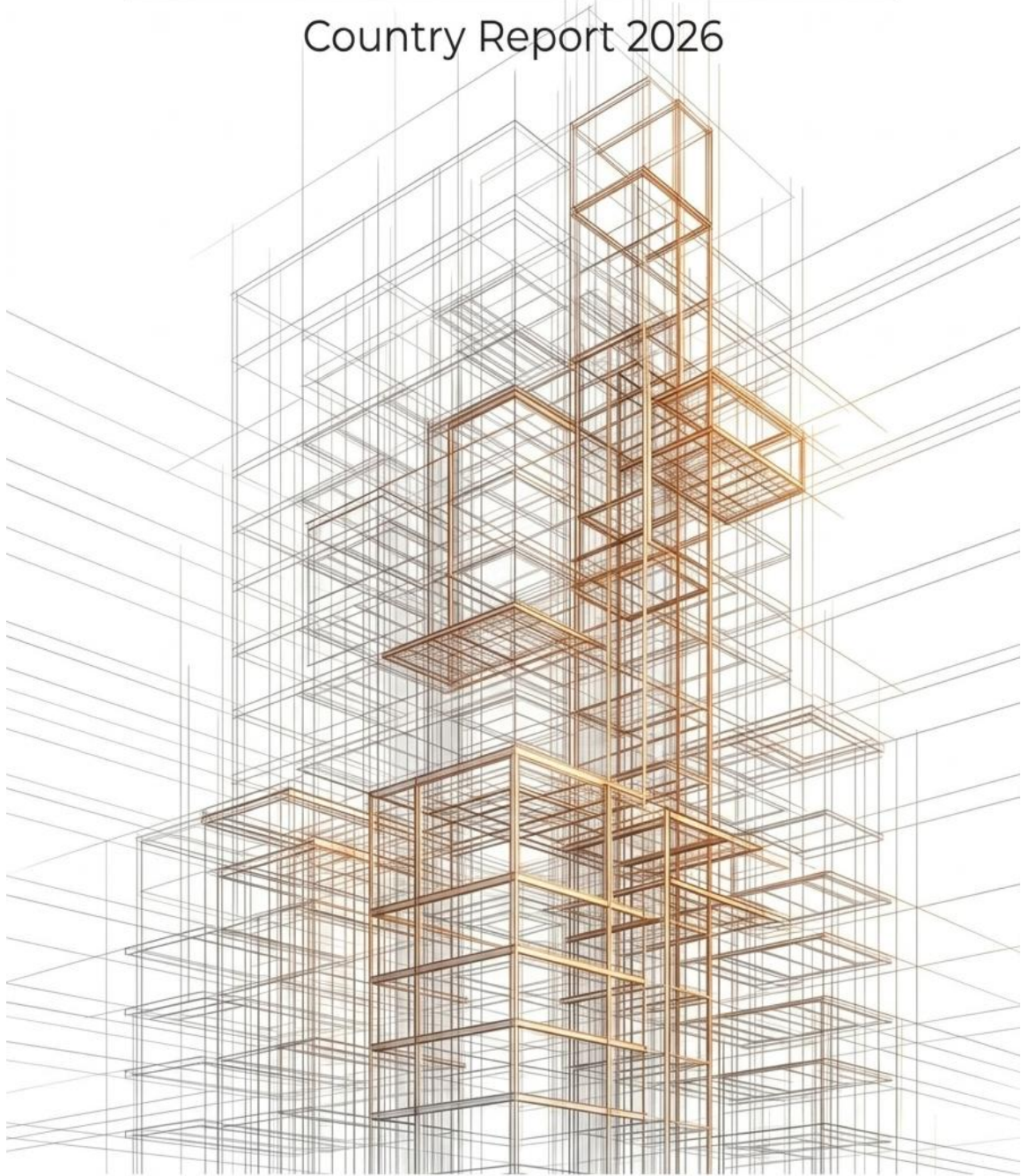


SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Country Report 2026



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Brief History of SIA

The origins of Singapore's formal architectural profession date back to 1923 with the establishment of the Singapore Society of Architects. This pioneering body successfully advocated for the landmark Architects Ordinance of 1926, which granted formal legal protection to the profession in January 1927. As regional networks expanded, the organisation evolved into the Institute of Architects of Malaya in 1931, headquartered in Singapore.

Following a period of regional restructuring, including the autonomy of the Kuala Lumpur branch, the local fraternity reconstituted as the Society of Malayan Architects in 1958. This entity laid the immediate groundwork for the modern Institute. The Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) held its inaugural Extraordinary General Meeting on 14 April 1961, officially registering under the Societies Act on 5 March 1963, and achieving formal gazettelement on 15 March 1963.

In 1961, the Society of Malayan Architects was reconstituted as the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA). The SIA was registered under the Societies Act on March 5, 1963, and officially gazetted on March 15, 1963. Its inaugural Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held on April 14, 1961.

Since its establishment, SIA has been committed to advancing the architectural profession and fostering the development of Singapore's built environment. Today, the Institute serves as the sole representative of the architectural profession in Singapore.

Strategic Identity and Operational Blueprint

The institutional blueprint of the Singapore Institute of Architects is underpinned by a clear alignment of purpose, translating macro-level systemic goals into actionable development vectors.

1. Vision, Mission, and Core Objectives

The Institute is driven by a clear mandate: **“To champion excellence in architecture and the built environment”**, guided by the overarching vision of positioning **“Singapore as an Architecture Capital.”**

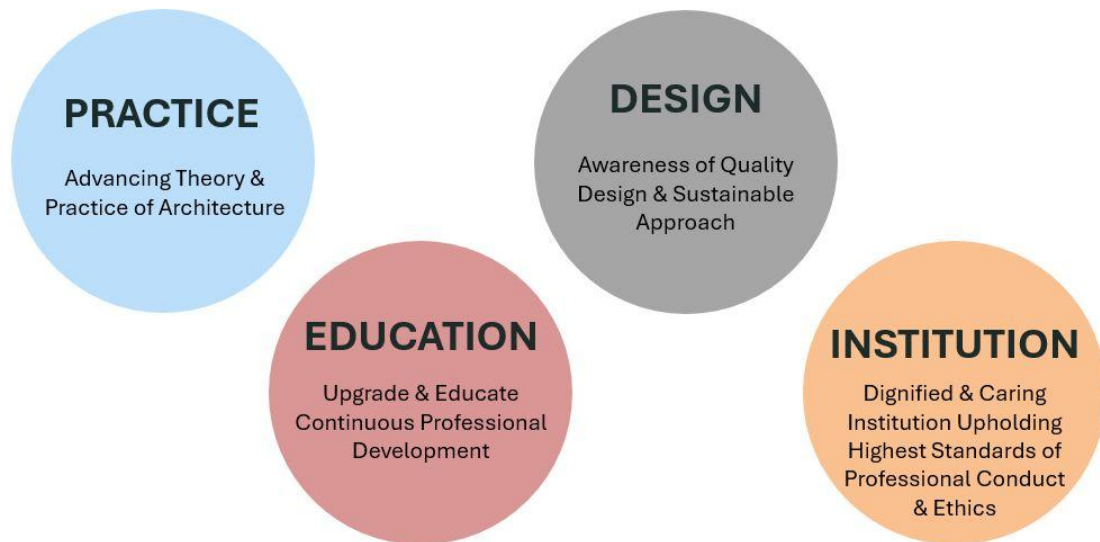
To operationalise this vision, the Institute focuses on four core strategic objectives:

- Fostering Awareness and Appreciation: Cultivating a deeper community-wide understanding of how sustainable, high-quality design enriches the built environment.
- Advancing Architecture: Driving the progression of architectural theory and practice by actively supporting rigorous research, innovation, and absolute excellence across design, practice, and education.
- Enhancing Professionalism: Elevating professional standards through a robust Continuing Professional Development (CPD) framework, ensuring practitioners remain agile and equipped to serve the public interest.
- Upholding Standards and Ethics: Uniting the architectural fraternity under a shared vision of a dignified, socially conscious profession that adheres to the highest benchmarks of professional conduct and ethical responsibility.

Strategic Identity and Operational Blueprint

2. The Four Pillars of Strategic Development (Strategic Thrusts)

To systematically fulfil its long-term mission, the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) channels its activities through four key strategic pillars, formally designated as Strategic Thrusts:



Thrust I: Design

- Design Leadership: Establishing absolute thought leadership in design and actively promoting architectural excellence across the built environment.
- Merit Recognition: Celebrating outstanding professional achievements through prestigious awards, industry accolades, and public recognition.
- Progressive Growth: Fostering continuous professional growth by integrating formal architectural education, CPD frameworks, research, and targeted innovation.

Thrust II: Practice

- Creative Advocacy: Championing structured architectural design competitions to elevate industry standards and unlock spatial creativity.
- Equitable Frameworks: Securing fair, balanced, and equitable conditions of appointment and commercial terms for practicing architects.

Strategic Identity and Operational Blueprint

- Policy & Competency: Promoting advanced technical competency while engaging proactively with regulatory authorities in national policy formulation.

Thrust III: Education

- CPD Enhancement: Strengthening and modernising the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) framework to match global practice shifts.
- Pedagogical Excellence: Championing the vital role of high-quality architectural education and fostering strong ties between academia and active practice.

Thrust IV: Institution

- Fraternity Expansion: Growing the institute's membership base to solidify and strengthen the unified voice of the architectural profession.
- Synergistic Partnerships: Expanding professional opportunities for members by nurturing robust, value-driven alliances with broader industry stakeholders.
- Globalization & Public Advocacy: Elevating the public profile of architects and promoting the globalization of Singapore's design expertise across regional markets.

66th SIA Council 2026-2027

Office Bearers & Immediate Past President



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President



Ar. Tony Ang
1st Vice President
Design Thrust
Co-Chair



Ar. Adrian Lai
2nd Vice President
Education Thrust
Co-Chair



Ar. Ivy Koh
Honorary Secretary
Practice Thrust
Co-Chair



Ar. Kor Teck Poh
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Ar. Melvin HJ Tan
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Christian Chin
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Ar. Chio Wen
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Thrust
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Ar. William Lau



Ar. Patrick Lee
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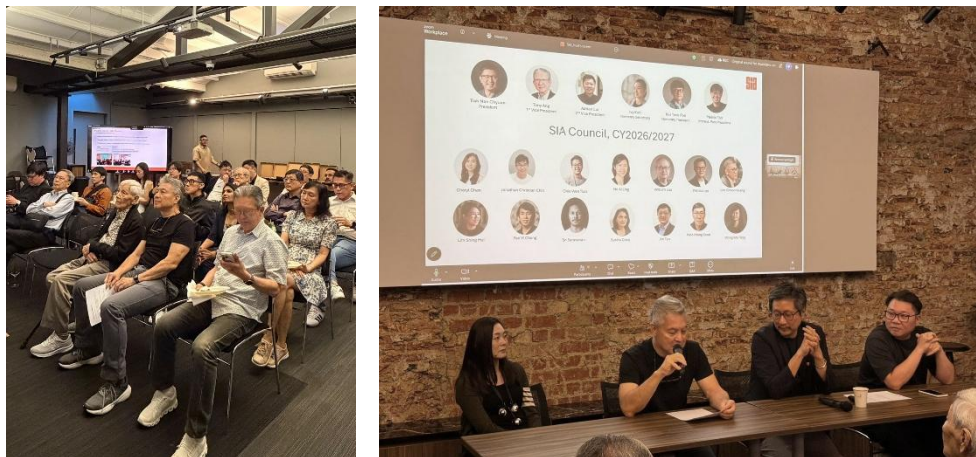
Membership & AGM

Current Membership Strength

SIA comprises 1,368 members, including 1,103 voting members.

Annual General Meeting

SIA held its 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 31 March 2026, bringing members together to review the year's milestones, evaluate key industry developments, and chart a strategic path forward. The session featured comprehensive updates on the Institute's activities, financial standing, and core initiatives, offering attendees a transparent look at institutional progress. Members actively engaged in discussions to help shape SIA's upcoming objectives, reinforcing the AGM's role as a cornerstone event for fostering professional collaboration and driving the continuous advancement of Singapore's architectural landscape.



Flagship Event – Singapore Archifest (SGAF)

Singapore Archifest (SGAF) 2026

Singapore Archifest 2026 marked the landmark 20th edition of the nation's premier flagship festival dedicated to celebrating architectural innovation, advanced design, and the built environment. Anchored by the macro-theme "**CONVERGENCE: Themes and Variations**", the festival served as a vital intellectual nexus, uniting industry practitioners, academic scholars, and the public through a highly curated itinerary featuring the Singapore Archifest Conference, Expo & Market, alongside specialized exhibitions, symposia, Architours, and community-led workshops.

The main Conference featured keynotes from internationally acclaimed visionaries Elizabeth Diller, Marina Tabassum, and Lina Ghotmeh. In parallel, the Singapore Archifest Forum, co-curated alongside the SIA Young Architects League, championed emerging voices through advanced panel dialogues and a dedicated exhibition highlighting rising architectural practices.

A central milestone of the itinerary was SGAF20: Celebrating 20 Editions of Singapore Archifest, a commemorative retrospective honoring the festival's institutional legacy while firmly solidifying its mandate as the region's leading platform for architectural discourse, cross-border industry collaboration, and broad public engagement.



Flagship Event – Singapore Archifest (SGAF)



Statutory & Regulatory Framework

The architectural ecosystem in Singapore operates within a transparent legal framework designed to safeguard public safety, advance environmental sustainability, and preserve professional integrity. This regulatory landscape defines the distinct operational boundaries and governance structures connecting voluntary professional bodies, licensed individual practitioners, and state statutory authorities.

Legal Status of the Institute

While the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) is officially recognized as the sole representative body for the architectural profession in Singapore, it functions as a professional organization without statutory authority.

Legal Status of the Architect

In Singapore, the title "Architect" (Ar.) is a protected legal designation under the Architects Act. Only individuals registered with the Board of Architects (BOA) and holding a valid annual practicing certificate can legally practice architecture or assume the statutory role of a Qualified Person (QP). QPs bear strict civil and criminal liabilities for ensuring that building designs strictly comply with national safety, structural, and environmental codes.

Architects Registration Authority

The statutory regulator governing the profession is the Board of Architects (BOA), Singapore, a statutory board under the Ministry of National Development (MND). The BOA is legally mandated to administer the Architects Act, maintain the official Register of Architects, issue corporate practice licenses, and enforce the Professional Conduct and Ethics Rules through disciplinary tribunals.

International Affiliations

Cultivating robust alliances with global architectural bodies remains a core strategic objective for SIA, achieved through proactive engagement and a continuous exchange of professional insights.

To this end, SIA maintains active membership in prominent global networks, including:

- Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA)
- International Union of Architects (UIA)

These strategic affiliations ensure the Institute remains at the forefront of global architectural advancements while establishing a dynamic platform for cross-border dialogue, impactful collaboration, and knowledge sharing with international counterparts.

Programme Calendar of SIA

SIA deployed a comprehensive and dynamic calendar of events, symposia, and strategic initiatives designed to advance design leadership, support professional practice, and fortify industry-wide collaboration across the built environment.

Sep 2025

- 04 Sep Cosentino Professional Knowledge Seminar (PKS)
- 05 Sep SIA-PUB Joint Webinar
- 09 Sep SIA-SMAP: Protecting an Architect's Interests
- 10 Sep SIA Design Awards #1
- 17 Sep Inspirational Talk by Minister Indranee Rajah (National Development)
- 19 Sep Building Control and Parks Seminar
- 24 Sep SIA Design Awards #2
- 25 Sep Rockwool PKS
- 25 Sep Thursday Night: Invisible Codes, Visible Cities
- 30 Sep Inspirational Talk by Minister Chan Chun Sing (National Defence)

Oct 2025

- 01 Oct SIA Design Awards #3
- 08 Oct SIA Design Awards #4
- 09 Oct Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Workshop #1
- 09 Oct Buildo PKS
- 10 Oct ADR Workshop #2
- 15 Oct SIA Design Awards #5
- 16 Oct ADR Workshop #3
- 16 Oct SIA On Site: 6 Robin Drive
- 17 Oct Building Control and Parks Webinar
- 22 Oct SIA Design Awards #6
- 23 Oct Nickel Institute PKS
- 23 Oct Thursday Night: Women in Architecture

Programme Calendar of SIA

- 24 Oct Nippon PKS
- 29 Oct SIA-NEA Joint Webinar

Nov 2025

- 03 Nov Sustainability Talk
- 03 Nov ClimateFresk
- 04 Nov Fire Safety and Security Seminar
- 12 Nov Preview: The Great Arch
- 13 Nov SolarGy PKS
- 13 Nov SIA Marketplace Roundtable
- 20 Nov Thursday Night: New Industrial Typologies
- 21 Nov SIA-URA Joint Seminar
- 25 Nov DATUK Pioneer Series
- 26 Nov DATUK Pioneer Series
- 27 Nov Cosentino PKS

Jan 2026

- 09 Jan Small Medium Architectural Practice (SMAP) Kopi Talk
- 16 Jan ADR-BC Webinar: ADR Mechanisms
- 22 Jan CorenetX: Submission Readiness Module 1
- 23 Jan Research and Standards Webinar / Facade Design
- 29 Jan SIA-EDL PKS
- 29 Jan Corenet X: Submission Readiness Module 2

Feb 2026

- 04 Feb SIA-HSBC Fengshui Talk
- 26 Feb Future Ready Practice: Digital Technology

Programme Calendar of SIA

Mar 2026

- 06 Mar Business and Office Systems Talk
- 12 Mar SIA-Cosentino PKS
- 14 Mar GUI On Site
- 17 Mar Corenet X
- 18 Mar Exclusive Tour: Changi Airport Terminal 5 Exhibition
- 19 Mar Corenet X
- 25 Mar Bimage PKS

Apr 2026

- 01 Apr VCC Design Competition Webinar
- 09 Apr 4 Plus 8 PKS
- 09 Apr French Architects Seminar
- 21 Apr Corenet X
- 22 Apr Buildo PKS
- 23 Apr Corenet X
- 25 Apr Wellness Learning Journey

May 2026

- 07 May German Design Council PKS
- 12 May Maipei PKS
- 14 May Thursday Night: Reading Architecture
- 21 May Employment Lifecycle Seminar
- 21 May Rockwool PKS
- 22 May Inspirational Talk by Minister Jeffrey Siow (Transport)

Jun 2026

- 02 Jun Corenet X
- 04 Jun Corenet X

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- 04 Jun Jotun PKS
- 10 Jun SIA On Site LTA
- 18 Jun Cosentino PKS
- 19 Jun Arbitration Workshop
- 25 Jun SIA-CSR Visit: Enabling Village
- 26 Jun Arbitration Workshop
- 30 Jun Corenet X

Jul 2026

- 02 Jul Siderise PKS
- 03 Jul Corenet X
- 03 Jul Arbitration Workshop
- 16 Jul APC Tutorial
- 22 Jul SGAF Opening Reception / SIA Dinner Reception
- 22 Jul Singapore Archifest (SGAF) Day 1
- 23 Jul SGAF Day 2
- 24 Jul SGAF Day 3

Aug 2026

- 03 Aug Tay Keng Soon Course
- 05 Aug Seiko Wall PKS
- 06 Aug Architectural Practice Course (APC) Tutorial
- 07 Aug SIA Master Planning Series
- 11 Aug Corenet X: Submission Readiness for QPs & QPA
- 12 Aug Inspirational Talk by Minister Ong Ye Kung (Education)
- 13 Aug Corenet X: Submission Readiness for QPs & QPA
- 14 Aug SIA-NParks Seminar
- 18 Aug Architectural Employment Course
- 19 Aug Architectural Employment Course

Programme Calendar of SIA

- 20 Aug Rockfon PKS
- 21 Aug SIA Design Awards Night 2026

SIA Major Programs

Over the past twelve months, SIA has steadily advanced its mandate to champion architectural excellence, support the profession, and elevate the built environment. Driven by a series of high-impact programmes, these initiatives directly manifest the Institute's enduring commitment to innovation, education, strategic collaboration, and progressive sustainability.

DESIGN THRUST

Think Tank: URA-SIA Sembawang Shipyard District (SSD) Consultancy Study

SENBAWANG SHIPYARD DISTRICT

The URA-SIA SSD Consultancy Study leverages the area's rich maritime heritage and waterfront setting to address Singapore's medium-to-long term land needs by transforming the former naval base into a future-ready, mixed-use seafront district.



As the core spatial framework for this initiative, the SIA consultancy team formulated **W.H.A.R.F 27** (Waterfront Heritage Arboretum for a Resilient Future). This visionary

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master plan concept transforms the industrial shipyard into a lifestyle and innovation hub. The design intentionally preserves the district's raw, maritime industrial identity while seamlessly integrating commercial zones, nature-centric recreation, and public amenities. Ultimately, the proposal establishes an adaptive, community-focused ecosystem that balances environmental sustainability and coastal urban resilience in alignment with the regional planning visions of the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

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PRACTICE THRUST

Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment 2025



CODE ON ACCESSIBILITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT 2025



SIA's active stewardship in reviewing the Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment 2025 underscores its commitment to universal, user-centric design paradigms. Through strategic technical consultations and multi-stakeholder collaboration, the Institute actively contributed to refining this updated resource, driving greater accessibility and inclusive design equity across Singapore's built environment.

RTO (Architectural) Certification and Registry Implementation

The Institute advanced the formalization of the Resident Technical Officer (Architectural) [RTO(Architectural)] role within project delivery to reinforce on-site architectural representation, heighten quality assurance, and safeguard design integrity during construction. This strategic initiative establishes structured career pathways for technical practitioners while elevating standards of execution across the construction ecosystem.

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Procurement Monitoring and Industry Advocacy

To champion equitable and sustainable procurement, SIA actively monitored public and private tender frameworks that contravened the SIA Members' Consensus and prevailing industry standards. Advocacy efforts targeted systemic challenges, including uncompensated design submissions, disproportionate liability clauses, and onerous contractual obligations. Through constructive dialogue with procurement agencies and key stakeholders, the Institute successfully promoted transparent procurement principles that accurately value professional architectural services and protect the long-term viability of the practice.

Review of SIA Conditions of Appointment and Mode of Payment

In alignment with updated payment frameworks under the CORENET X process, which frontload consultancy milestones to reflect intensified early-stage design and coordination efforts, SIA has initiated a comprehensive review of its Conditions of Appointment, Architect's Services, and Mode of Payment (4th Edition). This revision ensures that institutional fee benchmarks remain commercially relevant and structurally synchronized with contemporary regulatory workflows.

International Engagement: Japan MET Overseas Promotion Council



The Institute hosted an international industry delegation to facilitate knowledge transfer and examine technical advancements within the mass timber sector. Bilateral discussions centered on mass timber execution, capacity-building frameworks,

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technical internationalization, and the reconciliation of cross-border regulatory standards with local compliance mandates, thereby strengthening regional alliances in sustainable construction.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Industry Engagement

SIA maintains its commitment to lifelong learning and professional mastery through a curated suite of seminars, technical symposia, and site inspections designed to keep practitioners at the forefront of technological innovations, regulatory shifts, and best practices. Beyond knowledge dissemination, these educational platforms serve as critical conduits for cross-sector collaboration between practitioners, statutory bodies, industry partners, and academia, actively driving collective innovation and advancing architectural standards nationwide.



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EDUCATION THRUST

The Institute's educational mandate establishes strategic frameworks for advanced professional learning, industry integration, and community alignment through three foundational pillars:

Professional Knowledge Series

Delivers specialized technical briefings and seminars in coordination with industry experts, material scientists, and leading suppliers, equipping practitioners with critical insights into emerging technologies, market dynamics, and sustainable construction practices.

EVENT

Guocera Learning Journey

Large Format Tiling & Perspectives to Tile Adhesives Installation

31 July 2025 | Thursday
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Ardex-Quicseal Training Academy, 7 Eunus Ave 8A, Singapore 409460

2 CPD Points
#siamember \$0 | Non-member \$50

Speakers

1. **Teresa Lim**
Regional Business Manager

2. **Phun Yoke Fong**
Technical Service Manager





EVENT

Rockfon Professional Knowledge Series

Design for the Senses

28 Aug 2025 | Thu
6.00 pm - 9.30 pm

Nicoll 3 (Level 3), 1 Raffles Boulevard, Singapore 039593

2 CPD Points
#siamember Free | Non-member \$50

Speaker:

Pascal van Dort
Global Acoustics Ambassador
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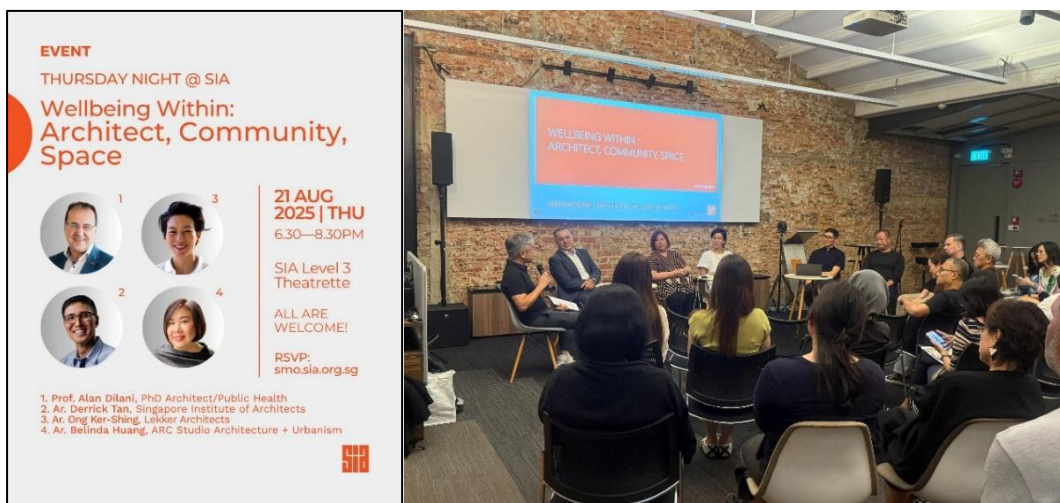




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Thursday Night at SIA

Serves as a premier networking forum engineered to cultivate institutional cohesion. The platform offers a collegial environment for strategic knowledge sharing, cross-disciplinary exchange, and professional fellowship.



Inspirational Talks with Ministers

Convenes exclusive symposia with government ministers to provide the membership with vital foresight into national policies and legislative frameworks, fostering high-level dialogue between architectural practitioners and public leadership.

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EVENT

SIA Inspirational Talk By Minister Indraneel Rajah



17 SEP 2025 | WED
3.00—4.30PM

SIA Level 3 Theatre

SIA MEMBERS ONLY

RSVP: sma.sia.org.sg

Ms Indraneel Rajah
Minister in the Prime Minister's Office,
Second Minister for Finance and National Development





EVENT

SIA Inspirational Talk By Minister Chan Chun Sing



30 SEP 2025 | TUE
2.00—3.30PM

SIA Level 3 Theatre

SIA MEMBERS ONLY

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Mr. Chan Chun Sing
Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence,
Minister-in-charge of the Public Service





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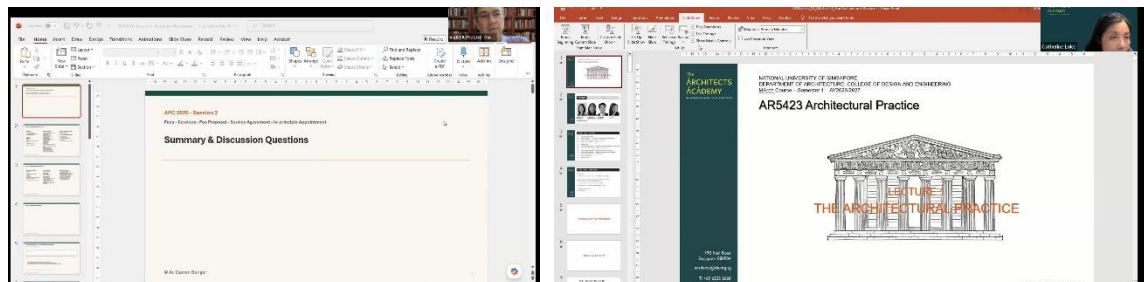
ACADEMY.SIA

Academy.SIA, the professional education division of the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), advances continuous professional development across the built-environment sector. Through practice-oriented pedagogy, regulatory upskilling, and strategic alliances, the Academy addresses evolving competencies, refines professional registration pathways, and broadens continuing education.

The year's initiatives are strategically grouped under four foundational pillars:

Professional Registration and Academic Integration

- a. Architectural Practice Course (APC) 2026: Provides structured lectures, tutorials, and practice-based modules to prepare architectural graduates for professional registration. Interactive self-assessment metrics were introduced this year to optimize core knowledge retention.
- b. APC Lite (AR5423): Conducted in partnership with the Department of Architecture at the National University of Singapore (NUS), this initiative bridges academic theory and professional practice, elevating students' practical readiness and contextual awareness during their career transition.



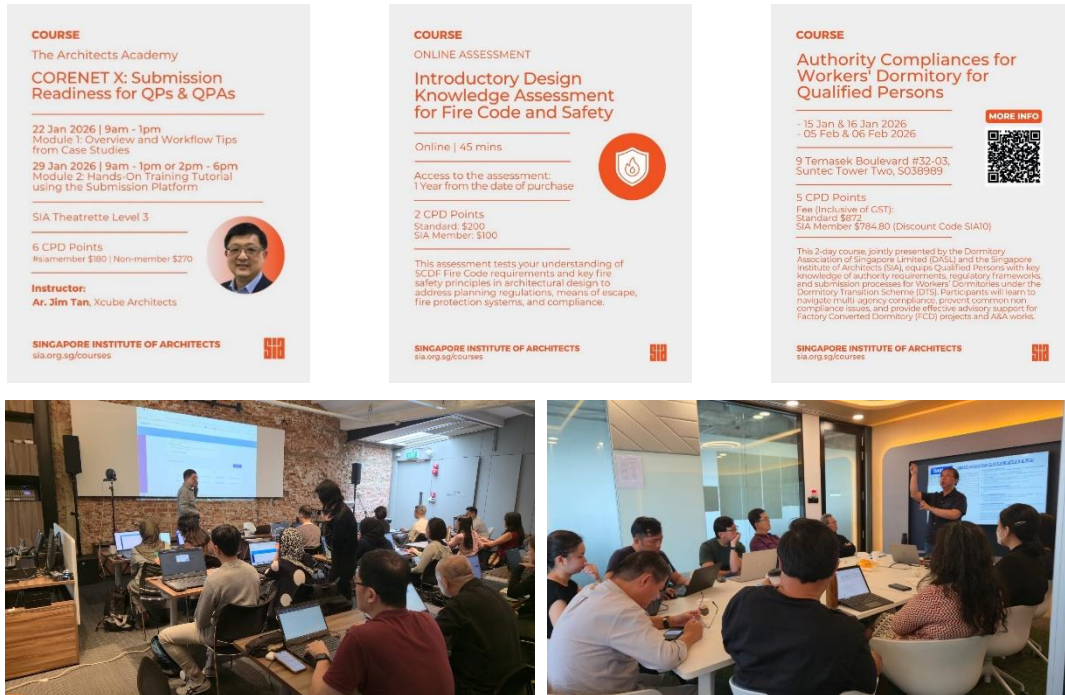
Regulatory Compliance and Technical Upskilling

- a. CORENET X Readiness: Equips Qualified Persons (QPs) and Assistants (QPAs) with critical operational workflows for the national digital submission transition.
- b. Fire Safety & Specialized Compliance: Features a self-paced digital fire code module and CPD assessment developed with the Singapore Civil Defence

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Force (SCDF), alongside a specialized dormitory compliance course run with the Dormitory Association of Singapore Limited (DASL).

- c. Site Supervision Architecture: Establishes a training framework, a formal accreditation Registry, and a two-year Work-Study pipeline for Resident Technical Officers (Architectural) in alignment with the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and Ngee Ann Polytechnic.



Socio-Cultural Discourse and Design Leadership

- a. Pioneer Architect & Dialogue Series: Launched the inaugural legacy session honoring Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat. It also featured the Re-Humanising Architecture workshop led by Ar. Tay Kheng Soon, challenging practitioners to address macro geopolitical and social paradigms through practical massing design.
- b. Inclusive Design: Convened an ArchiFest symposium with BCA, SG Enable, NUS, Playeum, and Stuck Design, setting up extended practice-based workflows for 2027 to embed inclusive frameworks into daily design execution.

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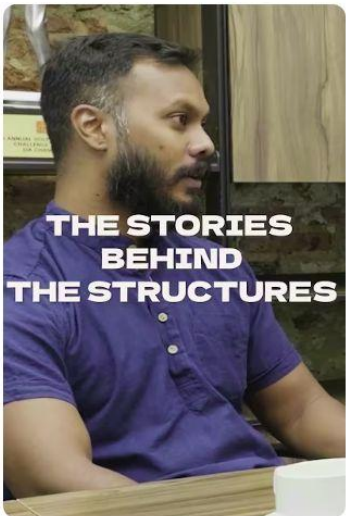
Institutional Outreach and Practice Management

- a. Architectural Podcast: Expanded digital outreach on the SIA YouTube channel, debuting a four-season series unpacking complex client, legal, contractor, and consultant dispute resolutions.
- b. Employment Lifecycle Workshop: Partnered with Co:Grow and the Workforce Development Agency (WDA Framework) to advance talent recruitment, retention, and operational management capabilities via panellist symposia and practical workshops.
- c. Academic Alliances: Formed education matrices with Singapore, Ngee Ann, Nanyang, Temasek, and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) polytechnics to launch co-curated architectural AI applications and inclusive design modules in Q4 2026.

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No One Tells Architects
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ArchitectuREAL —
Podcast Launch



ArchitectuREAL: The
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INSTITUTION THRUST

SIA Golf Tournament 2025

The SIA Annual Golf Tournament made a distinguished return on 29 August 2025, convening golf enthusiasts and key stakeholders from across the built environment and construction sectors. The premier sporting event featured a competitive field alongside an array of premium commendations, including a highly coveted Hole-in-One prize, tournament honors, and exclusive lucky draws.

The corporate fixture culminated in an official Prize Presentation Dinner. During his address, SIA President Ar. Tiah Nan Chyuan emphasized that the tournament's execution and resounding success were made possible only through the steadfast support, sponsorships, and valued patronage extended by the Institute's corporate partners and industry networks.



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12th Live Design Discourse (LDD)

Inaugurated in 2017, the Live Design Discourse (LDD) is a vital regional initiative spearheaded by Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia (IAI), Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM), the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), and The Association of Siamese Architects under the Royal Patronage (ASA) to cultivate strategic collaboration among emerging architects. Hosted by SIA, the twelfth edition focused on “Architecture for Tomorrow: Bridging Climate, Community, and Technology.” The symposium featured technical workshops, an Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) exhibition review, and a Punggol Digital District site study. It concluded with a distinguished, leadership-hosted closing dinner celebrating regional cross-border alliances.



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SIA Study Tour: Tokyo – Advancing Architectural Excellence & MET Innovation

With support from SKK, the inaugural SIA Overseas Architectural Immersion Study Tour convened from 10 to 13 March 2026. The delegation of 23 professionals engaged in curated site inspections, enriching symposia at the Japan Institute of Architects, and exclusive studio briefings at Toyo Ito and Obayashi Corporation. This strategic initiative solidified bilateral professional alliances, augmented specialized expertise, and provided critical insights into contemporary Japanese design methodologies, operational frameworks, and sustainable construction paradigms driving the future of the built environment.



Inter-Professional Games (IPG) 2026

The Inter-Professional Games (IPG) constitute an annual athletic tradition engineered to cultivate cross-disciplinary camaraderie, holistic well-being, and collegial competition among Singapore's primary professional bodies. This year, SIA as the designated host institution for the 2026 season, the games convene practitioners from the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA), The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES), the Singapore Medical Association (SMA), The Law Society of Singapore (LSS), and the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV). Spanning from August through November 2026, the IPG serves as a high-value conduit for forging enduring inter-industry alliances and promoting professional equilibrium away from

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the workplace, culminating in a distinguished closing ceremony and formal awards presentation.



SIA Dinner Reception & SGAF Opening 2026

In celebration of 20 momentous editions of Singapore Archifest (SGAF), the SIA Dinner Reception welcomes a new festive format, reimagined as an immersive experience. Vibrant music, an open bar, a sumptuous buffet, and lively conversations come together for a remarkable evening with industry leaders, peers, friends, and architects. The evening will be graced by the Guest-of-Honour, Mr Chee Hong Tat, Minister for National Development.

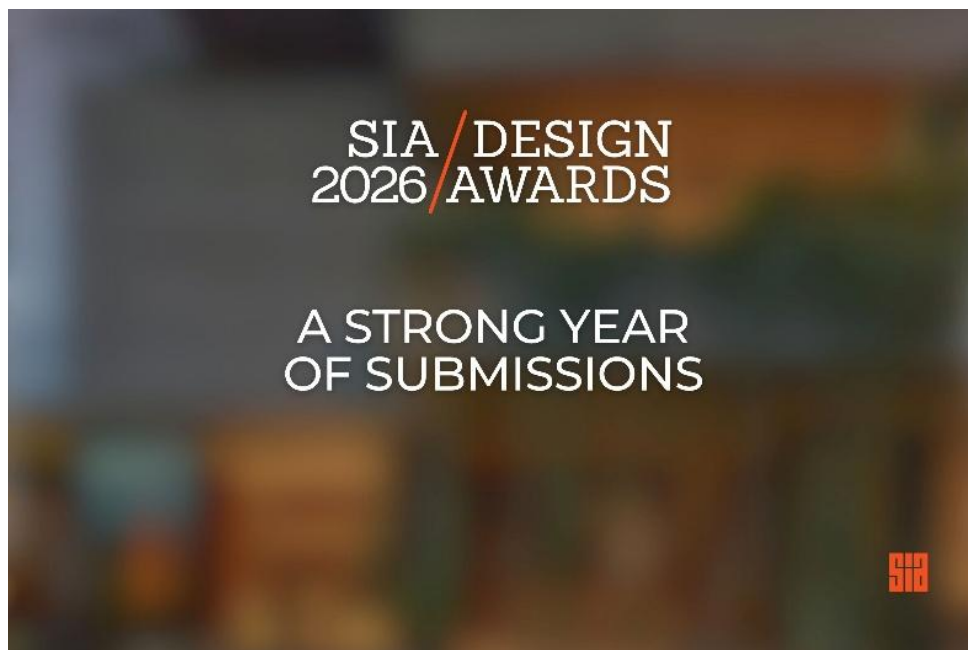


Competitions & Awards

The Institute leverages award cycles and design competitions as strategic instruments to champion spatial innovation, elevate design benchmarks, and broadcast the exceptional calibre of Singapore's architectural excellence onto the global stage. By cultivating institutional partnerships and lowering economic barriers for emerging practices, these platforms collectively nurture domestic talent while solidifying critical cross-border alliances throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

SIA Design Awards (SIADA)

The 2026 edition of the SIA Design Awards (SIADA 2026) marks a historic milestone, celebrating its 25th cycle since inception. The programme continues to honour outstanding architectural achievements while proactively cultivating emerging voices within the profession.



- A Milestone Cycle and Regional Inclusivity: In recognition of this landmark cycle, SIADA 2026 introduced a specialized fee structure for First-Time Submissions and New Firms, successfully lowering entry barriers for emerging practices and fostering fresh design perspectives. The structural participation of the 4-Nation partnership, encompassing Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM), The Association of Siamese Architects (ASA), and Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia (IAI),

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entered its third consecutive year, reinforcing SIADA's mandate for regional inclusivity and yielding a substantial surge in submissions from both local and regional practices.

- Strategic Outlook: As SIADA enters its next evolutionary cycle, the Institute will build upon this momentous milestone by deepening cross-border alliances through the 4-Nation network, nurturing new market entrants via accessible participation pathways, and continuing to set the benchmark for design excellence, innovation, and sustainability within the built environment. SIA looks forward to welcoming a broader, more diverse pool of entrants in 2027, solidifying SIADA's standing as the region's premier platform for architectural achievement.

INDE.Awards



<https://www.indesignlive.com/news/singapore-and-the-sia-inde-2026>

As a 2026 Strategic Partner for the 10th anniversary of the INDE.Awards, SIA secured direct regional visibility for its members across the Indo-Pacific. Singapore delivered its largest-ever cohort of entries, with SIA members achieving an unprecedented 13

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shortlists and a Luminary nomination. Validating the extraordinary calibre of local talent, Angelene Chan, Executive Chairman of DP Architects, received the Luminary award, the programme's highest individual accolade honouring a sustained lifetime body of exceptional work. This success establishes a robust foundation to reinforce Singapore's position as a regional design leader into 2027.

Vivekananda Cultural Centre (VCC) Design Competition



Instituted in November 2025 by the Ramakrishna Mission Singapore (RKM) and SIA, the VCC Design Competition invited architectural proposals for a 2,000m² civic landmark at 179 Bartley Road. To formulate the brief, a joint stakeholder townhall was convened in October 2025 to capture community visions.



(Winner) Under this shelter, you will find rest by YUME Architects

The initiative drew 50 eligible entries, which a rigorous adjudication process narrowed to six finalists. These schemes were displayed at RKM during a public Shortlist Exhibition on 31 January 2026. The competition culminated in February 2026 with a formal Awards Ceremony announcing the final laureate and merit awardees.

Key Strategic Challenges and Future Outlook

Singapore's architectural sector faces a complex structural evolution driven by intersecting economic, regulatory, and technological pressures. Navigating this intricate operating matrix requires practices to actively mitigate systemic operational vulnerabilities while adapting to progressive digital and environmental mandates to secure long-term industry stewardship.

Economic Pressures and Human Capital Dynamics

The architectural sector faces persistent headwinds from intense fee competition and undercutting, leading to severe margin erosion. This fee compression limits critical firm profitability and restricts vital reinvestments in advanced technologies and staff upskilling. Consequently, practices operate under lean resource constraints while managing complex briefs, which exacerbates challenges in talent acquisition and retention. Long working hours and modest remuneration relative to adjacent fields have accelerated attrition, driving top-tier graduates toward alternative career vectors and threatening the long-term business continuity and succession planning of local practices.

Regulatory Escalation and Liability Risks

Architects face an evolving, fragmented legislative landscape that mandates extensive administrative overhead for multi-agency approvals. Professional responsibilities have expanded significantly to encompass strict safety compliance, multi-stakeholder coordination, and enhanced liabilities. Despite this widening operational scope and heightened exposure to project disruptions, design modifications, and contractual friction, corporate compensation models have not scaled proportionately, making the mitigation of legal risks and professional indemnity an overriding operational concern.

Technological and Ecological Disruption

The mandatory transition to integrated digital ecosystems like CORENET X, alongside the rapid integration of artificial intelligence (AI), necessitates a profound restructuring of traditional workflows. While BIM, digital twins, and AI augment productivity, they

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demand substantial capital investment and robust change management. Simultaneously, the profession is increasingly mandated to lead decarbonization efforts—including low-carbon typologies, energy efficiency, and climate resilience—requiring advanced technical expertise and prolonged project lifecycle engagement.⁴

Strategic Position of the Profession

To preserve their position as industry leaders, architects must proactively re-engineer their core competencies by synthesizing technological fluency with decisive design stewardship. Embracing digital delivery and environmental engineering allows practitioners to address increasingly complex spatial and societal briefs. Ultimately, by balancing uncompromised professional judgment and creative vision with a deep alignment with civic imperatives, the architectural community will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping Singapore's built environment.

Resources of the Institute

SIA delivers a robust suite of high-value resources engineered to empower its members and elevate the broader architectural community. These specialized assets are strategically designed to expand professional knowledge, cultivate industry best practices, and equip practitioners with the critical tools necessary to achieve excellence and success within the evolving built environment.

The Singapore Architect Magazine and Website

As the flagship publication of the Singapore Institute of Architects, The Singapore Architect (TSA) magazine, complemented by its dedicated digital platform, serves as the definitive medium for curating contextually relevant architectural discourse. Following the distinguished stewardship of former Editor-in-Chief Ar. Ronald Lim and Ar. Razvan Ghilic-Micu, TSA enters a new chapter under the editorial leadership of Ar. Adrian Lai, maintaining its enduring commitment to visionary architectural storytelling.

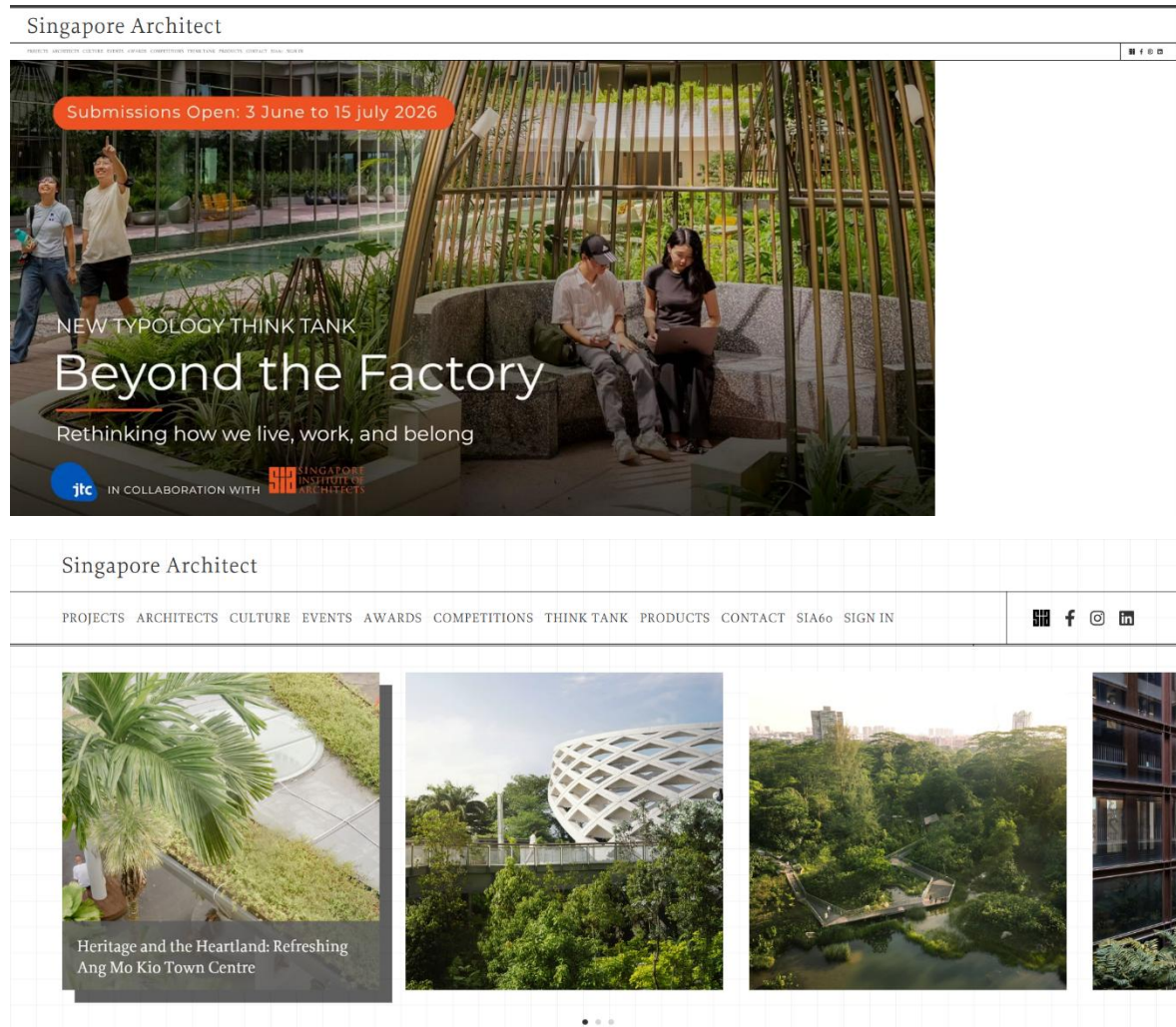
This platform core pillars include:

- Curating Local Innovation: Providing an analytical exploration of groundbreaking projects designed by Singapore-based practitioners, offering deep insights into their underlying design philosophies and execution methodologies.
- Elevating Architectural Discourse: Commissioning regular features that invite architects from diverse backgrounds to provide expert commentary on the built environment, weaving a rich tapestry of perspectives that deepens the understanding of the regional landscape.
- Cultivating Board Engagement: Through compelling, narrative-driven content focused on intentionally designed spaces, the platform engages both industry professionals and the public, guiding readers through inspiring and evocative environments.

By seamlessly synthesizing specialized technical expertise with immersive narratives, the TSA platform successfully bridges the gap between the architectural profession

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and the wider community, fostering a deeper public appreciation for the intersection of design, art, and science.



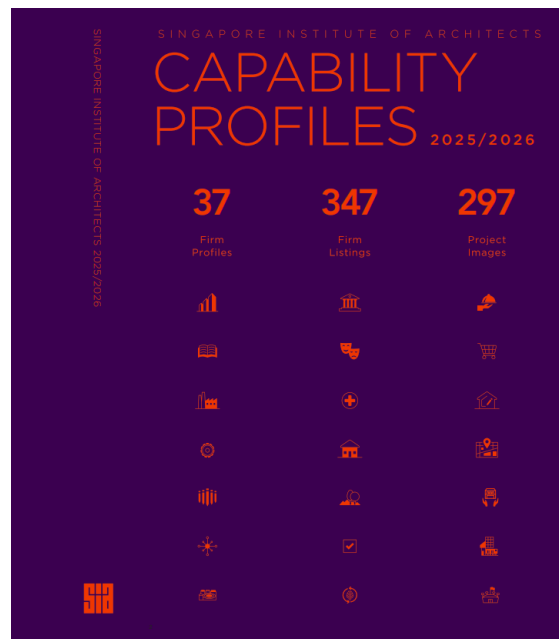
Capability Profiles

The Capability Profiles serve as a definitive registry of architectural practices and registered professionals within Singapore. This comprehensive directory functions as a high-value asset across the industry, specifically structured to:

- **Streamline Client Procurement:** Assist prospective clients in identifying, evaluating, and securing credentialed architects tailored to distinct project mandates.

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- Amplify Institutional Portfolios: Enable firms to strategically position their core expertise, specialized services, and project histories before potential collaborators and target clienteles.
- Advance Global Market Presence: Champion the sophisticated capabilities and competitive benchmarks of Singaporean architects across both domestic and international arenas.



CS News

The CS News serves as a vital institutional publication, systematically distributed to ensure the membership remains thoroughly appraised of shifting professional dynamics and organizational milestones.

This communication channel focuses on broadcasting:

- Emerging Industry Paradigms: Rigorous updates on market developments, technological trends, and regulatory shifts impacting the contemporary architectural landscape.
- Institutional Advocacy and Mandates: Critical briefings regarding SIA's strategic initiatives, upcoming events, and targeted legislative advocacy efforts.

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- Advanced Thought Leadership: Scholarly insights and commentary authored by leading subject-matter experts and pioneering practitioners across the field.

Other Publications

Beyond its primary periodical platforms, SIA curates a diverse portfolio of specialized publications engineered to fortify day-to-day professional practice and operational standards.

a. Standard Building Contracts

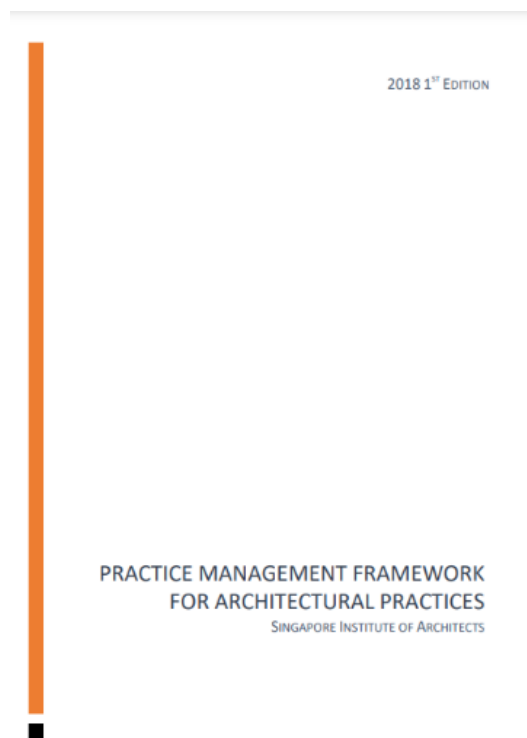
SIA's proprietary suite of standard building contracts establishes transparent, highly equitable legal frameworks for construction projects. Formally recognized as an industry benchmark, these standardized forms of contract optimize risk allocation, streamline project administration, and facilitate seamless, legally robust collaboration among architects, clients, and contracting entities.



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b. Practice Management Framework



The Practice Management Framework serves as a definitive blueprint for operational excellence, engineered to elevate the governance and strategic administration of architectural practices. This comprehensive matrix delineates industry benchmarks and best practices across core organizational disciplines, explicitly structured around three critical pillars:

- Strategic Fiscal Stewardship: Advanced methodologies governing financial management, capital allocation, and risk mitigation strategies tailored to corporate practice.

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- Precision Project Execution: Standardized protocols for optimized project delivery models, quality assurance frameworks, and rigorous contract administration.
- Heightened Organizational Efficacy: Operational strategies designed to streamline workflow deployments, maximize resource utilization, and foster sustainable practice growth.

c. SIA Bluebook



As a definitive reference guide, the SIA Bluebook delineates rigorous standards and strategic recommendations for architectural practices across Singapore. It functions as an indispensable instrument for upholding professional excellence and ensuring strict compliance with contemporary industry norms.

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Collective Impact

Collectively, these curated institutional provisions empower architects to achieve professional mastery, optimize operational frameworks, and actively drive the progressive growth and sustainability of Singapore's built environment.

For further information regarding the Singapore Institute of Architects and to access these specialized resources, please visit the official portal at www.sia.org.sg.

