



**ARCASIA**  
**ASA Country Report**  
Year 2021-2022



## Brief History of Institute

The Department of Fine Arts granted permission to establish the Association of Siamese Architects (ASA) on 28 August 1934 with the aim to promote and nurture the prosperity and awareness of the profession as well as to provide a forum of knowledge among its members. At its founding, ASA had 33 initial members who drew up rules and regulations as well as appointing an administrative committee to carry out routine works of the Association.

ASA had to cease its operation due to the Indo-China Dispute and World War II in 1941 and revived in 1945. Though the Kingdom's name had changed to "Thailand", ASA retained its original name as a way of preserving a link to the founding principles.

From 1947, ASA concentrated on building an organization that served both the profession and society. Activities addressed the following areas:

- Professional practices
- Professional standards
- Professional ethics
- Code of conduct
- Cooperation among members in pursuing shared goals
- Promoting architectural research
- Professional advocacy

In 1954, ASA was granted His Majesty's permission to be an association under His Royal Patronage and became known as "The Association of Siamese under Royal Patronage" ever since.

In December 1965, the Architectural Profession Act enacted by the Ministry of Interior, which requires architecture firms and architects to be licensed before practicing or soliciting business. The Board of Control of Engineering and Architectural Professions passed a resolution to certify ASA as a professional association allowing ASA to play a vital role in the regulation of professional practice in 1973.

In 2000, reflecting the evolution of the design professions in Thailand, the Architect Council of Thailand (ACT) was established under the Architect Act and encompasses four main design disciplines: architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, and urban architecture. ASA is a member of ACT.

Currently, ASA services to members include:

- Ethical oversight
- Publications
- Lectures
- Seminars



## Objectives

- Promote the continuing enhancement of the architecture profession in ways that are friendly to the environment and that preserve Thai traditions, while maintaining professional independence.
- Promote harmony and unity among members to enhance the stature and efficacy of ASA with a common focus on activities that benefit the profession and society.
- Serve as a resource for professional and technical information and advice for the benefit of members and society.
- To encourage, support, and promote education, research, and development that ensures the field of architecture progresses with the times.
- 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.
- 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.
- Define and certify the standards and rules for the practice of architecture.



## Board of Directors (2022 - 2024)

The ASA is governed by a board of directors consists of 22 members who are a President, two to six Vice-Presidents and three to six Executive Committee. The current board of directors is as follows:

Position	Name	
<b>President</b>	Mr. Chana	Sumpalung
<b>Vice presidents</b>	Mr. Nives	Vaseenon
	Mr. Jiravej	Hongsakul
	Mr. Phaithaya	Banchakittikun
	Mr. Chutayaves	Sinthuphan
	Asst. Prof. Dr. Rattapong	Angkasith
	Mr. Rungroth	Aumkaew
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Mr. Pipat	Rujirasopon
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Mr. Michael Paripol	Tangtrongchit
<b>Honorary Registrar</b>	Mr. Komsan	Sakulamnuaypongsa
<b>Social Events Director</b>	Mr. Chalermpon	Sombutyanoochit
<b>Public Relations Director</b>	Ms. Kulthida	Songkittipakdee
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tonkao	Panin
	Mr. Tanapong	Witkhamhan
	Dr. Vasu	Poshyanandana
	Mr. Chalermphong	Netplusarat
	Mr. Adul	Kaewdee
	Asst. Prof. Nathatai	Chansen
<b>Chairman of Northern Region (Lanna)</b>	Mr. Prakarn	Chunhapong
<b>Chairman of Northeastern Region (Esan)</b>	Mr. Werapol	Chongjaroenjai
<b>Chairman of Southern Region (Taksin)</b>	Dr. Karn	Phiancharoen
<b>Chairman of Eastern Region (Burapha)</b>	Mr. Komgrit	Pansathit
<b>Executive Advisor</b>	Mr. Smith	Obayawat
<b>Manager</b>	Ms. Kasama	Vanasilpa



**Current Member Strength**

Types of Membership and Annual Subscription

<b>Member Categories</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Membership as at August 2022</b>	<b>Annual Dues per Baht (USD)</b>
<b>Honorary</b>	Distinguished persons who have been of substantial benefit to ASA and/or the profession and who have been nominated by a unanimous vote of the ASA board of directors.	<b>32</b>	-
<b>Regular</b>	A person granted a professional license under the Royal Decree governing architects and has not had such license withdrawn.	<b>5,746</b> <b>3,245</b>	<b>Lifetime</b> <b>500 Baht/5 Years (\$15/5 Years)</b>
<b>Associate</b>	A person with a bachelor's degree or above in architecture, as certified by ACT or ASA, or a person who has received an associate degree, a certificate, or accreditation in architecture, as certified by ACT or ASA, and has worked in the field of architecture for a period as set by ACT.	<b>267</b>	<b>100 Baht/Year (\$3/Year)</b>
<b>Supporting</b>	A student enrolled in an architecture program at an educational institution recognized by ACT or ASA.	<b>121</b>	<b>100 Baht/Year (\$3/Year)</b>
	Any person interested in the field of architecture.	<b>1,082</b>	<b>500 Baht/Year (\$15/Year)</b>
<b>Corporate</b>	Any registered company providing services in the architectural field, including design and related services, and must have at least one member of senior management who is a regular member of ASA.	<b>101</b>	<b>4,000 Baht/2 Years (\$120/2 Years)</b>



## **Revenues and Expenditures**

ASA annual revenue derives from the annual architecture exposition. Additional sources of revenue include: membership fee, professional and academic seminars, social events and activities, recreational activities, architectural tours, publications (books, journal, and newsletter) and merchandise.

In 2000, ASA established ASA Fund as a fixed-deposit account to serve as the primary revenue source, to provide financial security, any annual operating surplus goes into the ASA Fund account and cannot be withdrawn. ASA can use only the interest generated.

According to current ASA bylaws, Committee members must propose an annual operating plan with budget for approval at least 60 days prior to the annual general meeting to the Fund Committee, the membership of which consists of past presidents and honorary members. After approval, the Board of Committee presents the plan and budget at the annual general meeting, along with a report of the prior year's performance. The annual operating budget for the fiscal year beginning May 2022 through April 2023 is approximately 84 million baht (2.35 million USD).

## **Number of Chapters**

### **Headquarters**

The primary operational role of the ASA headquarter 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 ASA provides up-to-date information to members and architects concerning building codes through publications, seminars, and inquiries. The ASA headquarter provides membership information, processes new members, renews memberships, and sells publications and merchandise.

### **ASA Chapters and Subchapters**

Each of the chapters and subchapters operates as a commission comprised of ASA members who practice architecture in the region. Chapter chairs are elected every two years with terms concurrent with ASA president and each chapter has the same structure as the ASA with a Board. Subchapter chairs are appointed by ASA President and functions under its chapter. The chapters undertake such activities as an annual regional architectural exhibition, professional and technical seminars, architectural research, recreational events, support professionals in the region, coordinate in the implementation of the annual plan, and provide information to the ASA board.

There are four semi-autonomous regional chapters and 14 subchapters under the ASA umbrella located in four regions of Thailand: Northern (Lanna), Northeastern (Esan), Southern (Taksin) and Eastern (Burapha).



## **Annual General Assembly**

The Annual General Assembly was held on 26 April 2022 to present annual report on the association's activities, approve of an annual operational plan and budget of each fiscal year, approve of a proposed revision of the bylaw and resolutions.

## **Legal status**

ASA is registered as a private association under the laws of Thailand. After the establishment of the Architect Council of Thailand (ACT), all licensing and registration of architects came under ACT. It is, by law, a regulatory body for the design professions in Thailand and replaces the Board of Control of Engineering and Architectural Professions, which had been made up entirely of government representatives. However, the ACT Board is made up of a majority of architects, elected by ASA and ACT members.

## **Legal Status of the Architect in the Country**

The Architect Act B.E. 2543 prohibits any person to practice the controlled architectural profession of all disciplines unless granted license(s) on particular discipline(s). Personal licensing by the council is derived from the Architectural Profession ACT B.E. 2508 and classified into four levels as follows:

- 1) Chartered architect
- 2) Professional architect
- 3) Associated architect
- 4) Specially-associated architect

A juristic entity engaging on business related to the controlled architectural practice must register with the council for a corporate license and must be operated under the license of personal architect (s).

Qualifications and requirements for licensing of both persons and juristic entities are stipulated in the Architect Council of Thailand ordinances.

## **International affiliations**

ASA has been a member of Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) since 1972 and renewed its membership to the Union Interantionale des Architectes (UIA) in April 2002. ASA has set up representatives to work with the ARCASIA's committee as follows:

- ARCASIA Committee of Architecture Education
- ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice
- ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility
- ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture
- ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects
- ARCASIA Emergency Architects



ASA signed a Memoranda of Understanding with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in 1992 and renewed in 2018 with an option to renew every three years. In 1993, ASA signed MoU with the Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) and renewed in 2020 with an option to renew every five years. Later, ASA signed MoU with Malaysian Institute of Architects (Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia - PAM) and Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), and the Association of Laos Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE) in 2006; Korea Institute of Architects (KIRA) in 2010; Sri-Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) and Federal Chamber of German Architects (Bundesarchitektenkammer – BAK) in 2011. In 2019, ASA signed MoU with Viet Nam Association of Architects and signed Accord on Cooperation and Professionalism in Architecture with the Association of Laos Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE) for a period of four years.

ASA entered into these relationships to exchange information about architectural education, professional practices, and standards and to organize joint activities among organizations and their members.

### **Four-Nations**

ASA has initiated joint collaboration with Malaysian Institute of Architects (Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia, PAM) and Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) to organize Tri-Nations Meeting since 2009. In 2017, the Tri-Nations meeting have been expanded to include Indonesian Institute of Architects (Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia, IAI). The expansion of other countries joining Four-Nations will be done on an ad-hock basis or through invitation by Four-Nation host country. The core countries will always be Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

### **Major Programs in 2021-2022**

ASA has organized board and committee meetings; lectures and seminars; awards and competitions; exposition; publication, as well as member outreach programs.

### **ARCHITECT 2022 Exposition**

This is the largest; most complex annual event organized by the ASA and is handled by a subcommittee appointed specifically for this purpose. The exposition consists of the Building and Construction Materials Exhibition and Architectural Exhibition and Seminars. Activities during the event included the following:

#### **Exhibition:**

- Conservation Project under the Royal Initiation of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
- Delineation of Architectural Masters
- Co-With Covid
- Local Innovation
- Professional Collaboration
- ASA Member
- Architecture and design projects by students



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- ASA Architectural Awards 2022
- ASA Architectural Conservation Award 2022
- Architecture Competitions
  - ASA Experimental Design 2022
  - Thesis of the Year Awards 2022
  - BlueScope Design Awards 2021: The Sustainability of Coated Steel Building

Seminar:

- ASA Seminar 2022
  - Interior Architect: PIA Interior
  - Engineer: TACE Ltd.
  - Contractor: BULK ONE GROUP CO., LTD
  - Lighting Designer, LUNDI LIGHT DESIGN and APLD Co., Ltd
  - Architectural Presentation: Master Piece Creative Model
  - Architectural Photographer: Depth of Field Co., Ltd., W Workspace Co., Ltd. and DOF SKY | GROUND
  - Urban Architects: UDDC-CEUS
  - Landscape Architects: TROP: TERRAINS + OPEN SPACE
- ASA International Forum 2022
  - Virtual Forum and Live Streaming
    - Erwin Viray
    - Defit Wijaya & Rit Santoso
  - Hybrid Forum: Onsite and Virtual Forum
    - Aaron Betsky
    - Samuel Barclay
    - Fala Atelier

Others activities:

- ASA Experimental Design Competition
- ASA Architectural Design Student Workshop 2022
- Home Repair Consultant
- ASA Shop
- ASA Club
- ASA Night Friend & Co.

## Competitions/Awards

- **ASA Architectural Design Awards**

In 1982, ASA Architectural Design Awards was established under the name of “Siam Sathapat” to promote and honor outstanding architectural design. The list of nominees will originate upon the proposal of architects, architectural firms or building’s owners. The criteria of the award will consider overall design concept, degree of functional utilization of the project, integration of architectural design with the engineering structural system, construction materials, suitability of the building to the particular site and general environment and general aesthetic



standard of the project. The projects will be evaluated and the shortlisted projects will be visited to collect additional data before the final judgement is rendered.

• **ASA Architectural Conservation Awards**

In 1982, ASA Architectural Conservation Awards was initiated to nominate conservation projects and people or organizations involved in conservation. The list of nominees will originate from the committee or from suggestions by ASA members, or upon the proposal of the building's owners or other people. The committee will undertake the primary survey and gather the relevant information. The conservation project will be evaluated and the final judgment will be rendered. The criteria of the award will consider architectural value, historical value, social value, maintenance, and conservation according to academic guidelines and give equal value to regulations, laws and traditions.

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has been extremely kind to grace the occasion by presiding over the award presentation ceremony, thus bestowing great honors to the award recipients as well as other participants and all involved.

**Publications**

ASA has launched Book Translation Program to promote the translation of foreign-language books in the field of architecture and to increase the accessibility to reading materials. To date, over 15 titles have been published. The books will be published in 2022 are as follow;

- Architecture of the City written by Aldo Rossi
- Soft City: Building Density for Everyday Life written by David Slim

ASA has also launched series of manual of architecture practice to be the essential reference and guidance for architects. The books that have published in 2021 are as follow;

- Guidelines for Drafting Terms of Reference
- Standard Design Contract

In addition, ASA has collaborated with Singapore Institute of Architects, Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia and Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia to create a publication to promote knowledge-sharing in the field of architecture.



## Member Outreach Programs

ASA provides architectural information to members and the public through various media;

- ASA Journal is a free, bi-monthly, online publication, available for members and general public.
- ASA Newsletter is a monthly publication distribute to members to keep them informed of ASA activities.
- ASA has had a website ([www.asa.or.th](http://www.asa.or.th)) since 1997 with up-to-date information on various architecture-related subjects, Architect Expo, ASA news and activities, ASA media and publication, seminars, member directory, job opportunities, downloadable forms, manuals, and building codes.
- ASA Line and ASA Platform provided information about ASA and architectural designs and products for the purpose of promoting ASA to the general public and our members.

## CPD Programs

Over the last few years, the CPD program has been introduced to registered architects, but hasn't been implemented. When the CPD is implemented, all licensed architects will have to successfully obtain annual requirement of 60 credit points in a 5-year period and allowed to have 20 credit points maximum per year.

- Seminars and CPD Programs organized by ASA are as follow;
  - ASA Talks Series
    - Hybrid Craftmanship
    - Design and Make
    - Element of Architecture
    - Huminitic Architecture
  - ISA Materials Info Online
    - Steel
    - Elevator
    - Architectural Precast Concrete
    - Universal design for restroom, multi-purpose toilet, elderly & hospital bathroom and space laboratory.
  - ISA Building Materials Visit Series
    - Elevator
    - Guardian of the Glass Featuring Siam Fiberglass
    - Sustainably produced carpets
    - Universal design for restroom, multi-purpose toilet, elderly & hospital bathroom and space laboratory.



## **Green and Sustainable Programs**

ASA established a working group call ‘ASA Green Committee’ to take responsibility about promoting green building design and construction programs like publications, seminar, lectures, and green building award for many years. In 2010, ASA, in cooperation with the Engineering Institute of Thailand under H.M. the King’s Patronage (EIT) have established the Thai Green Building Institute (TGBI) and developed the Thai’s Rating of Energy and Environmental Sustainability for New Construction and Major Renovation (TREES-NC), Core and Shell Building (TREES-CS) and Home (TREES-HOME), the rating system specially designed for green buildings with Thai context. The Green Building Standards uses in Thailand are as follows;

### **New Construction and Major Renovation (TREES-NC)**

Criteria and complex requirement:

- Building Management
- Site and Landscape
- Water Conservation
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Environmental protection
- Green Innovation

Points Categories:

- Platinum: 80 points and above
- Gold: 60-79 points
- Silver: 50-59 points
- Certified: 40-49 points

### **Core and Shell Building (TREES-CS)**

Criteria and complex requirement:

- Building Management
- Site and Landscape
- Water Conservation
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Environmental protection
- Green Innovation

Points Categories:

- Platinum: 80 points and above
- Gold: 60-79 points
- Silver: 50-59 points
- Certified: 40-49 points



## **Home (TREES-HOME) Pre-Home (Design Process)**

Criteria and complex requirement:

- Site and Landscape
- Water Conservation
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Green Innovation

Points Categories:

- Platinum: 60 points and above
- Gold: 38 points and above
- Silver: 22 points and above
- Certified: Passed all the criteria

## **Home (Construction Process)**

Criteria and complex requirement:

- Site and Landscape
- Water Conservation
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Green Innovation

Points Categories:

- Platinum: 80 points and above
- Gold: 50 points and above
- Silver: 30 points and above
- Certified: Passed all the criteria

TGBI also focuses on promoting TREES and green building practices for Thai practitioners. They launch 2-days training and testing program. The participants who pass the exam will become TREES Associate New Construction (TREES NC), TREES Associate Existing Building (TREES EB) and TREES Associate Core and Shell Building (TREES CS). TGBI Seminars and Workshops include;

- ASEAN – US Energy Efficiency Education Workshop
- Training courses on green building for Thai architects and engineers
- LEED for Existing Building and Case Studies
- LEED for Commercial Interior and Case Studies
- Thai Green Building for Sustainable Economy
- Green Building Site Visit



## **Key Issues facing Architect, Architectural Profession and Institute**

The present situation in the country and abroad are likely to change dramatically in both economically and politically as well as other factors that can have serious consequences including:

1. The emergence of new diseases has changed the way we live and we conduct business.
2. The awareness of possible economic recession.
3. The emergence of new technologies that could affect the role of architects and redefine the boundary of the architecture profession.
4. Travel restrictions transform the collaboration model in the field of architecture.
5. Higher demand in continuing architecture education for professionals.
6. Re-evaluate the Design Competition Standards, promote anonymous judging policy, and allowing registered architects at all levels to be able to compete fairly and equally.
5. Decentralizing management and empowering the regional chapters. Focusing on coalition building in all regions of the country including outreach to local communities, forming partnerships with local businesses and strengthening relationships with local government agencies.

## **Resources**

### **Siamese Architects Foundation (SAF)**

Siamese Architects Foundation was established on 3 November 2014. The main objective of the foundation is to assist members with welfare benefit, provide loans or grants of money for training candidates and academic research in the architectural profession, encourage and support activities that enhance the prosperity of the architectural profession, engage or support charity organizations for the public benefit. Current SAF projects include, study scholarship to students from recognized universities and illness benefit.

## **Plan for the future**

ASA is going to host an annual outdoor festival, “ASA WOW: Wonder of Well-Being City”, in November 2022. The event will be focus on a sustainable urban foresight and planning for 10 years with a collaboration between private and public sectors in all professions, including urban design and planning, real estate development, and design industry. The festival consists of workshop, symposium, exhibition and outdoor activities. Activities during the event included the following;

### **Festival:**

- Awakening Bangkok: Lighting Design and Installation
- Bangkok Design Week at Creative Industry & Districts
- Bangkok Art Biennale
- Well-Being City Festival



### **City Co-creation Workshop**

- Workshop on Urban Foresight

### **Awards**

- City Development
- Real Estate Development

### **Competition**

- Urban Furniture Competition 2022

### **Fun and Activities**

- City Run for All
- Playground: Immersive Exploration
- Landmark: Beating Heart
- Thematic Pavilion: Bangkok 2030
- Grand Stage
- Garden Stage: City Walk
- Interactive Art Museum
- Drone Light Show
- Amphitheater