



ALACE Country Report

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1. History of the Institute

The Association of Lao Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE) were found in 2004. A regulation administered by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport came into effect requiring that architects be licensed to practice the profession. ALACE concentrated on building an organization that served both the profession and society. ALACE aims to (i) promote the continuing enhancement of the architecture profession in ways that are friendly to the environment and that preserve Lao traditions, while maintaining professional independence (ii) Promote harmony and unity among members to enhance the stature and efficacy of ALACE with a common focus on activities that benefit the profession and society (iii) Serve as a resource for professional and technical information and advice for the benefit of members and society (iv) To encourage, support, and promote education, research, and development that ensures the field of architecture progresses with the times (v) Cooperate with government agencies, as well as domestic and international organizations and institutions, to create an understanding and appreciation of the principles, role, and scope of the architecture profession as a means for fostering credibility and trust (vi) Promote, develop, and perform the architecture profession in accordance with the highest standards of service and ethics for the benefit of members and the public (vii) Define and certify the standards and rules for the practice of architecture.

2. Current Office Bearers

Term of Office: 2022-2024

President	:	Ar.Vongphai Bounmanee
Vice president and Honorable secretary	:	Ar. Saykham Thammanpsouth
Vice president	:	Eng. Khampaseuth Thepvongsa
Vice president	:	Ar. Soukanh Chitpanya
Vice president	:	Ar. Waddana Soukhabandith

Committee

Secretariat Office	:	Ar. Phanomvanh Chitpanya
External Relation	:	Eng. Phatthana Simmalavong
Chapters	:	Ar. Vipraseuth Souvannavong Eng. Soulivanh Phommahaxay
Education and Research	:	Ar. Xayaphone Vongvilay Ar. Thanousone Vongpaseuth Ar. Siphathay Phanphengdy Eng. Khamhou Xaphouvong Eng. Vongphachane Boualaphanh
Professional Practice	:	Ar. Padthana Phonethip Ar. Sommany Pathoumxai

Social Responsibility	:	Eng. Thong Sopha Eng. Kongkeo Phamavanh
	:	Ar. Xananikone Inthilath
Media and Fund Raising	:	Eng. Khamphong Somvichit Ar. Vidaly Chanthaphasouk
Monitoring and Ethics	:	Eng. Sengmany Gaoluanglath Eng. Sisaghouane Silithasak Ar. Noupohonh Phosy

Honorably Executive Committee

Honorably President : **H.E. Viengsavath Siphandone**, Minister of Ministry of Public Works and Transport

Honorably Adviser Committee: (1) Mr. Seun Phetsanghane
(2) Prof. Dr.Bounleuam Sisoulath
(3) Prof. Dr.Somphone Dethoudom
(4) AR. Phonesay Southiphong

3. Current Membership Strength

Membership: As of September 2022, ALACE has 1,185 active members.

4. Budget of Institute

ALACE annual revenue derives from the annual ALACE Convention and Exhibition. Additional sources of revenue include: membership dues; professional and academic seminars; social events and activities; recreational activities.

5. Number of Chapters

Headquarters

The primary operational role of the ALACE headquarters is to provide services to members and architects in general through general administration (administrative and financial services) and by implementing the various aspects of the Board’s annual operational plan: professional; technical; preservation; architecture; international; and recreation. In addition, the ALACE provides up-to-date information to members and architects concerning building codes through publications, seminars, and inquiries. The ALACE HQ office provides membership information, processes new members, renews memberships, sells publications and souvenirs, and runs an architecture library.

ALACE Chapters

There are currently 17 chapters of ALACE, semi-autonomous chapters under the ALACE umbrella located in three regions of Lao PDR such as: North region including of 7 provinces, Central region including of 5 provinces, and South region including of 4 provinces.

Legal status

ALACE is registered as a private association under the laws of Lao PDR. After the establishment of the ALACE, all licensing and registration of architects came under ALACE by law. Registration Authority of

The Association of Lao Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE) are at the provincial Departments of Public works which's under the Ministry of Public works.

6. Congress of Institute

National Congress of Association of Lao Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE) will hold every term of 3 years to review the activities implemented and select the new committee board of ALACE. Every year ALACE also held the Annual meeting to review a physical year, programs and future plans.

7. International affiliations

The ALACE has been a member of ARCASIA since 2011 and renewed its membership to UIA in 2008. The ALACE signed Memorandum of Understanding with 8 countries:

- Association of Siamese Architects (ASA) in 2006;
- Viet Nam Association of Architects (VAA) in 2006;
- Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Association (VFCEA) in 2007;
- Pertubulan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) in 2010,
- Korea Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA) in 2010;
- Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) in 2011;
- Ikitan Arsitek Indonesia (IAI) in 2011;
- Sri-Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) in 2012.

ALACE entered into these relationships to exchange information about professional know-how, practices, and standards and to organize joint activities among organizations and their members.

11. Major programs of the Institutes in 2021-2022

The National Congress of ALACE IV was held on 12 May 2022, the Congress selected Ar. Vongphai Bounmanee as President of ALACE and selected 4 vice presidents and honorable secretary as Office Bearer and 8 committees as Secretariat Office, External Relation, Chapters, Education and Research, Professional Practice, Social Responsibility, Medias and Fund Raising and Monitoring and Ethics Committees. ALACE' Office Bearer discussed and determined the vision for ALACE as Developed ALACE as a Center of Competition Architects and Civil Engineers, Consolidate and Ethics, Can Connect to International Institutes, Build a standards and Civilization thoughts.

12. Architectural competitions/awards for membership during year under review

- No current competition/awards for membership at the moment. We still need to plan on how to start and manage in the near future; and we will need guidance from other ARCASIA institutes.

13. Key issues facing the Architects/Architect Profession/Institute in the country

- Architectural profession key issues that we are facing here in Laos at the moment:
 - The development of Credit Professional Development (CPD) program
 - Certification of licensing architects and engineers

- Untracked or unreported projects including local and foreign
- ALACE now have new office bearers and committee for the 2022 – 2024 terms. As a result, we are facing many challenging issues, but we are now moving forward at a better. The issues that we are facing as the institute in Laos include:
 - Membership issue - Gathering all architects/engineers as the whole country
 - Budgeting and financial issue
 - Permanent location/building/office for the institute
 - Implementation of the institute within the governmental sector
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14. Plans for the futures

With our new office bearers and committee for the 2022 – 2024 terms, we have many things to prepare for the future:

Strategies for 2022-2030:

- To establish an organizational system or a monitoring system for all ALACE members around the country in more detailed and with up-to-date information. This will allow our association to monitor our members including both architects and engineers who are active in Lao PDR;
- Continue to work closely with the ministry of Public Works and Transportation (PWT) to help provide ALACE a permanent location (office space or office building) and more financial support;
- To make ALACE become the center of Lao architect's and engineer's standardization, methodologies, professional practice, work quality/productivity, work ethics, environmental and socially responsive, and the ability or guidelines to compete internationally. ALACE to become the gathering place for all architects and engineers to unite, cooperate, exchange ideas and knowledge, and most importantly, help develop the nation;
- To promote architect's and engineer's educational system in a way that corresponds to the actual needs of society, particularly in green technology, conservation and preservation of Lao architectural heritage, and enhance for better urban planning and city management.;
- To create a system that promote local architects and engineers to become competitive professionals while establish system to monitor and control foreign architects and engineers who come to practice in the Lao PDR;
- To encourage and promote ALACE boards to take part in the ministry of Public Works and Transportation (PWT) in city and urban planning, architectural preservation and restoration, developing building codes, construction standards and other practice-related issues;
- Continue to coordinate, implement and review the memorandum of cooperation with contract partners and membership of various organizations;
- To establish digital platform such as developing a website, Facebook page and any other electronic platform to enable practice-related information and considered queries or questions to be fielded and responded by the committee members.

- To create policies and professional guidelines for architects and engineers to obey and follow. ALACE will ensure the laws and regulations governing the practice of architect in Lao PDR are enforced in a fair and judicious manner. ALACE will be in charged with investigating all complaints received by the Board/Committee and take action against licensees and unlicensed individuals, including candidates, who have violated the provisions.

Plan for 2022-2023

- Organize ALACE Expo 2023 and Annual ALACE conference
- To enhance and develop ALACE organization (membership management, chapters leadership roles, financial status, public relations, etc.)
- Propose and seeking to have permanent office for ALACE
- Develop ALACE's 2022-2030 Vision and Strategies, 2022-2024 Implementation program
- Develop CDP program and certification program for licensing architectural and engineering professionals
- To launch digital platform (website, Facebook page, etc.) to enable practice-related and considered queries.
- Promote and enhance ALACE to be a secretary to MPWT for Urban Planning and Management, Laos Architect Preservation, Harmonization of new architects, Building Code and Building Standard.

Vientiane Lao PDR, Dated: 29 August 2022
President of
The Association of Lao Architects and Civil Engineers
Ar. Vongphai Bounmanee