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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.

OFFICE BEARERS & NATIONAL COUNCIL

The office bearers are elected each year from amongst the members of the National Council. The following are the office bearers elected of IAP elected for the term 2021-2022:

- Ar. Saad Mahmood Khan President
- Ar. Kabeer Malik Vice President
- Ar. Bisma Sami Askari Vice President
- Ar. Azhar M. Sualehi Honorary Secretary
- Ar. Dr. Shama Anbrine Honorary Treasurer
- Ar. Umar Saeed Chairman, Board of Architectural Education

In addition to the above there are three other members directly elected to the National Council. The directly elected members who each have three-year tenure are:

- Ar. Khadija Jamal Shaban Member
- Ar. Faisal Bilwany Member
- Ar. Tania Ali Soomro Member

The Six Chapters of the IAP are represented on the IAP National Council by the Chairpersons of the Executive Committee of each Chapter.

The Six Chapter Chairpersons are:

- Ar. Maria Ansari Chairman, Karachi Chapter
- Ar. Jawad Ahmed Tahir Chairman, Lahore Chapter
- Ar. Fawad Sohail Abbasi Chairman, Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter
- Ar. Nosheed Ullah Shah Chairman, Peshawar Chapter
- Ar. Essa Khan Chairperson, Quetta Chapter
- Ar. Arshad Mahmood Chairman, Chenab Chapter

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

The IAP membership comprises of three categories: Affiliates, Associates, and Fellows. The Affiliate category is open to Students who have entered the 3rd year of their architectural education and includes architectural graduates who have not gained the two years professional experience required for eligibility to become full Associates. Architects applying for Associate membership need to have minimum two years of professional experience and be registered with Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP), the profession's statutory licensing body. Fellows of the Institute are elected by the National Council to recognize outstanding service to the profession, to architectural education and to the Institute. Currently there are over 2000 Affiliates, 2140 Associates and 60 Fellows on the register of IAP.

BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

All events and programmes of the Institute are initiated, organized, funded and managed by the Chapters. The Chapters collect subscription dues and raise funds for their activities. Every year, the National Council prepares a budget to cover its expenses, programmes related to education and subscriptions to international organizations, which is presented to the Annual General Body Meeting. This budget is funded by the Chapters in proportion to their membership strength.

The Institute has an overall annual budget. Income is derived from a modest membership fee which contributes towards the operating expenses of the IAP Secretariat. The annual building products exhibition, IAPEX, initiated in 2004 has been expanded to include an Architectural Conference/Forum and now takes place in 4 cities and is managed by the regional Chapters. This event brings a regular income to the Institute and has made it financially independent. However, specific activities, programmes and events are still arranged through sponsorships.

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

IAP has currently Six Chapters covering the entire country:

Karachi Chapter covers the Sindh Province

Lahore Chapter covers the Province of Punjab, except the Division of Rawalpindi and Chenab which is covered by the Rawalpindi-Islamabad and Chenab Chapters respectively

Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter covers Rawalpindi Division of Punjab Province, Islamabad Capital District, Province of Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir

Peshawar Chapter, covers the Khyber Pakhtun-Khwa (KPK) Province and the Northern Territories.

Quetta Chapter covers the Baluchistan Province

Chenab Chapter covers the region along the River Chenab in the Punjab Province

AGM OF THE INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting of the IAP is generally held before October 31 each year, while the Chapters are required to conclude their AGM's by August 15. Apart from the statutory business that is conducted, members freely express their views and recommendations on a wide range of issues that confront the profession or the Institute. Major policy decisions are made or endorsed at the AGM.

Each year at the AGM, elections to the National Council for a three year term are held to fill the vacancies created by the retiring Council members. The Council members then elect the office bearers from amongst themselves for a one year period. Office bearers are eligible to be re-elected provided they remain members of the National Council.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE

IAP is registered as a not-for-profit limited company with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). The Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP), the regulatory statutory body established by the Government, recognizes IAP as the sole representative body of professionally qualified architects of the country and as its 'executive arm'.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE ARCHITECT IN PAKISTAN

As an individual professional, the architect's title is by law protected under the Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP) Ordinance 1983. The PCATP registers qualified architects and only those registered with PCATP are legally allowed to practice or even call themselves architects. Correspondingly, the IAP only recognizes PCATP registration as a requirement for Associate membership of the Institute.

REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR ARCHITECTS

Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP) was established in 1983 by the promulgation of an Ordinance by the President of Pakistan. It is a common registration authority and maintains separate registers for architects and town planners.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

IAP is a member of the following international organizations:

- International Union of Architects (**UIA**)
- Architects Regional Council Asia (**ARCASIA**)
- Commonwealth Association of Architects (**CAA**)
- South Asian Association of Architects (**SAARCH**)

MAJOR PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE PAST YEAR

The IAP National Council and its Chapters have had a fairly busy year. Some of the events that have taken place recently include:

- 1. World Architecture Day Celebration by IAP**
Event hosted by IAP Karachi Chapter at October 03, 2021
- 2. Annual Dinner Meeting: Featuring the Legendary Architect Anwar Said**
Event hosted by IAP Rawalpindi/ Islamabad Chapter at October 05, 2021
- 3. Tribute: Celebration of Life by IAP Lahore Chapter**
Event hosted by IAP Lahore Chapter at October 09, 2021
- 4. IAP Annual General Body Meeting and Election 2021**
Held Online on ZOOM at November 26, 2021
- 5. IAP President and OB's Meeting with Italian Ambassador**
At Islamabad, Pakistan, December 08, 2021
- 6. Relive the Magical Experience of Pakistan Pavilion at Expo 2020; Dubai**
Event hosted by IAP Lahore Chapter at January 14, 2022
- 7. Talk & Presentation by Ar. Rashid Rasheed**
Event hosted by IAP Rawalpindi/ Islamabad Chapter at January 21, 2022
- 8. Academia Industry Linkages Program**
Event hosted by IAP Rawalpindi/ Islamabad Chapter at January 22, 2022

9. BAE-IAP Academic Awards 2021

Event hosted by IAP Rawalpindi/ Islamabad Chapter at January 29, 2022

10. Provincial Assembly of Punjab Visit by IAP Lahore Chapter Members

January 29, 2022

11. Cricket Match between IAP RIC & IAP PC

Event hosted by IAP Rawalpindi/ Islamabad Chapter at February 05, 2022

12. Soft Opening of IAP House, Karachi

Event organized by IAP Karachi Chapter at February 19, 2022

13. Penta Square Visit by IAP Lahore Chapter Members

April 02, 20122

14. A talk by Prof. Charanjit Singh Shah

Event hosted by IAP Lahore Chapter at April 30, 2022

15. Talk and Presentation series II by by Ar. Kamil Khan Mumtaz & Taimoor Khan

Event hosted by IAP Rawalpindi/ Islamabad Chapter at May 17, 2022

16. Breathing Spaces - Tackling the Challenge of the invisible - Panel Discussion

Event hosted by IAP Lahore Chapter at June 11, 2022

17. Golden Jubilee Celebration of Fellow IAP Member Ar. Suhail A. Abbasi's Professional Practice

Event hosted by IAP Peshawar Chapter at June 16, 2022

18. IAPEX 2022 – Building Material Exhibition and Conference title “ADAPTIVE RESILIENCE”

Exhibition and Conference hosted by IAP Karachi Chapter, July 01 – 03, 2022

19. Launch of IAP Membership Card

IAP Card launched at the closing event of IAPEX at Karachi, July 03, 2022

20. IAP Design Excellence Awards 2022 - Juries

1st Jury at June 27, 2022 - Online

2nd Jury at July 23, 2022 – In Person

IAP EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

1. BAE-IAP Academic Awards 2022 Ceremony

September 20, 2022

- 2. IAPEX 2022 – Building Material Exhibition and Conference**
by IAP Lahore Chapter – November 04 – 07, 2022
- 3. IAP Design Excellence Awards 2022 Ceremony**
November 2022
- 4. IAPEX 2023 – Building Material Exhibition and Conference**
by IAP Rawalpindi/Islamabad Chapter – January 20 – 23, 2023

OUTREACH PROGRAM OF THE INSTITUTE

The IAP is active in promoting architecture and the architectural profession at many different forums. The main areas in which the IAP has been active have been education, professional development, building codes, environment and public safety.

IAP has continued its efforts to improve the quality of architectural education in Pakistan through the Board of Architectural Education (BAE). Members of IAP assist the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) in its role as the body accrediting architecture programs. A separate report on architectural education is submitted to the ACAE.

IAP through its Board of Architecture interacts with management, faculty and student bodies of its associated Architecture schools. Local chapters undertake introduction and interaction sessions at the schools to introduce IAP to the students and facilitate their interaction with senior professionals through the Institutional Outreach Programme.

Nominees of IAP serve on many committees of the Local, Provincial and Federal Government bodies and are involved in assisting the government at various levels including revision of building byelaws of different towns and cities.

In the last few years, the Institute has become a vocal advocate for the need for proper master planning and the protection of the environment. Representatives of the Institute have spoken and written in the media against unplanned developments, irresponsible reclamation, and environmental degradation. They have agitated for the protection and preservation of our built heritage and of historical sites.

Interaction with a large number of other design professionals of related fields, building contractors, manufacturers and others is taking place to make IAPs efforts all inclusive. IAP Chapters regularly arrange for members visits to Building Material Manufacturing facilities under the Building Industry Outreach programme.

KEY ISSUES FACING THE ARCHITECTS/ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION/INSTITUTE

Despite clear provisions in the PCATP Ordinance of 1983, several municipal authorities in the country require registered architects to obtain additional licenses to practice in their jurisdiction, often with a substantial annual licensing fee. An architect with a widespread practice, not necessarily large, can end up paying heavily to obtain up to fifteen licenses from various municipal authorities across the country, many of these being cantonments under control of the Ministry of Defence. *Joint efforts by the IAP and PCATP to allow registered architects to practice without hindrance throughout the country has started to bear fruit. The Capital Development Authority (CDA) & Lahore Development Authority (LDA) have notified acceptance drawing submissions on the basis of valid PCATP registration and removed their own registration requirement.*

Due to the numerous municipal authorities controlling different parts of the urban centers, there is lack of Uniform Building Bye Laws within the same city, etc. *Advocacy with the government agencies/authorities' front forms a major function of IAP's activities. At the Chapter level, IAP Peshawar Chapter members are representing IAP in interaction with the KPK Government as part of the KPK Built Environment Council Working Committee. The Lahore Chapter is also actively engaged in deliberations with the Defence Housing Authority for upgradation/ modification of DHA building Byelaws for Lahore.*

In many development authorities, the architect is not given due role and functions that are clearly within an architect's domain. These are being performed by other professionals and as a result, in addition to other disadvantages, job opportunities for architects in government and semi government entities are severely restricted.

Because of an engineer dominated environment in the public sector, architectural services are often awarded to engineering firms depriving architects of their legitimate market share.

Due to weak regulatory controls, there is a mushroom growth of non-accredited educational institutions offering architectural programs whose graduates find themselves unable to join the mainstream profession.

RESOURCES OF THE INSTITUTE

After the soft opening of IAP House, a long-awaited permanent facility for the IAP Karachi Chapter located at a prime location in Karachi earlier this year; the IAP Lahore Chapter (currently operating from an owned small office space) has also started its journey for establishing a permanent facility at Lahore by purchasing a commercial property. Construction activity is expected to commence later this year. IAP also purchased a plot of land in 2010 in a neighbourhood of Islamabad for construction of IAP House Islamabad, to be managed by the Rawalpindi/Islamabad Chapter.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The last 2 years have been quite tough globally to the pandemic. Lockdowns and covid precautions restricted our day to day lives in an unprecedented way. While some activities continued through the available electronic means and limited people to people interaction during this period; IAP has now fully resumed its regular in-person activities.

Currently engaged in upgrading its organizational framework in order to prepare for membership expansion and improved bandwidth to serve our community; IAP intends to continue the momentum to improve architectural education in the county. It also looks forward to continuing the focus towards social responsibility, disaster management, heritage and green and sustainable projects in the upcoming year.

Ar. Saad Mahmood Khan

President, IAP