

Korea Institute of Registered Architects

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KIRA

Country Report 2023



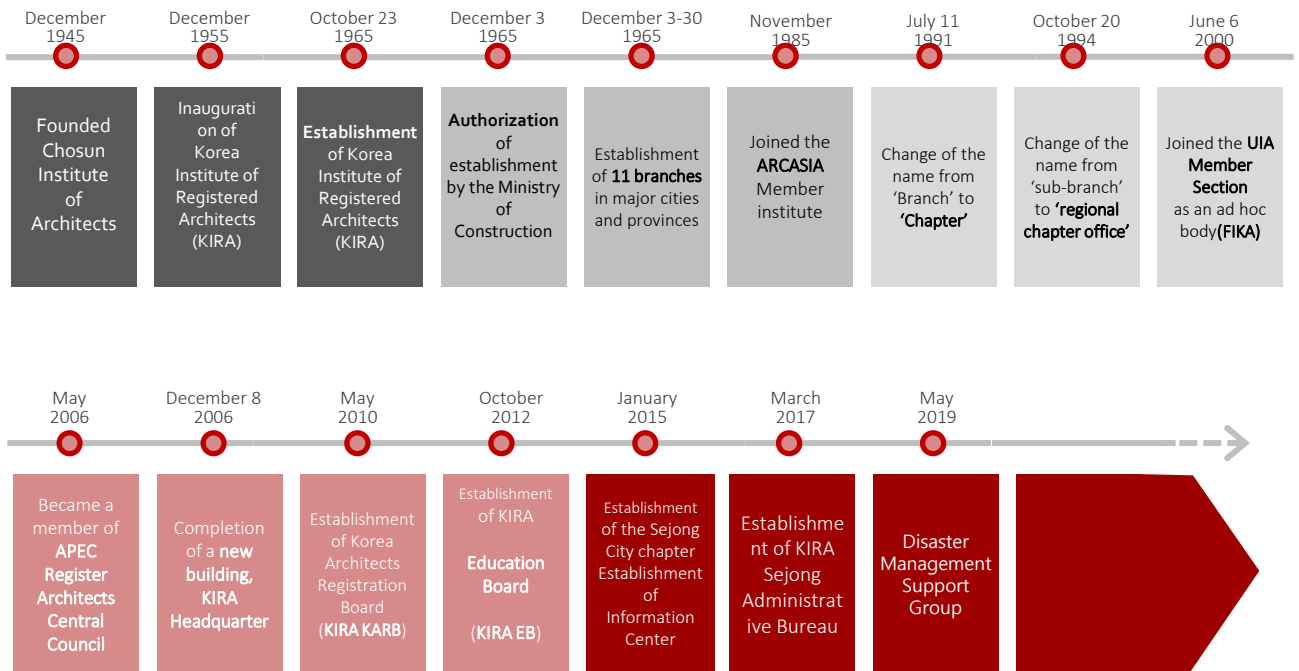
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# 1. Brief History



# 2. Office Bearers & Committees



- President  
Ar. SEOK, Jung Hoon
- 7 Vice-Presidents
- 18 Directors
- 2 Auditors
- Total 28



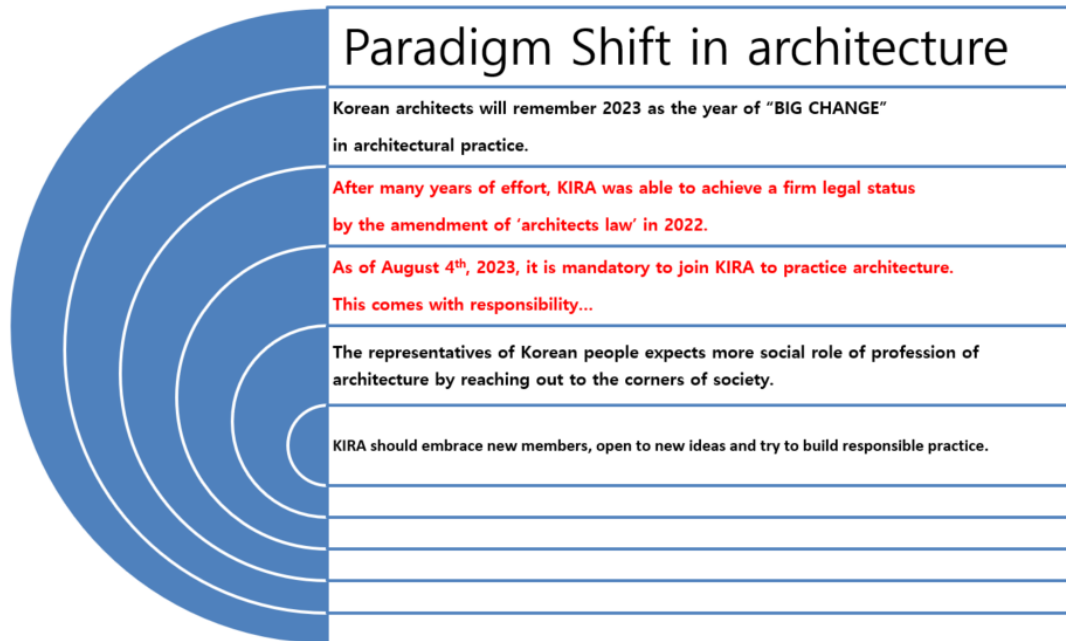
- 10 Core Committees
- 18 Auxiliary Committees
- Young Architects Committee



- Central Ethics Committee
- Investigation Committee
- Policy Committee
- Planning Committee
- Legislation Committee
- International Relations Committee
- Culture and Public Relations Committee
- Members Rights and Interest Committee
- Investigation Committee
- Social Responsibility Committee
- Gender Equity Committee

### 3. Membership Strength

- Member status : Changes in architectural practice



- Current status of members : **2023 - membership increase 29%**

As of 30 June 2023

Category		2022		2023		
		No. members	Ratio	No. members	Ratio	
Member, KIRA	Male	11,385	90 %	14,224	87.2%	+2,839
	Female	1,254	10 %	2,094	12.8%	+840
	Total	12,639	100.0 %	16,318	100.0 %	+3,679
Member, KARB		18,374		18,454		
Architects' Office	Individual	8,841	73.9 %	10,951	72.1%	
	Corporate	3,119	26.1 %	4,246	27.9%	
	Total	11,960	100.0 %	15,197	100.0 %	

\* KIRA : Korea Institute of Registered Architects

\* KARB : Korea Architects Registration Board

- Membership Fees

- Admission fee: 3,000,000 KRW (Approx. 2,297 USD )

- Monthly dues of 30,000 KRW (Approx. 23 USD )

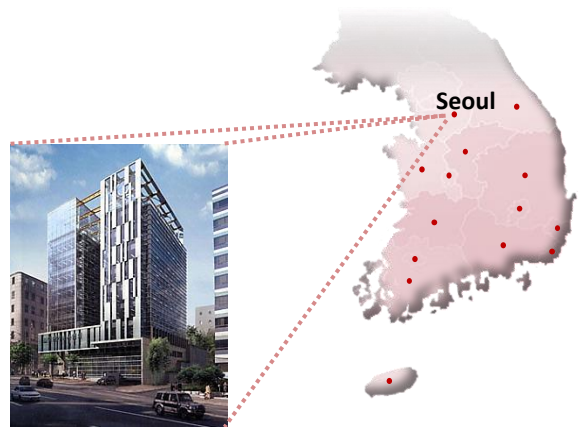
( Fees for Local Chapters are dependable )

## 4. Budget

- Total Account in year 2023 : 23,179,563,000 KRW (17.83 million USD)
  - General Account : 10,998,400,000 KRW(8.46 million USD)
  - Special Account : 12,181,163,000 KRW(9.37 million USD)
  - \* 1,300KRW = 1 USD

## 5. HQ & Chapters

- Headquarter Office located in Seoul
- 17 Chapters Institutes in Regional Cities and Provinces
- 135 Sub Institutes in Local Cities



## 6. General Assembly

- The 57th General Assembly was held on 23 February, 2023
- Approval of 2023 budget and settlements 2022 Balance
- Revision the By-Laws of Institute
- Election of office bearers



## 7. Legal Status

- **Legal Statues of KIRA**

- Established on October 23, 1965, in accordance with the Certified Architects Act, the KIRA consists of registered architects as members.

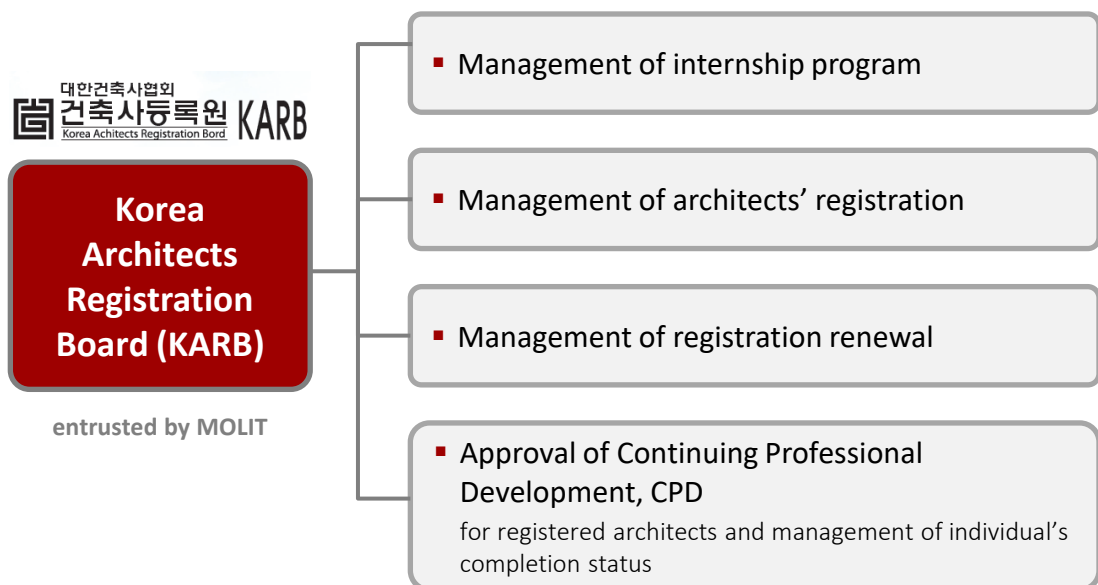
- **Legal Status of Architects in Korea**

- Official registration at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, MOLIT, is essential prior to commencement of practice.

- The term "architect" means any person who provides services under Article 19, including the design of a building and construction supervision after having passed a qualifying examination conducted by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport; (According to the Certified Architects Act, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport)

## 8. Architects Registration Authority

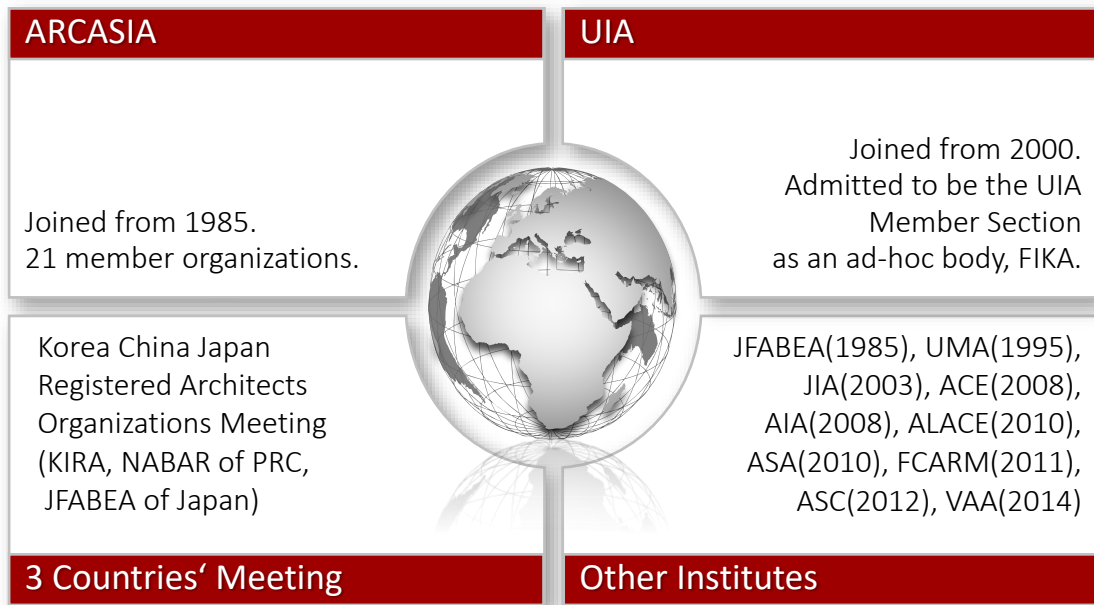
- **Korea Architects Registration Board, KARB**



- 18,423 Architects are registered at KARB as of June 2023

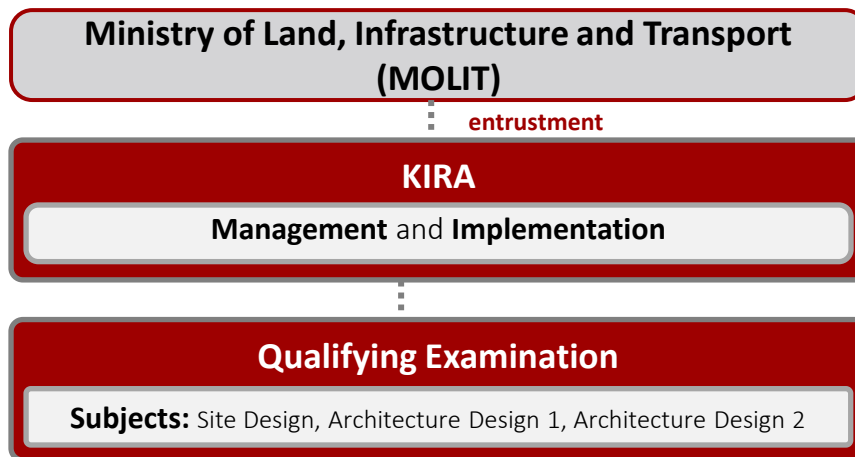
- 20,274 persons are under practice training including internship as of June 2023

## 9. International Affiliations



## 10. Qualifying Examination & CPD

- Qualifying Examination for Architect's License



Category	Date of Exam	No. of Applicants	No. of Qualified
1st Qualifying Exam.	March 19, 2022	5,655	614
2nd Qualifying Exam	September 24, 2022	6,277	242
1st Qualifying Exam.	March 4, 2023	6,193	449

- System of Architect Preliminary Test has been terminated since 2019
- If applicants pass the Architect preliminary test before December 31, 2019, they will be eligible for taking an Architects Qualifying Examination until December 31, 2026

## 10. Qualifying Examination & CPD

- The Korea Architectural Accrediting Board (KAAB)

KAAB is to accredit professional degree programs in architecture of Korea, and promoting continuous improvements in architectural education .



- Accredited Programs(Domestic)

Category	Architectural Programs	Accredited	Non-accredited
No. of Programs	77	73	4

- Accredited Programs in Overseas

Category	Accredited Programs	Name of University
No. of Programs	3	Institut Teknologi Bandung (M.Arch) Universitas Islam Indonesia(B.P.Arch) Universitas Gadjah Mada(Ar.)

- KIRA Education Board, EB

- Operate 119CPD Programs for Architect's Professional Practice in 2022.

(Ethics, Professional Practice)

- 77,824 Architects have trained in 2022. (excluding online education)

As of December 2022

Type of Education	Programs		Number of Training Session		Expect/Execute No. of Architects Trained	
	expect	execute	expect	execute	expect	execute
Total	183	80	548	143	111,690	77,824
Ethics	35	18	104	37	43,320	29,902
Professional Practice	148	62	444	106	68,370	47,922

- Professional Education for 2022 Korea Architects Convention

- Period: 2 days (2022. 9. 1 – 9. 2)

- 6,562 Architects have trained with 2 Hours for ethics course

- 2,992 Architects have trained with 12 Hours for professional course

- Professional Education for 2022 Korea Architecture Fair and Festival (KAFF)

- Period: 3 days (2022. 11. 9 – 11. 11)

- 496 Architects have trained with 2 Hours for ethics course

- 2,169 Architects have trained with 15 Hours for professional course

## 10. Qualifying Examination & CPD

- 2022 Professional Education for Consortium for HRD Ability Magnified Program

- Commissioned by National Human Resource Group

- Period: 2022. 1. 2 – 2022. 12. 30

Program	Number of Architects Completed
Practical Course of Documentation for Energy Saving Plan	54
Zero Energy Design / for Sustainable Architecture Academy	15
Certification of Universal Design for Handicapped	67
Introduction & Application of CEPTED Design (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)	20
Zero Energy Skill-up Academy	49
Understanding and Case Study of Energy Saving Plan	120
Understanding and Case Study of BF Accreditation	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>466</b>

- Professional Education for Facility (Building) Management Law

(2022. 6 – 12)

Program	Hours	Usage	Number of Completed
Responsible Inspector Course	35	Online (Live)	147
Inspector Course	7		222

- Professional Education for Building Demolition

(2022. 6 – 12)

Program	Hours	Usage	Number of Completed
Inspector Course(New)	35	Online (Live)	1,519
Inspector Course (Continuing Education)	-	Online (Video)	8,129

## 11. Major Programs in 2022

### ■ 2022 Academic Lecture for South and North Korea Architectural Relationship

- Exploring cooperative measures in the architecture field of the South and the North through the analysis of architectural trends such as urban development and the project of architectural exchange cooperation in North Korea.

\* Date : November 9, 2022(Offline)

\* Venue : Rm 318 COEX, Seoul

\* Theme :

\* Number of audiences : 300



### ■ The 14<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Architecture Film Festival

\* Period : October 27 - 30, 2022(Offline)

October 30 – November 5, 2022(Online)

\* Venue : Arthouse MoMo(Offline), Naver TV(Online)

\* 14th edition as Asia's only architectural film festival

\* Theme : Connected

\* 24 Films were invited from 15 countries

\* Event : Master & Masterpiece, Special Program, Host Architects' Forum, Guest Talk

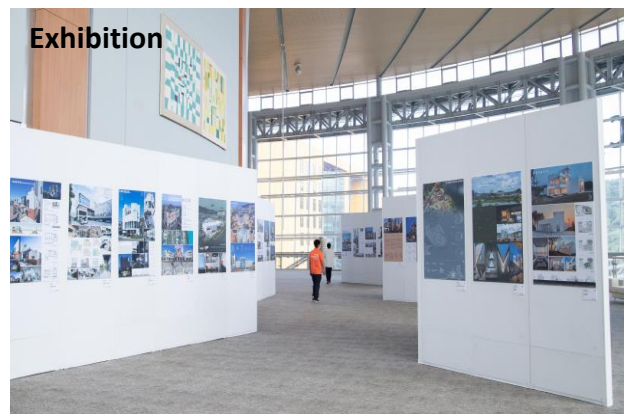
\* Number of audiences : 19,818(Offline : 18,563 / Online : 1,255)



## 11. Major Programs in 2022

### ■ 2022 Korea Architects Convention

- \* Period : August 31 – September 3, 2022
- \* Venue : JEJU ICC
- \* Hosted by KIRA, Organized by KIRA JEJU Chapter
- \* Theme : Architects as One, towards [            ] + Change
- \* Programs : Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech, Special Lectures  
International President Forum & Dinner  
Seoul International Film Festival Special Screening
- \* Number of participants : 11,993

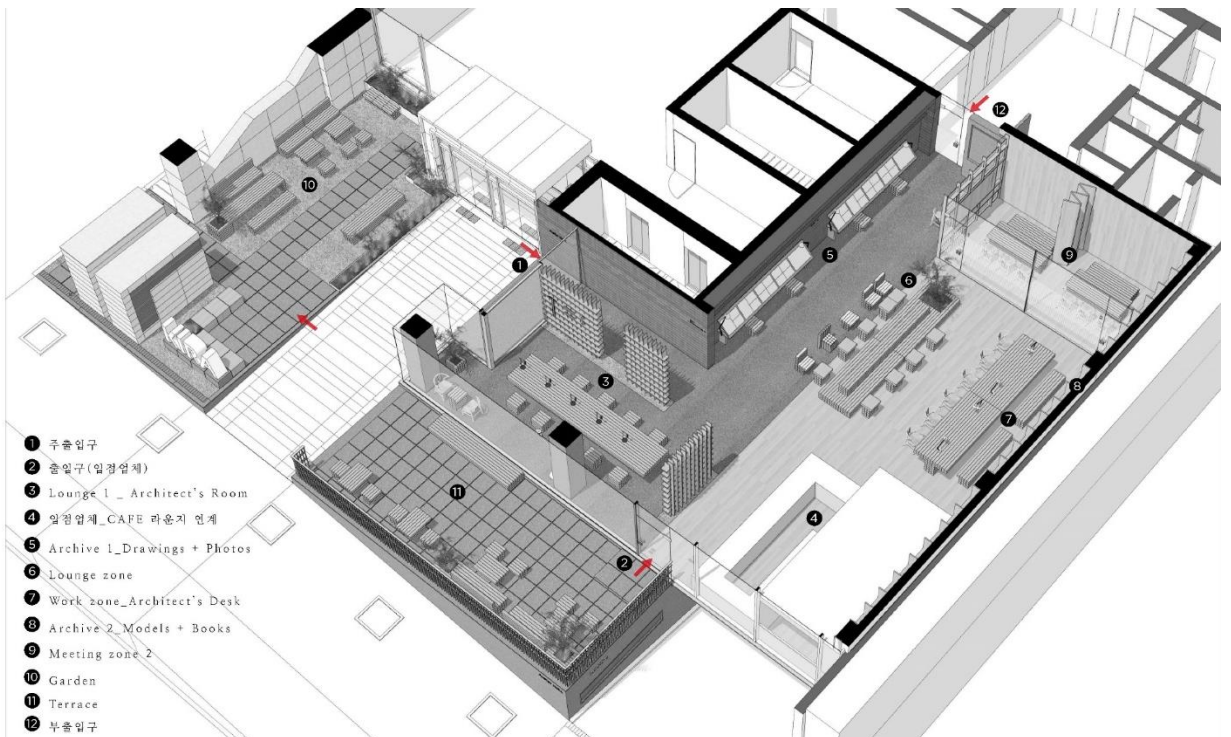


# 11. Major Programs in 2023

- Architects' archive/lounge design competition : May 2023



- Architects archive/lounge winning entry by Ar. JE Hwang





# 11. Major Programs in 2023

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- KIRA is bidding for ACA 21!



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President Abu. S. M. AHMED  
Architects Regional Council Asia  
IAB Centre, Plot-11, Road-7, Block-E,  
Agargaon Sher-E-Banglanagar, Dhaka

28 July 2023

Dear President Abu. S. M. AHMED,

Greetings from the Korea Institute of Registered Architects, KIRA!

I am delighted to officially announce that KIRA is participating in the bidding to host ACA21 in 2025.

We are excited to present Incheon, Korea, as the perfect city to host the next ACA21. Incheon is a city that beautifully blends old and new, renowned for its smart and safe urban planning, convenient location, and state-of-the-art facilities. Working closely with Incheon, KIRA is fully prepared to host this prestigious event and offer ARCASIA an unforgettable experience in a variety of unique venues.

We look forward to presenting Incheon as the candidate city for ACA21 at ACA20 this September in Boracay to our friends and colleagues from ARCASIA.

Once again, we express our sincere gratitude for the kind invitation to participate in the bidding opportunity for ACA21.

Sincerely yours,

SEOK Jung Hoon  
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## 12. Programs (Publications & Exhibitions)

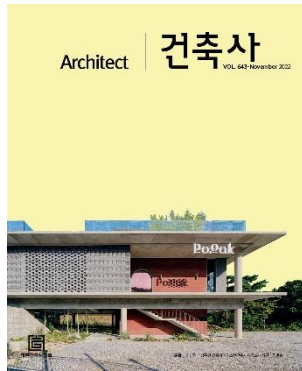
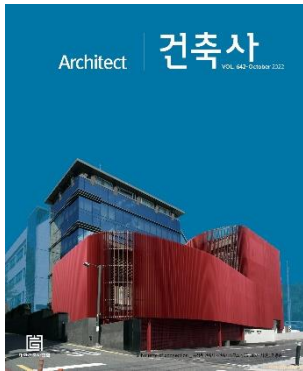
- **Publication: KIRA's Periodicals**

- KIRA has been publishing monthly magazine *Architect* since 1966 and 14,000 copies are distributed to KIRA members and governmental organizations.

KIRA also publishes a newspaper, *Architect News*, in every another weeks from the year of 2006

\*Magazine : Published 12,000 copies at time, 12 times annually

\*Newspaper : Published 14,000 copies at time, 24 times annually



- **Exhibition: 2022 Korea Architecture Fair and Festival (KAFF)**

\*Period : November 9-11, 2022

\*Venue : Hall D COEX, Seoul

\*Program : Exhibition, Conference, Professional Education, Architectural Material Fair

- 91 companies with approx. 193 booths

- Number of Visitors: Approx. 4,329 including 2,174 architects

**KAFF 한국건축산업대전 2022** 2022. 11. 9 수 - 11 금  
Korea Architecture Fair & Festival



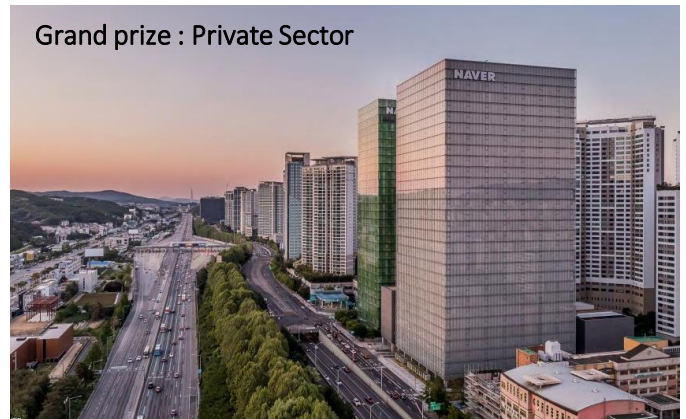
## 13. Architectural Competitions/Awards

### ■ Korean Architecture Award - Completed Projects

- Established in 1994, Hosted by the MOLIT and KIRA
- Goals : to find good architecture and encourage architects, clients and contractors for better architectural environments
- The highest architectural award program in Korea with presidential awards in 3 different categories
- Category : Public Sector/ Private Sector/ Housing
- Awards : 3 Grand prize, 3 Gold, 11 excellence
- Rising Architects Awards and Design Competition for Students are operated simultaneously

### \* Award Ceremony

- Date & Venue: Nodeul Island, October 26, 2022

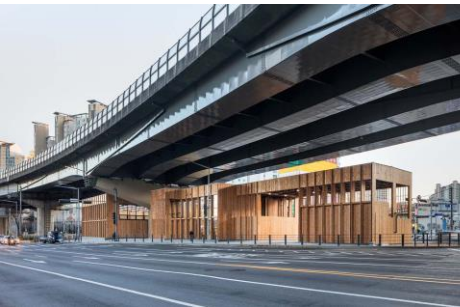


## 13. Architectural Competitions/Awards

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### ■ Korean Architecture Award - Rising Architects

- For Architects under 45 years old who registered as Professional Practice
- The MOLIT awards the Award, publishes the Anthology and hosts an exhibition of publicity and promotional support businesses. Additionally, the winner will take part of the Jury/ Advisor in the next academic competition or pilot projects which organize by MOLIT and The Central Architecture of the Commission.
- Awards : 1 Grand prize, 2 Gold, 5 excellence



Grand prize



Gold Prize



Gold Prize

### ■ Korean Architecture Award – Idea Competition for Students

- Awards : 1 Grand prize, 3 Gold , 5 excellence, 10 mention(2022)
- Theme : City For Next Generation
- Eligibility :  
Graduate students in architectural program who do not have an architect license, Undergraduate Student in architectural program



## 14. Resources of the Institute

### ■ Architecture Research Institute, ARI

-ARI conducts :

- \* Research to find out how to improve Architecture act, Architects act and others related acts to be applied to our industry
- \* Research projects on improvement of architecture system and architect's business markets
- \* Research to find countermeasures in terms of opening of architecture service global market
- \* Research projects on mutual recognition of the architect qualification with others
- \* Other research projects as requested by KIRA Council

### ■ 2022 Major Research Projects of ARI

No.	Title of Projects	Project Classification	Project Owner	
Internal Projects	1	Improving the Designated Supervisory Architect Systems for Authorization Holders, Competent Architects	KIRA	
	2	Operation of Payment Guarantees Protocol for Architectural Work Cost		
	3	Reviewing Adequacy and Improving Architects' Services regarding a Disciplinary Action		
	4	Promotional contents planning for architecture		
	5	Establishment of Standard Yardstick for Architectural Design		Occasional Research
	6	Proposal Qualifying Examination		Policy Research
	7	Study of Standard for Calculating Supervision of Demolition Work Price		
	8	Development of Guidelines for Investigating users Taking the Similar Title or Lending Architect's License		
	9	Study for Securing Manpower in Architectural Firm		
	10	Establishment of Standard Contract for Architectural Design		
	11	Annual Architectural Statistics		Occasional Research
External Projects	1	Establishment of Green Remodeling Platform in Metropolitan Area	KALIS	
	2	Study of Requirement of Intelligent Architectural Design Service	KNU IACF	
	3	Study of Standard Architectural Design for Cattle Shed	NHAB Group	
	4	Industrialization of Architectural Design Platform and Adopting BIM for Architectural Design Licensing	KHU-R	
	5	Study for Mandatory Subscription of Certified Architects Financial Cooperative	CAFCO	
	6	Study for Operating of Payment Guarantee Protocol for Architectural Work	CAFCO	

\* KALIS : Korea Authority of Land & Infrastructure Safety

\* CAFCO : Certified Architects Financial Cooperative

\* KNU – IACF : Kyungpook National University – Industry Academic Cooperation Foundation

## 14. Resources of the Institute

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### ■ Architecture Material Information Center(KIRA MAT)

- Background and Regal Status :

- \* KIRA MAT supports architects to be able to search the materials they need and have the information marked in drawings according to regulation of MOLIT
- \* Building Act Article 52-4 (Quality Control of Building Materials)

(4)An institution or organization in receipt of any information under paragraph (3) shall post the information on building materials on its website, etc. to make it available to the public. <Newly Inserted on Apr. 23, 2019>

(5)In cases of insulation materials prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, among building materials referred to in paragraph (1), information on the relevant building materials shall be displayed on its surface in compliance with the standards publicly notified by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. <Newly Inserted on Apr. 23, 2019>

- Functions

- \* Architectural material information provided
  - Search tool by name of material, manufacturer, regulations
- \* Material manufactures can register the information of materials by themselves

## 15. Institute's Efforts to Implement ARCASIA

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### ■ ARCASIA Office Bearers Meeting

\* Time : 2022. 05. 19(Thu) ~ 2022. 05. 24(Tue)

\* Place : Jaipur, India

- Agenda : ARCASIA Forum, September
- Issues on Reducing Membership Fee

### ■ ARCASIA Office Bearers Meeting

\* Time : 2022. 07. 23(Sat), 17:00 - 20:00

\* Place : Online(Zoom)

- Agenda : ARCASIA Forum, September
- Issues on ARCASIA Awards for Architecture, 2022

### ■ ACGSA Activities (Webina)

\* Time : 26 August 2023, 16:00-19:00

\* Place : Online(Zoom)

\* Topic : Diversity in Sustainable Development

### ■ KIRA's activities related to ARCASIA

- \* Participated in various virtual meetings from ARCASIA
- \* PR for projects of ARCASIA(Awards, Competitions, Workshops and Seminars) through websites and publications

## 16. Plan for Future

### Direction of 2019-2023 Master plan for development

- Correspond to the Changes of Legal and Social System, Market Environment Home & Abroad
- Encourage Activities of Architects' Practice under Protection and Extension of Work Area

Category	2014 ~ 2018	2019 ~ 2023
Legal System	Lay Foundation	Stabilization, Advancement
Market	Protect Work Area	Extend Work Area and Diversity
Social System	Lay Foundation of Promotion	Promotion of Architectural Practice with Media, SNS,

### Vision -Reinforce the Public Role of Architects

Legal System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architectural Design Market Morality</li> <li>• Establish Design Fee Standard</li> </ul>
R & D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Revitalization &amp; Energy Policy</li> </ul>
Foster Human Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of Emerging Architects</li> <li>• Scholarship for Young Architects</li> </ul>
Social Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Activity of Architects</li> <li>• Emergency Activity in Disaster</li> </ul>
Public Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference, Convention, Advertisement, Broadcasting</li> <li>• Architecture Information Center</li> </ul>
Global Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International activities in UIA, ARCASIA and others</li> </ul>
Government Entrust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage Governmental Entrusted Projects</li> <li>• Reinforcement of Professional Practice</li> </ul>
Advancement of Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote Pension for architects welfare</li> </ul>

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