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01. BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

The Architectural Society of China (ASC) is a nation-wide academic organization consisting of professionals in architectural science and technology. Registered in the Ministry of Civil Affairs, ASC is a non-profit social organization under professional guidance of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, and an official member of China Association for Science and Technology. ASC is the country member of both the International Union of Architects (UIA) and the Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA). ASC is also the member of the Central Committee of the APEC Architect Project and Canberra Accord on Architectural Education.

Founded in 1953, ASC is one of the longest established academic organizations of the People's Republic of China. The mission of ASC is to unite architectural professionals across the country under the leadership of the CPC, to inherit and promote the outstanding architectural culture of the Chinese nation, to uphold the principle of “letting a hundred flowers blossom and a hundred schools of thought contend”, to conduct academic exchange and research on architectural science and technology, to foster academic prosperity and architectural creation, and to facilitate the popularization of architectural science and technology and the development of talent in architecture. ASC defines its development strategy by adhering to “Pursuit of Academic Research, Pioneer in Building Industry, Think-Tank to Government, Home for Members”. In the country’s development, by fully leveraging an academic organization’s strength in talented resources, ASC has played a substantial role in drawing on the collective expertise to serve the public, and has become an important social force to promote the development of China’s architectural science and technology.

02. CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS OF THE INSTITUTE

The current office bearers were elected at ASC National General Assembly in 2021 for a term of 5 years.

President: XIU Long

Vice Presidents: WANG Jianguo, WANG Cuikun, LONG Weiguo, ZHUANG Weimin, LIU Jiaping, XU Jiefeng, SONG Yuan, MENG Jianmin, MEI Hongyuan, CHANG Qing, CUI Kai

Supervisory Board members: DING Jian, ZHAO Qi, ZHANG Ailin, ZHANG Baiping, GU Yongxin

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03. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

Up to 2022, ASC has 72363 individual members, 960 fellow members and 2566 corporate members.

04. BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

The fund for ASC is from 3 channels, the financial allocation from the Ministry of Housing and Urban & Rural Development and the China Association of Science and Technology, part of the fund is collected by ASC General Secretariat from membership fees and consulting services. The Secretary General is the legal person of the General Secretariat and authorizes the spending.

05. NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

ASC Council comprises 5 working committees and there are 60 sub-institutes under the umbrella of ASC. ASC and provincial architect institutes maintain close ties in organizational terms and work closely together in business through co-hosting various academic and professional exchange activities, jointly promoting the architectural development in China. The Secretariat of ASC is the permanent administrative body of ASC composed of 9 departments.

06. CONGRESS OF THE INSTITUTE

The National Congress of ASC is held every five years to elect the Council, the Standing Council, and the Supervisory Board. The Council comprises 5 working committees, namely Internal Affairs Committee, Awards Committee, Standards Committee, Science Popularization Committee, and International Exchange Committee.

07. LEGAL STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE

ASC is the only national organization representing architects in the country. ASC is recognized by the government and is registered by the Ministry of Civil Affairs as a juridical association. The ASC is a multi-disciplinary institute including architects, engineers and other professionals in the field of building industry.

08. LEGAL STATUS OF THE ARCHITECT IN THE COUNTRY

The architect registration system in China has been put into practice from 1995, and those who graduated from the schools of architecture can take part in the national examination for registration. By passing the examination, candidate is qualified for registration. After registration, the architect holds the title of Registered Architect. Now in China there are only a few firms for private practice. Most of the firms are

government owned design institutes (offices). But there is a trend of transforming from government owned design institute into partnership or joint-stock company.

For practice in China, there is double-control on the “license”, the business license and the qualification license. The business license is issued by the National or Provincial Bureau of Industrial and Commercial Administration to a design institute for commercial operation. The qualification license is issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban & Rural Development or the Provincial Construction Commission for undertaking architectural and/or building designs. There are presently 3 classes for architectural design offices, namely Class A, B and C. Class A is unlimited in the projects they can undertake, Class B limited to medium and small projects; and Class C to small projects. The qualification is based on the number of registered architects and/or registered structural engineers employed in the said office. For example, there should be no less than 3 Class-1 registered architects and/or 3 Class-1 registered structural engineers in a Class A office; One Class-1 registered architect and/or one Class-1 registered structural engineer in a Class B office; and one Class-2 registered architect and/or one Class-2 registered structural engineer in a Class C office. The qualification is re-examined and renewed every two years. No business license will be issued without firstly obtaining the qualification license.

The scale of design fee is jointly published by the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Housing and Urban & Rural Development. It is more or less a guidance scale, and the client can still negotiate with the design offices for higher or lower rates.

09. ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTRY

According to the law issued by the central government, architects’ registration is undertaken by NABAR (National Administration Board of Architectural Registration). The latest edition of Registered Architects Ordinance of China was issued on January 29, 2008 and the Bylaws of the Registered Architects were implemented from 1st July 1996. As of June 2018, there are 30660 registered architects in China, among which 25816 are within the term of validity.

10. INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

ASC joined in the International Union of Architects (UIA) as a national section in 1955 and joined in the Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA) as a national member in 1989. Besides, ASC is a member of APEC Architect Project and as a member of Canberra Accord on Architectural Education, National Board of Architectural Accreditation (NBAA)’s daily work was undertaken by ASC.

ASC established and maintained academic exchanges and friendly cooperative relationship with relevant organizations in the UK, the US, Japan, Russia, Republic of Korea, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Mongolia, Brazil, Belarus, etc. ASC also communicated closely with architectural institutes in Hong Kong China, Macao China and Chinese Taipei.

11. MAJOR PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE PAST YEAR

Expanding international outreach, participating in and hosting international and regional academic exchange activities

In March and April 2022, as a member of the Canberra Accord Implementation Task Force, NBAA (whose daily work as undertaken by ASC) took part in a series of Task Force online meetings. Signatories were surveyed to re-evaluate the level of implementation of the Accord and later a Task Force Report, a comparison matrix, and compiled results of the 2022 implementation survey were developed and sent to all Signatories.

On 23 April, ASC delegation attended the ARCASIA Zone C Presidents Meeting convened and chaired by Zone C Vice President Ar. Chun Gyu Shin, KIRA. Each Zone C Member Section reported on their main events over the year and Zone C's role within ARCASIA was discussed. The meeting has helped promote exchange and dialogue among regional members and enhanced transnational and cross-regional cooperation in the region.

On 16 and 17 May, ASC delegation headed by President XIU Long attended the Extraordinary General Assembly held in Madrid, Spain online. The Assembly reviewed reports from UIA Bureau, Commissions and Work Programmes, voted on amendments to UIA Constitution and Bylaws, discussed the reform of UIA governance bodies, selected hosting city for the next UIA International Forum in 2024 and deliberated on various matters regarding the Union.

On 26 and 27 May, 2022 Canberra Accord Interim Video Meeting was successfully held. Affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Interim Meeting was held virtually. The meeting was attended by Zhuang Weimin (Director of the National Board of Architectural Accreditation and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering), Zhao Qi (Executive Secretary General of NBAA and Vice President of ASC), Wang Xiaojing (ASC Secretary General Assistant and Director of ASC International Department, and Liu Yuting (Project Manager of ASC International Department).

On 23 June, hosted by Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the Department for International Trade, British Embassy Beijing and supported by ASC, Sino-UK seminar on low carbon development through innovation was successfully held and more than 100 ASC members joined the seminar.

From April to July, ASC delegation attended a series of UIA Region IV President's meetings which provided an opportunity for regional members to report on work progress and deliberated on future work plans.

From March to July, ASC actively engaged our members in the application for 2022 ARCASIA Awards for Architecture and more than 100 entries were submitted via the online portal.

From May to July, ASC organized the collection of works for 2022 ARCASIA Student Design Competition and ARCASIA Thesis of the Year Awards (Mainland China Division).

Both Competitions have received overwhelming response from top universities across China. TOY Awards received 58 entries from 33 architectural schools in China and Student Architectural Design Competition received 48 entries from 26 architectural schools. Through strict evaluation by diverse juries of experts, three entries selected from each of the two competitions were submitted to Forum 21 Secretariat for the final competition.

From 15 to 17 August, as a member of Canberra Accord visiting team, Prof. LI Baofeng as commissioned by NBAA attended SACAP's online periodical review visit where the visiting team reviewed SACAP's accreditation on architectural education of Tshwane University of Technology (TUT).

Preparation for 2022 International Symposium on Architecture Interchanges in Asia (ISAIA). The 13th ISAIA is scheduled to be held during September 28-29, 2022 in Wuhan, China. Co-hosted by ASC, Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK) and the Architectural Institute of Japan (AIJ), the 2022 Symposium is to be organized by ASC with the theme, Sharing Healthy City for More People. The official website (<https://isaia2022.chinaasc.org.cn/>) was launched on 20 July.

HKIA Architecture Exhibitions themed "M3: Beyond Territories - Made. Make. Making" was staged in Hangzhou and Beijing in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China. As the co-organizer, ASC invited architectural design masters Ar. ZHANG Li, ZHANG Lingling, Han Dongqin to join the Exhibitions and coordinated academic seminars and exchange activities. ASC President XIU Long and Secretary General LI Cundong attended the opening ceremony of Beijing Exhibition and Hangzhou Exhibition respectively.

Pioneering development and promoting progress in the industry

- **Organizing and coordinating work related to “Liang Sicheng Architecture Prize” and “ASC Science and Technology Progress Award”.** Nominations for 2022 the 11th Liang Sicheng Architecture Prize; Selection and Evaluation for 2021-2022 ASC Science and Technology Progress Award.
- **Architectural Science Popularization.** ASC now has 106 science popularization sites around the country. ASC has also launched “ASC Science Popularization Special Support Program”, held educational talks and organized the publication of science popularization books.
- **Architectural Science Training.** ASC plans and organizes series of training events including “Architectural Practicing”, “Science and Technology Training Center Annual Academic Conference”, “Master Talks in Architecture”, “Engineering Capability Improvement Lectures”, “Perseverance-Inheritance”, “Party Lessons for the Centennial of the Party”, and “Tracing Architectural Steps Book Club”, etc.

Fulfilling the Role of “Government Think Tank” and Facilitating Local Construction

- **Suzhou Historic Architecture Preservation Design Workshop.** From 2019, ASC and Suzhou Municipal People's Government jointly hold the Suzhou Historic Architecture Preservation Design Workshop.
- **Support and Help with Architectural Design in Nujiang Prefecture.** In March 2019, ASC coordinated some well-known architectural planning and design institutes and universities to conduct field research and focus studies on the housing construction problems faced by Lushui City, Fugong County and Gongshan Derung and Nu Autonomous County in Nujiang Prefecture.
- **Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games – Taizicheng Ice and Snow Town.** In September 2017, ASC was entrusted by Hebei Province to collect architectural design schemes for the project of Ice and Snow Town at Taizicheng, Hebei.
- **Xiong'an New Area Citizen Service Center.** In May 2017, ASC was entrusted by the Preparatory Committee of Xiong'an New Area to solicit architectural design schemes for Citizen Service Center in Xiong'an New Area.

12. ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITIONS/AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

- 1) **ARCASIA awards.** Organized and assisted members of ASC to apply for 2022 ARCASIA Awards for Architecture and organized the collection of works for 2022 ARCASIA Student Design Competition and ARCASIA Thesis of the Year Awards (Mainland China Division).
- 2) **Nominations for 2022 the 11th Liang Sicheng Architecture Prize.** Liang Sicheng Architecture Prize was jointly established by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China (MOHURD) and ASC in 2000, and was opened to international participants in 2016 with UIA's support. It is aimed at recognizing practicing architects, architectural theorists and architectural educators who have made significant achievements and outstanding contributions in the architectural field, and is a lifetime honor award for individuals. The Prize is awarded to two winners every two years.
- 3) **Selection and Evaluation for 2021-2022 ASC Science and Technology Progress Award.** ASC has established an application and evaluation system of the ASC Science and Technology Progress Award and expect to start the selection process in October.

ASC Science and Technology Progress Award was founded in 2018 and was incorporated into "The List of Social Science and Technology Awards" in 2019 with the serial number of 0297. This award is presented to individuals or institutions that have made particularly significant scientific discoveries in the industry, broken through core technical barriers in key fields, generated profound socio-economic or ecological benefits, and contributed outstandingly to the scientific research and

technological progress in architecture.

13. KEY ISSUES FACING THE ARCHITECTS/ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION /INSTITUTE IN THE COUNTRY

14. RESOURCES OF THE INSTITUTE

The ASC has moved to the new office building in Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture.

15. THE INSTITUTES EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT ARCASIA RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE PAST COUNCIL MEETINGS

16. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

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2022 International Urban Design Conference, November 2022. Jointly hosted by ASC, Henan Provincial Department of Housing and Urban- Rural Department and the People's Government of Zhengzhou, the fourth International Urban Design Conference plans to be held in Zhengdong New District, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province in November

2022 ASC Annual Convention, November 2022

ASC is going to hold its annual conference in November

18. ANY OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH REQUIRE ARCASIA COUNCIL TO ADDRESS/ASSIST