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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute of Architects, Pakistan (IAP) was established in 1957 by a small group of architects who had been trained in the West and either worked for the government or were in private practice. IAP was formally registered in 1969 under the Societies Act, and subsequently registered in 1987 under the Companies Ordinance 1984 and with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) in 2021 with the following objectives amongst others:

- To organize the profession of architecture in Pakistan and to look after professional interests as well as those of the public, in general, concerned with the building profession.
- To promote the cause of Architecture in Pakistan and to assist in the setting up of schools of architecture throughout the country.
- To enforce a code of ethics and discipline among practicing architects and for this purpose to promote the passing of a statutory Registration Act for architects in Pakistan.
- To establish contact with other national and international professional bodies of architects throughout the world, and
- To conduct research and organize seminars, conferences, and exhibitions for promoting the cause of the architectural profession

Members of IAP have been instrumental in setting up and running many of the private architecture schools in the country. Apart from the majority of the full-time faculty who are members of IAP, a large number of senior members of IAP are associated with schools as visiting professors, thesis advisors, or jurors.

Through the consistent efforts and lobbying of IAP the professions of Architecture and Town Planning received the due recognition and protection with the establishment of a statutory registration body, Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP) in 1983.

IAP has conducted several architectural design competitions at local, national and international levels for the government and corporate clients. It continues to conduct competitions on its own or in collaboration with PCATP.

IAP is invited and is represented on several statutory bodies, commissions and committees related to the built environment, constituted by the Federal, Provincial and City Governments.

In 2007, the Institute took a significant step to reorganize itself and redefine the relationship between the National Council and the Chapter Executive Committees. By adopting the Charter of Chapters, the National Council of the IAP devolved to its Chapters the responsibility to manage its membership, organise events and generate funds for them. The National Council assumed for itself, a monitoring, coordinating, and policy-making role. The National Council represents the Institute at the Federal Government level and in national and international forums.

The National Council of IAP is currently processing major revisions of its Articles of Association and Members Code of Conduct to cater to the current and future demands of the profession in line with the IAP Founders' vision.

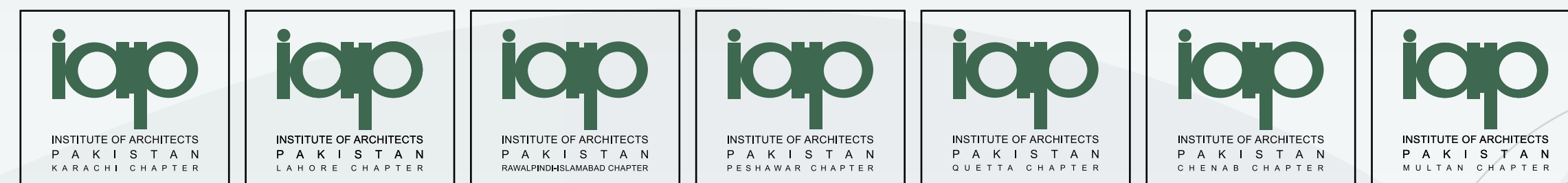


CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

2858 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	127 FELLOW MEMBERS	3990 AFFILIATE / STUDENT MEMBERS
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IAP NATIONA WIDE CHAPTERS



IAP IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:



NATIONAL COUNCIL INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS PAKISTAN



SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN IAP AND NEECA



IAPEX 2026, IAP QUETTA CHAPTER



IAP FELLOWSHIP INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2026



PRESIDENT IAP ATTENDS UIA WORLD CONGRESS OF ARCHITECTS & GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN BARCELONA



IAPEX 2026, IAP KARACHI CHAPTER



BAE-IAP ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY 2024-2025



IAP-ACSR SYMPOSIUM ON ARCHITECTURE WITH MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

