



# COUNTRY REPORT 2023

PRESENTED BY:  
**ARCHT. ROHANA BANDARA HERATH, FIA (SL)**  
PRESIDENT - SLIA 2023/24

# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF SLIA



## COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

The Council consists of a total of (20) Twenty Members comprising Eight (08) Office Bearers and Four (04) Chairmen of Boards dealing with Education, Professional Affairs, Publications and Management; who are elected for a term of two years whilst the balance members numbering eight are elected each year. The present Council was appointed in February 2023 and will be in office till February 2024 but the office bearers will continue until February 2025.



SRI LANKA NATIONAL FLAG



SLIA FLAG

The Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) was formed on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1957, with a Constitution for functioning on the model of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

The Institute was incorporated under the “Sri Lanka Institute of Architects Law No. 1 of 1976”, enacted by the National State Assembly of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka .

The above Act was amended in 1996 paving the way to create an Architects Registration Board with powers to register persons qualified to practice the Profession of Architecture in Sri Lanka.

## THE OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE SESSIONS 2023/2024 AND 2024/2025

Archt. Rohana Bandara Herath, (FIA)	President
Archt. Russell Dandeniya, (FIA)	Immediate Past President
Archt. Dilummini De Mel, (FIA)	Senior Vice President
Archt. Dinuk Senanayake, (AIA)	Hony. Secretary
Archt. Lal Abeyratne, (FIA)	Hony. Treasurer
Archt. Damith Premathilake, (AIA)	Hony. Asst. Secretary
Archt. Arosh Nissanka, (AIA)	Hony. Asst. Treasurer

# CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

(AS AT SEPTEMBER 2023)

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

The SLIA has seven categories of members namely, Honorary Fellow, Fellow, Member, Registered Member, Graduate Member, Student Member, and Honorary Member. **The Fellows and Members are the only Corporate Members who have voting rights in the Institute.** A growth of 10 percent is recorded in comparison to the previous years.

Category	Number
Honorary Fellows	15
<b>Fellow Members *</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Members *</b>	<b>1551</b>
Registered Members	02
Graduate Members	60
Student Members	54
Honorary Members	05

# Recent Activities

## CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS FORUM (MARCH 2023)

Construction Industry Stakeholders' Discussion forum the First and Second segments was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October and 05<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo, which was the **INITIATE** and **INNOVATE** segments.

As the continuation of this event, SLIA organized the 3rd and Final Session of the Construction Industry discussion Forum on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - at the Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo. More than 100 stake holders participated contributed to the success of this event.



## AN AWARENESS PROGRAM THE PROPOSED FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (APRIL 2023)

An Awareness Program on the Proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) for Services was held on Tuesday, the 04<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 02:00 pm at SLIA.

Mr. K J Weerasinghe, Chief Negotiator from the Presidential Secretariat, Mr. Deshal De Mel, Senior Advisor from Ministry of Finance and Mr. Samantha Wijesekera, Director Commerce from Department of Commerce was addressed the SLIA Members.



# Recent Activities

## CPD - COLOURING THE ROOFSCAPE (APRIL 2023)

BY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL PUBLICATION - BAP



The First BAP Research Lecture for session 2023/24 was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the SLIA Auditorium. The theme for the lecture was “Colouring the Roofscape”.

## SPONSORSHIP FROM HANSGROHE INDIA (APRIL 2023)



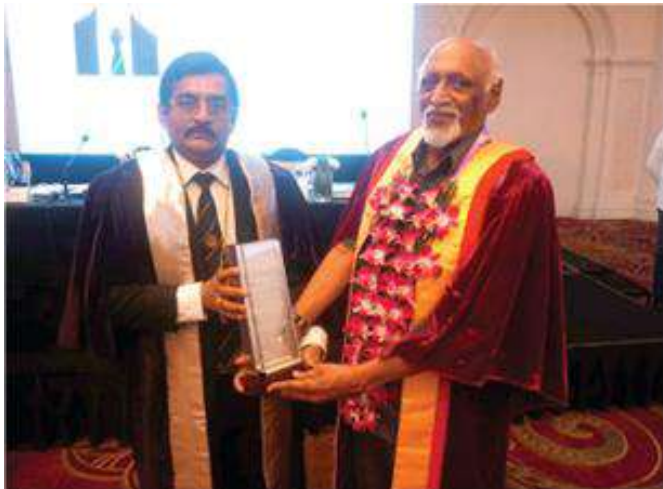
The inaugural SLIA Sports Committee Meeting for the new Session was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. It was decided, to open sports activities to all categories of the membership, i.e. student members, graduate members, associate members and fellow members.

M/s. Hansgrohe India, has provided a sponsorship of Rs. 500,000/= to the SLIA Cricket Team and they are willing to sponsor a SLIA Sports Fiesta for year 2024.

# Recent Activities

## SLIA FIRST QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING FOR SESSION 2023 2024 (MAY 2023)

The First Quarterly General Meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Kingsbury Hotel.



## CONFERRING OF SLIA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (MAY 2023)

The Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Past President Archt. Dr. Locana Gunaratna at the 1<sup>st</sup> QGM.

# Recent Activities

## ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION BOARD - ARB AWARENESS PROGRAMME (MAY 2023)

The ARB organized an Awareness Programme on the subject of Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the SLIA Auditorium and the need was emphasized for SLIA members to join this scheme.



# Recent Activities

## OATH TAKING CEREMONY (MAY 2023)

Board of Architectural Education (BAE) held the Oath Ceremony on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the SLIA Auditorium.



## VESAK CELEBRATIONS AT SLIA (MAY 2023)

Members of the SLIA Staff Welfare Association decorated the SLIA building with Vesak Lanterns at their own cost which was highly appreciated by the SLIA council and the membership.



# Recent Activities

## OFFICE BEARERS VISIT THE PARLIAMENT (MAY 2023)

The final Free Trade Agreement (FTA) awareness programme document was submitted to the Sectoral Oversight Committee at the Parliament by President, Senior Vice President and Hony. Secretary on 24th May 2023.



## POST ANNUAL SESSION DINNER (JUNE 2023)

The Post Annual Sessions Dinner of Session 2022/23 was held on Friday, 09th June 2023 at SLIA Auditorium.



# Recent Activities

## CPD - AFFORDABILITY VS. SUSTAINABILITY (JUNE 2023)

By PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD – PAB



The Professional Affairs board (PAB) held their First Continuing Professional Development (CPD 1) event at the SLIA Auditorium on 1st June 2023. The event discussed “Affordability vs. Sustainability – Contributing carbon credits towards reducing the carbon footprint”.

## POSON CELEBRATIONS AT SLIA (JUNE 2023)



The City School of Architecture (CSA) Students decorated and displayed a poson lantern at the SLIA premises.

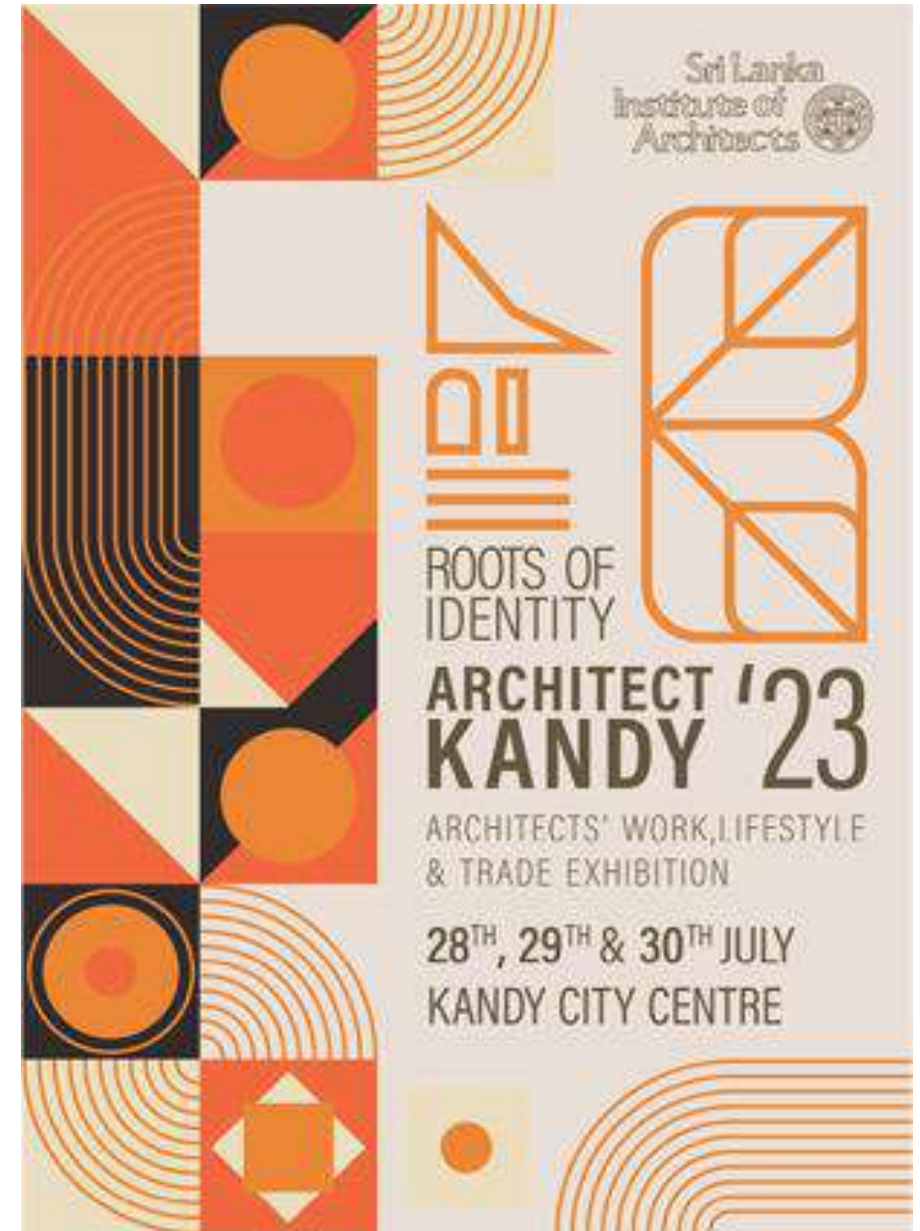
# Recent Activities

## ARCHITECT KANDY 2023 – LAUNCHING CEREMONY (JUNE 2023)

Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) launched the regional conference and exhibition in collaboration with the Kandy Chapter at the Kandy City Centre Banquet Hall on 15th of June 2023.

Under the theme “ROOTS OF IDENTITY” Architect Kandy 2023 expects this novel event from the entire Central Region and Kandy to draw enthusiastic crowds who will have the opportunity to explore a meticulously planned series of carefully curated events.

By delving into the "Roots of Identity," this exhibition seeks to uncover the layers of architectural history that have contributed to Kandy's unique character. It offers an opportunity to revisit and understand the indigenous construction techniques, materiality, and spatial planning that have shaped the cityscape.



# Recent Activities

## ARCHITECT KANDY 2023 – CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (JULY 2023)

Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) successfully concluded our first regional event for session 2023/24 in the Central Province from 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 . The following segments were included in this event:

1. Architects' Exhibition
2. Trade Exhibition
3. Lifestyle fair
4. Discussion Forum / Interactive Session
5. School Awareness program / CSR Project



# Recent Activities

## ARCHITECT KANDY 2023 – CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (JULY 2023)



# Recent Activities

## FOOTBALL

(JULY 2023)

On July 2023, SLIA Football team has played their first practice match against Sri Lanka Lawyers Football team.



## CYCLING

(AUGUST 2023)

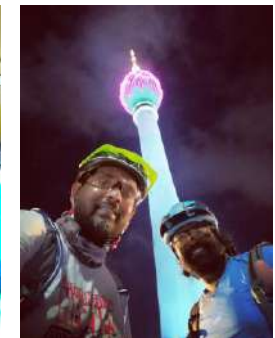
SLIA Cyclists has their first Night Tour in August.



## BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS AND ROWING

(AUGUST 2023)

Weekly practice sessions are carrying out by the relevant squads targeting the upcoming events.



# Recent Activities

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PRICE FLUCTUATIONS – CIDA BULLETIN AND RELATED ASPECTS (AUGUST 2023)



SLIA conducted an Awareness Programme on Price Fluctuations and Price Indices in regard to revisions of CIDA Bulletin and Related Aspects in order to provide an opportunity for members to voice their concerns and suggestions on the said documents. The programme was held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the SLIA Auditorium.



# Recent Activities

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE THE ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SRI LANKA (OPASL) (AUGUST 2023)

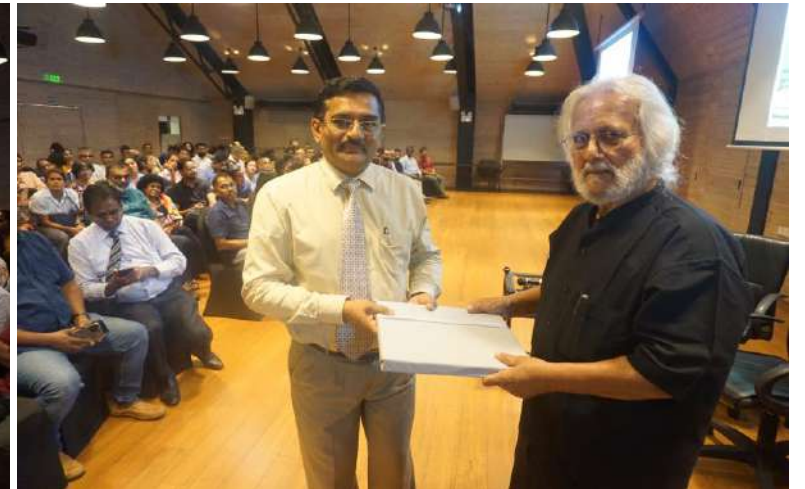
The Annual Conference of the Organization of Professional Association Sri Lanka (OPASL) was held on 09<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023. SLIA is a Founder Member of OPA. Council and Members participated at this event.



# Recent Activities

## BAP RESEARCH LECTURE (AUGUST 2023)

BAP research lecture II was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the SLIA Auditorium. The Speaker was Desamanya Vidya Jyothi Archt. Ashley De Vos.



# Recent Activities

## MOU WITH THE GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (AUGUST 2023)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SLIA and the Green Building Council was signed on 24<sup>th</sup> August '23 in the presence of the Directorship of the Green Building, SLIA President and Office Bearers.



# Recent Activities

## SLIA SECOND QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING FOR SESSION 2023 2024 (AUGUST 2023)

The Second Quarterly General Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> QGM) was held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the SLIA Auditorium.



# Recent Activities

## ASIA YOUNG DESIGNER AWARDS (AYDA)

(AUGUST 2023)

SLIA President Archt. Rohana Bandara Herath participated as the official Juror for Asia Young Designer Awards (AYDA) 2023 in Vietnam, Sri Lanka Won the Nippon Paint Colour Award for Architecture Category by Ms. Sanggavi Hirushi Thomas of City School of Architecture (CSA)



# Recent Activities

## ARCASIA ZONE A PRESIDENTS MEETING IN MALDIVES (AUGUST 2023)

ARCASIA Zone A Presidents Meeting held on Saturday 19<sup>TH</sup> August 2023 at 10:00 Hrs at The Champa Central Hotel, Maldives, ARCASIA Zone A President Ar. Russell Dandeniya organized this Meeting. ARCAISA President, Ar. Abu Sayeed, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) President- Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Ar. Vilas Vasant Avachat, Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) President Ar. Saad Mahmood Khan, Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) President Ar. Rohana Bandara Herath, Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA) President Ar. Iswar Joshi were participated at this Meeting.



# Recent Activities

## SPECIFICATION WRITING SEMINAR (AUGUST 2023)

Sri Lanka Association of Project Managers (SLAPM) organized the Specification Writing Seminar for Members of SLAPM and SLIA on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at SLIA Auditorium Ar. Ranjith Weddickara was the Speaker of the Event..



# Recent Activities

## PROFESSIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE (AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2023)

Professionals' Cricket League is an annual cricket tournament (Hardball T-20) organized by the Professionals' Cricket Association of Sri Lanka. The eighth edition of the Professionals' Cricket League is started from August, with the participation of teams representing Sri Lanka Lawyers' Cricket, Sri Lanka Doctors' Cricket, Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Aviators, Institute of Town Planners Sri Lanka and the two new members, Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing cricket team and Sri Lanka Government Surveyors Cricket.

SLIA Cricket team is playing their first round matches in Group A with Engineers, Aviators and Marketers.

SLIA is a one of the founder members of the Professionals' Cricket Association of Sri Lanka.



# Recent Activities

## SPORTS COMMITTEE TALK SHOW (SEPTEMBER 2023)

The Art of Sports, interactive discussion session organized by the Sports Committee of SLIA was held on 1st September 2023 at SLIA auditorium. President and the members of the SLIA Council, members of the SLIA Cricket, Football, Badminton, Table Tennis, Rowing and Cycling teams, Sportsmen of parallel professional bodies and sports enthusiasts of the SLIA members were participated for the event.

The speakers of the session were, Prof. Arjuna De Silva (a Consultant Physician, Former Director General Institute of Sports Medicine Sri Lanka, Member of Sri Lanka National Sports Council, former Sri Lankan Rowing team member) Dr. Narein Perera – Chartered Architect, Senior Lecturer and Chairman of Sports Advisory Board University of Moratuwa and a former Sri Lankan Rugger team member) Mr. Fouzul Hameed – (Menswear Fashion Designer, Entrepreneur and Former 1st class cricketer of Sri Lanka), Ar. Mano Ponniah - Chartered Architect, Member of the Ceylon Cricket team in 1960s and a first class cricketer in England.

Presenters have elaborated the value of sports related activities for humans in relation to their specific fields of medical and health, Academic, Entrepreneurial and professional sectors. Key outcomes of the session were, importance of sports for: human wellbeing, advancement in academic career, achievements in Entrepreneurial and professional careers.

Moderation of the panel discussion was done by Ar. Sajeevi Silva (Chartered Architect, medalist in South Asian Games 2006 in Archery)



# Recent Activities

## CPD -“ATTRACTING INVESTMENT”

(September 2023)

The Professional Affairs board (PAB) held their Second Continuing Professional Development (CPD 2) event at the SLIA Auditorium on 12th September 2023. The event discussed “Attracting Investment” - “An Overview by the Stakeholders on Investment Potential in the Construction Industry”.

The Speakers Archt. D.B. Navaratne, FIA (SL) Chartered Architect, Fellow Member, Eng. M.K.D. Lawrance Executive Director (Zones) Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, Mr. Dilshan Wirasekara Managing Director/CEO - First Capital Holdings PLC Chairman - Colombo Stock Exchange, Panelists Mr. Dileep Mudadeniya Senior Vice President - John Keells Holdings, Moderator Archt. Rukshan Widyalandkara, FIA (SL) Past President – SLIA.



# Recent Activities

## REPAIRS, REFURBISHING OF THE SLIA HEADQUARTERS

All Light fittings were converted to LED lighting units within the secretariat, on a sponsorship by M/s. Fentons Ltd.



## COLOUR COATING OF THE SLIA HEADQUARTERS

M/s Nippon Paints Lanka Ltd commenced the interior colour painting with the ground floor lobby, secretariat lobby, Auditorium Lobby, President's Office, Secretariat Reception area and Council Chamber completed.



# NOW...

## ACA 20 CONGRESS - BORACAY (SEPTEMBER 2023)

# today we are here....

A team comprising 15 Members and Students from Sri Lanka are delighted to be present here at this 20<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Architects (ACA 20) in Boracay 2023, hosted by the United Architects in Philippine (UAP).

This is a new experience for us to be on an island in the Philippines although we have attended prior meetings on the mainland.

Our presence here will ensure SLIA continuous collaboration and commitment to ARCASIA forever. Following is our delegation from SLIA:

SLIA President, Archt. Rohana Bandara Herath  
Chairman, BAE Archt. Jayampathy Herath  
PP. Archt. Jayantha Perera  
Archt. Russell Dandeniya  
Archt. Dilummini de Mel  
Archt. Damith Premathilake  
Archt. Kasun Sapumal Bandara  
Archt. Anoj Pathinayaka  
Archt. Viluckshi Ravindran  
Archt. Sarala Perera  
Mr. Daham De Silva  
Mr. Sachith Vithanage,  
Mr. A G Tharindu Lakshan Perera



# Upcoming Activities

## LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF ARCHITECT 2024

The Launching Ceremony of Architect 2024 will be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the Cinnamon Grand, Colombo

## QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING FOR SESSION 2023/24

The Quarterly General Meetings (QGM's) for the session 2023/24 are held as follows:

03<sup>rd</sup> QGM - Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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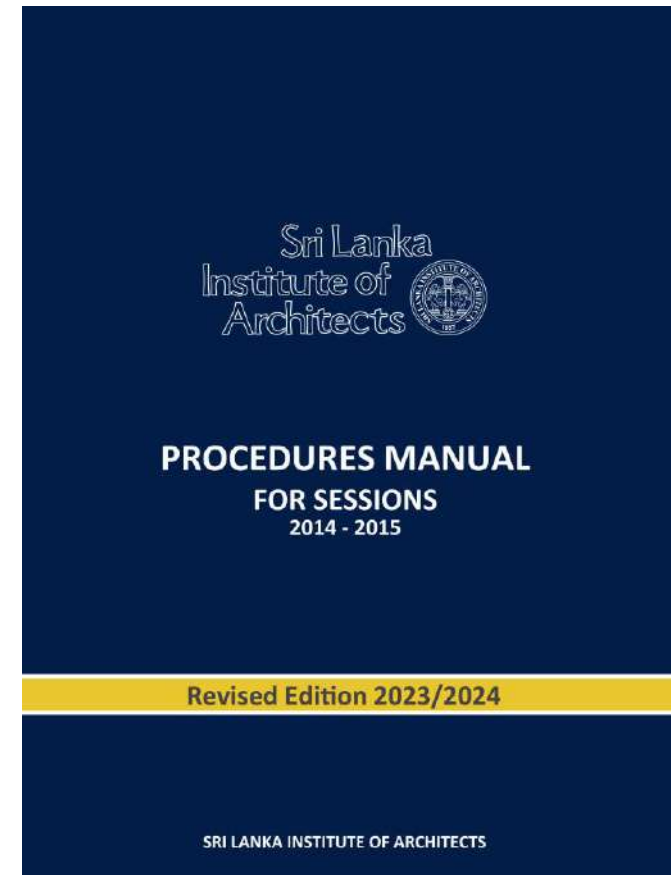
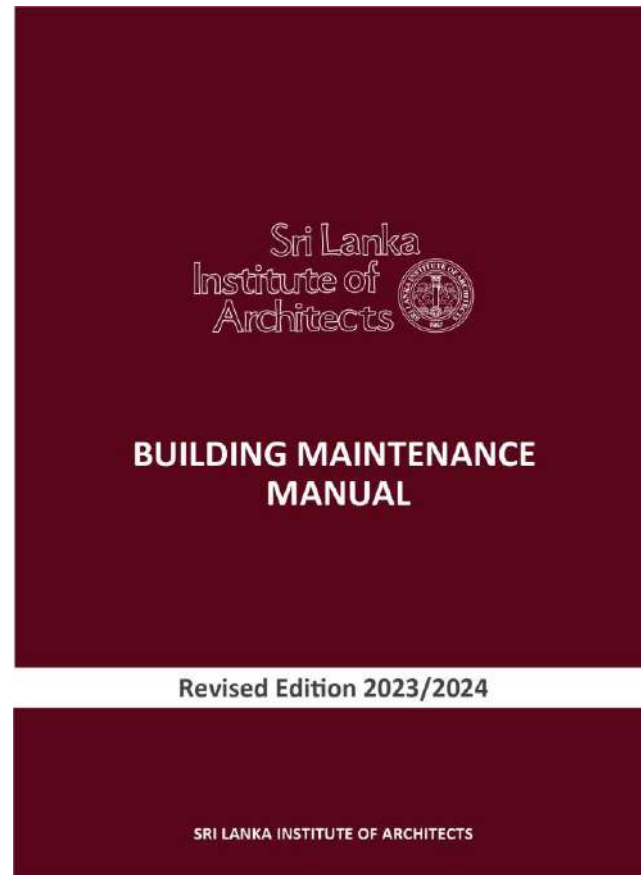
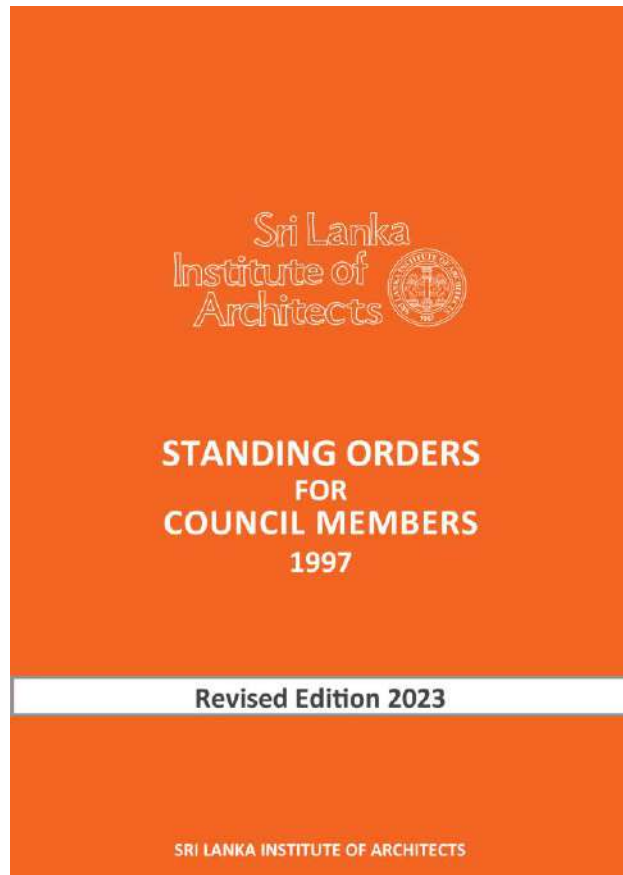
## LECTURE SERIES

SLIA is Planning to conduct lecture series on research and publication for the membership, which will be followed by every Quarterly General Meetings



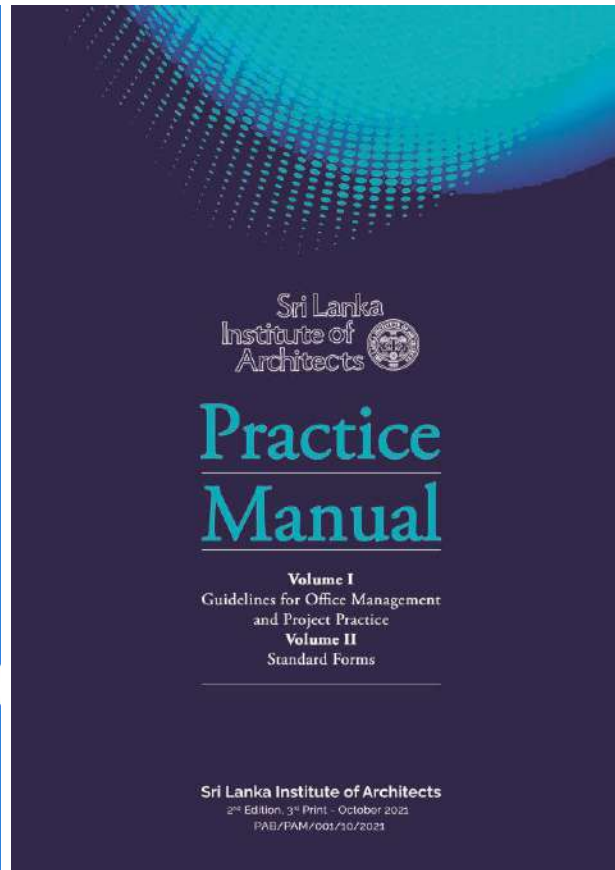
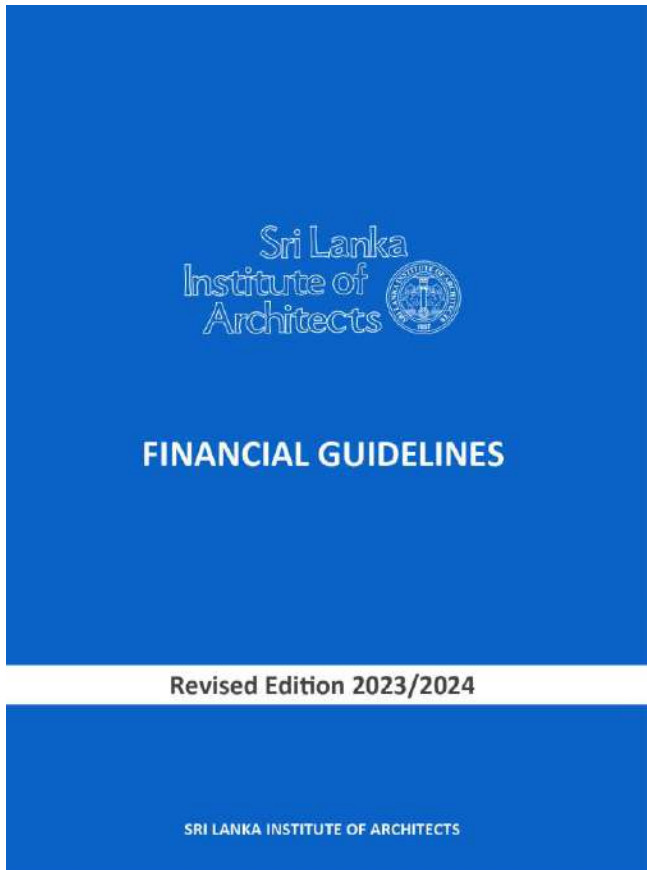
# Recent Publications

The Following Publications were Revisited and Re -Published



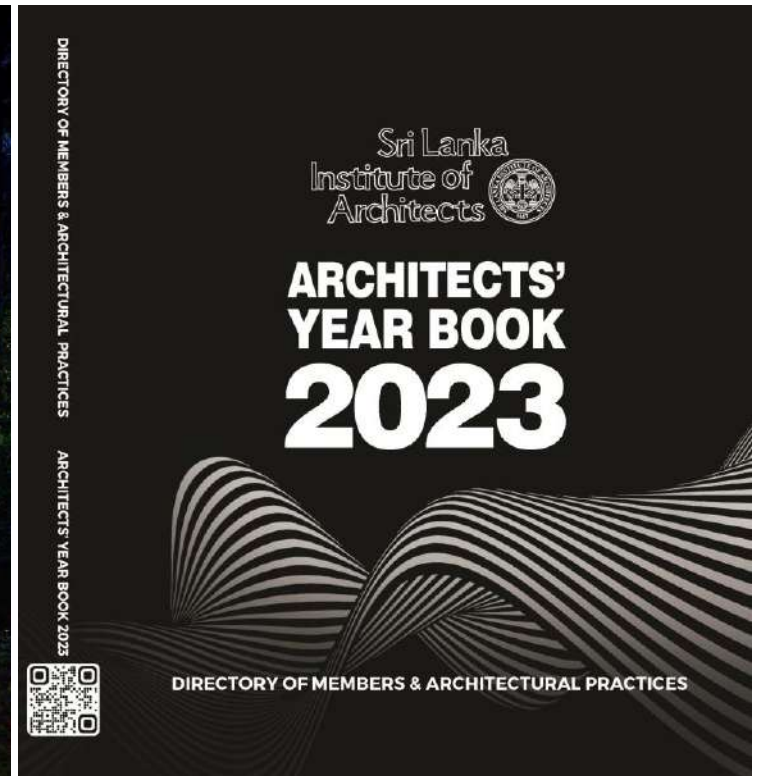
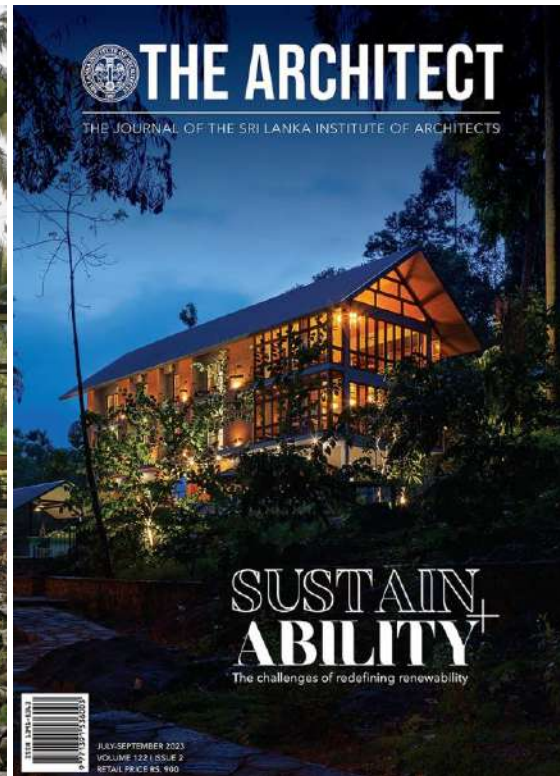
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