectural excellence, professional development, and significant contributions to Hong Kong's built environment, HKIA continues to execute

a vibrant series of celebratory initiatives throughout the year under its official anniversary visual identity.

Key upcoming and ongoing highlights for the 70th Anniversary celebrations include International Symposium and guided tours, awards, publications, and photography events, tree planting activities the series invites the community to explore architecture from multiple perspectives — cultural, social, and forward-looking.

Alongside our milestone local activities, HKIA remains steadfastly committed to regional collaboration and international engagement. Continual support for the Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) is planned for HKIA through funding allocation and appointing appropriate representatives to contribute to different ARCASIA committees, while actively nurturing young blood to join and contribute to ARCASIA's platform.

Please visit the HKIA Official Website: <https://www.hkia.net>. for more information.

18. Any other important issues which require ARCASIA Council to address/assist.

To safeguard professional standards and practice sustainability, HKIA seeks ARCASIA's collective voice and regional support, a letter to reflect the concern of fee diving issues in the architectural industry for protect the long-term viability of architectural practice.

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