



**MALAYSIA
COUNTRY REPORT**

**The 41st ARCASIA COUNCIL MEETING
and 19th ARCASIA CONGRESS
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1. HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) - Malaysian Institute of Architects - is the national professional institute representing architects in Malaysia. PAM was founded in 1920s as the Institute of Architects Malaya. In 1948, the name and consequently the Constitution were changed to the Federation of Malaya Society of Architects (FMSA) which was allied to the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Another change in name to reflect national sovereignty, and registration under the current name, came about when PAM was registered with the Registrar of Societies on 20 January 1967.

The primary objective of the Institute is for “The advancement and elevation of Architecture and the various arts and sciences connected therewith.” The Institute provides a framework for its members to operate effectively: to do, to run and to get the business of Architecture within the Code of Conduct and Scale of Fees.

The Institute is managed by an elected Council consisting of a President, Deputy President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and 13 Council Members. Also, in Council are the Immediate Past President, up to 4 nominated Past Presidents, 2 nominated Council Members (Non-Corporate Member) and 5 elected representatives from the Chapters.

2. CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS

Term of Office : 2021 – 2022

President : Datuk Ar Ezumi Harzani bin Ismail

Deputy President : Ar Abu Zarim bin Abu Bakar

Vice President : Ar Alvin Lim Hai Seah

Honorary Secretary : Ar Thirilogachandran a/l Shanmugasundaram

Honorary Treasurer : Ar Alice Leong Pek Lian

3. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

Categories of Membership:

CATEGORIES	QUALIFICATIONS	ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS AT 8 OCTOBER 2021	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2021
Corporate	Any person who has obtained the architectural qualification from schools recognized by the Institute and has passed the Professional Practice and Practical Experience Part 3 Examination.	1,719	RM500.00 RM250.00 (Overseas)
Fellow	Any person who has been a Corporate Member for not less than 20 years, of good standing and who has contributed to the works of the Institute, or the profession or the industry, may apply or be recommended for the Fellowship of the Institute.	89	RM500.00 RM250.00 (Overseas)
Retired	Any ordinary Member who has attained the age of 60 years, and who has voluntarily retired from practice and ceased to be registered with the Board of Architects Malaysia shall, upon request by the prescribed form as per Byelaws and subject to approval of Council, be eligible for the rights and privileges which this Constitution and the Bye-laws may prescribe or allow.	2	RM 250.00
Graduate	Any person who has completed a course of studies from a school which is recognized by the Institute as equivalent to passing the Part I and Part II examinations of the Board of Architects Malaysia, or passed the Part I and Part II examinations recognised by the Board of Architects Malaysia.	1,100	RM190.00 RM125.00 (Overseas)
Student	Any person who has passed the Malaysian Certificate of Education or Cambridge Overseas School Certificate or Higher School Certificate or any examination recognised as being equivalent and acceptable by the Council, and having been admitted to a course leading to a professional degree or diploma in architecture.	948	Free of Charge
Associate Graduate	Any person who has graduated from a school of architecture but is not qualified for admission as a Corporate member, Graduate member or Student member but acceptable to the Council for this class of membership and is interested in the objectives of the Institute, and employed full time in an architectural practice or engaged in the building and design industry and residing in Malaysia.	51	RM190.00 RM125.00 (Overseas)
Academic	Any person who possesses qualifications in architecture acceptable to the Council for this class of membership and is interested in the objectives of the Institute and has been lecturing or teaching architecture full time in a college or university or engaged in building research or special projects in Malaysia, is residing in Malaysia and is not qualified	24	RM250.00 RM190.00 (Overseas)

	for admission as a Corporate member or Student member.		
International	Any person who has graduated from a school of architecture but who is not qualified for admission as a Corporate member, Graduate member or Student member but is acceptable to the Council for this class of membership and is interested in the objectives of the Institute, and is a Corporate Member in his country of residence or origin or holds equivalent membership of an Institute of Architects which itself is a member institute of the International Union of Architects (UIA).	2	RM500.00
Honorary	Any person who is not eligible for Corporate membership of the Institute may be elected as an Honorary Member if he is, by reason of his eminence, interest of Architecture and the arts and sciences connected therewith and of his contribution to the objectives of the Institute, considered by the Council to be eligible for the honor of Honorary Membership.	9	-
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP		3,945	

Procedure for enrolment:

- a) Every applicant for admission as Member shall make application and be proposed by at least two Corporate Members of the Institute in accordance with the proposal form as per Bye-Laws of his class of membership to which admission is sought.
- b) The proposal of every applicant for admission to any class of membership must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary for submission to Council and if Council approves such proposal and find such candidate to be eligible and qualified according to the Constitution and Bye-Laws for the time being in force, he shall be admitted to membership in the class to which he has been proposed and such admission shall be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting at which such nomination is approved.

4. BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

Sources of funds:

- i) Annual subscriptions
- ii) Sale of publications
- iii) Conferences/seminars
- iv) Sponsorships

The budget would have to be approved by Council.

5. NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

There are currently 5 Chapters of PAM:

- i) Northern Chapter (includes states of Penang, Perlis and Kedah)
- ii) Southern Chapter (includes states of Johor and Malacca)
- iii) Sabah Chapter
- iv) Sarawak Chapter
- v) East Coast Chapter (includes states of Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan)

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of April each year.

7. LEGAL STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE COUNTRY

PAM is recognised by the Malaysian Government as the national institute for Architects in Malaysia. Membership to PAM is not compulsory for a professional Architect to practice architecture in Malaysia. Corporate Members are entitled to use the suffix APAM after their names while Fellow Members may use the suffix FPAM.

8. LEGAL STATUS OF THE ARCHITECTS IN THE COUNTRY

Architecture in Malaysia is regulated through the Architects Act 1967 (Act 117).

Entitlement:

Only an Architect or a foreign architect who is residing in Malaysia for not less than one hundred and eighty days in any one calendar year shall be entitled to submit plans or drawings to any person or authority in Malaysia.

9. REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR ARCHITECTS IN THE COUNTRY

The Registration Authority for Architects in Malaysia is the Board of Architects Malaysia or Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM) constituted under the Architects Act 1967 (Revision in 2015). The Board of Architects Malaysia (LAM) is the statutory body set up by the government to control the registration of Architects and practice of architecture in Malaysia. The Architects Act has allowed Professional Architects in Malaysia to use the prefix 'Ar.'

10. INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF THE INSTITUTES

ORGANISATIONS	POSITIONS HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
International Union of Architects (UIA)	Ar Tan Sri Haji Esa Mohamed Immediate Past President (2017-2020) President UIA (2014-2017) 1 st Vice President Region IV (2011-2014) Council Member, Region IV (2008-2011) Member, Professional Practice Commission (1998-2008) Professional Practice Commission Implementation Task Force (2009-2011) Ar Datuk Tan Pei Ing Secretary General (2021-2023) Council Member, Region IV (2017-2021) Alternate Council Member, Region IV (2008-2011)	EUR 1742

	<p>Member, Professional Practice Commission (2004-2008, 2014-2020) Member, International Competition Commission (2014-2017) Chair, Committee on Gender Equity in Architecture under UIA Professional Practice Commission Member, Vision and Strategic Planning Committee (2008-2011) Ar Saifuddin Ahmad Alternate Council Member, Region IV (2017-2020) Ar (Dr.) Mohd Zulhemlee An Member, UIA Education Commission (Educom) (2017-2020) Ar Alice Leong Pek Lian Member, UIA Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Commission (2017-2020) Ar Datin Norwina Mohd Nawawi Member, UIA Region IV Work Programmes Architecture for All (2017-2020) Member, UIA Region IV Work Programmes Public Health (2017-2020) Ar Boon Che Wee Member, Professional Practice Commission (2004-2008) Ar Dr Goh Chong Chia Treasurer (2008-2011)</p>	
Eastern Regional Organisation on Planning & Housing (EAROPH)	<p>Ar K C Leong Secretary General EAROPH International (1978-86) Ar Dato' Dr Ruslan Khalid Secretary General EAROPH International (1986-92) Ar Jimmy C S Lim Council Member EAROPH International (1992-94) Ar John Koh Seng Siew Secretary General EAROPH International (1994-2002) Ar Paul Lai Chu Council Member EAROPH International (2003-2005) Ar Lim Pay Chye Council Member EAROPH International (2003-2006) Ar Abu Zarim Abu Bakar Council Member EAROPH Malaysia (2006-2011) Ar Ezumi Harzani Ismail President EAROPH Malaysia (2019 – 2021) Ar Thirilogachandran a/ Shanmugasundaram Secretary General EAROPH International (2019-2021) Deputy President EAROPH Malaysia (2018-2020) Honorary Secretary EAROPH Malaysia (2011-2012) Council Member EAROPH Malaysia (2012-2014),(2014-2016),(2019 – 2021) Ar Dato' Zulkhairi Md Zain Honorary Secretary (2018-2021)</p>	US\$85
Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA)	<p>Ar Dato' Dr Kenneth Yeang Deputy Chairman (1983-1984) Chairman (1987-1988) , Advisor (1999-2000) Ar David Teh Teik Lim Deputy Chairman (1985-1988) Ar Tan Sri Haji Esa Mohamed Honorary Secretary (1987-1988) Chairman (1995-1996) Immediate Past Chairman (1997-1998) Ar Datuk P Kasi Honorary Treasurer (1987-1988) Chairman ACAE (1991-1994) Honorary Secretary (1995-1996) Chairman (1999-2000) Ar Henry Lee Inn Seong Honorary Treasurer (1995-1996) Ar Lai Lok Kun Honorary Secretary (1978-1980) Ar Lt Kol Prof Dato' Parid Wardi Chairman ACAE (1997-2000) Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun</p>	US\$1000

	<p>Honorary Secretary (1999-2000) Ar Lim Pay Chye Honorary Treasurer (1999-2000) Ar Datuk Tan Pei Ing Deputy Chairman, Zone B (2007-2008) President Elect (2011-2012) President (2013-2014) Immediate ARCASIA Past President (2015-2016) Advisor of ARCASIA (2017-2018) Advisor of ARCASIA (2019-2021) Ar Saifuddin Ahmad Member, ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (2018-2019) ARCASIA Vice President Zone B (2019-2021) Ar Ezumi Harzani Ismail Member, ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (2017-2018, 2019-2020) Ar S. Thirilogachandran Chairman, ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (2017-2018) Deputy Chairman, ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (2015-2016) Member, ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (2013-2015) Member, ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (2012-2013) Ar Alvin Lim Hai Seah Member, ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (2019-2021) Ar Adrianta Aziz Member, ARCASIA Committee of Architecture Education (2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2021) Ar Alice Leong Pek Lian Member, ARCASIA Committee on Green Sustainable Architecture (2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2021) Ar Datin Norwina Mohd Nawawi Member, ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (2013-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2021) Ar Ahmad Ridha Abd Razak Chairman, ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (2019-2021) Deputy Chairman, ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (2017-2018, 2018-2019) Member, ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (2016-2017)</p>	
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11. MAJOR PROGRAMMES OF THE INSTITUTE

Under the Movement Control Order (MCO) implemented by the Government on 18 March 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic, events such as DATUM, KLAF and ARCHIDEX which were scheduled in July 2020 were not able to be implemented and have to be rescheduled to 3 – 6 November 2021. Usually, all these events were held in the month of May to July in PAM calendar every year. Unfortunately, this council term began on 8 August 2020 until 17 April 2021, so it missed all these big events.

The Malaysian House Competition was part of the Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival 2020 (KLAF2020:BEYOND)'s program. It was a competition opened to all members of PAM with prizes to be awarded for two separate categories, namely Corporate / Graduate and Student category. The competition was officially announced on 16 January 2020, and received 285 registrations on the closing date at 31 March 2020. Three (3) winners and five (5) honourable mentions were selected for each of the two

(2) categories. The announcement of winners, prize presentation and launch of the exhibition was held in April 2021.

PAM Members' Night 2020 was held on Friday, 13 March 2020 at PAM Centre with the theme: Thriller Night and attendance approximately 80 members and non-members. Certificate of presentation of appreciation were presented to 16 sponsors of the event. Apart from that, there were 58 new Corporate Members received the certificates.

On 19 February 2021, the winner of PAM+MRT Corp RTS Link Station Design Ideas Competition was announced. The scheme submitted by SM Architects Sdn Bhd, led by Ar. Chin Yee Chong, won the competition taking home a total of RM 250,000.00 in prize money.

cpdUNLIMITED 2021 was successfully held on 27 February 2021. It was a new milestone for PAM where as many as 10 online seminars were conducted concurrently. The event saw 38 CPD programs for the 270 plus participants to choose from a diverse range of engaging topics and speakers in the annual one-day event.

KLAF-LIVE was a new event introduced to maintain the branding of KLAF and also to fulfil PAM's obligations to KLAF sponsors, in view that there were no KLAF related events held since the KLAF2020 Launch in February 2020. KLAF-LIVE was a half-day seminar, held on the first Saturday of each month from April to October 2021.

Other activities engaging members and community

- PAM President's Night (Annually)
- WAD World Architecture Day (Annually)
- PAM Annual Dinner (Annually)
- PAM Members' Night (Annually)
- PAM Golf Competition (Annually)
- PAM Inter Firms Bowling (Annually)
- Students Workshop & Exhibition (Annually)
- PAM Housing + Urbanity Symposium (Annually)
- PAM Professional Practice Forum (Annually)
- PAM Community Care Programme (Annually)
- Community Outreach Programme (Monthly)
 - Architects Meet the Public Session
- Technical Visits
- Arbitration & Mediation Services
- CPD Seminars & Workshops (1st and 3rd week of the month)
- Design Lecture Series (4th week of the month)
- Architectural Design Competition

Awards and Recognitions

- PAM Gold Medal and PAM Kington Loo Medal
- PAM Awards (Annually)
- PAM Student Awards: PAM Silver and Bronze Medals
- PAM – The Edge Green Excellence Award (Annually)

12. OUTREACH PROGRAMMES OF THE INSTITUTE

The Professional Practice Committee attends to queries and complaints received from members of the public on matters relating to practice and housing.

The institute conducts 'Architects Meet the Public Session' once a month.

PAM Membership and, Community and Social Responsibility Committees organize membership drive and community care programmes that involve architectural students and members of the public.

13. PUBLICATIONS

Berita Akitek - monthly newsletter

Architecture Malaysia – bi-monthly journal

Architects Directory – annually

Chapters' Monographs – special publications

Post Merdeka Architecture (1987)

Recent Malaysian Architecture (2007)

Architectural Heritage Pre-Merdeka Kuala Lumpur (2007)

PAM Academic Journal (2008)

Handbook for PAM Contract 2006 (2009)

Architects Malaysia (2010)

Shapers of Modern Malaysia (2010)

30 Under 40 (2011)

Architects Malaysia Exhibition (2010)

Penang Transitions (2011)

Architect Office Practice Manual (2010)

Colonial Townships in Sabah West Coast (2012)

Putra Architectural Exhibition (2012)

Malaysia's Architects: A History of PAM, The Malaysian Institute of Architects (2013)

The Living Machines: Malaysia's Modern Architectural Heritage (2015)

Emerging Malaysian Architects: 30 Under 40 Revisited (2015)

Theorising Emergent Malaysian Architecture (2016)

KLAF2017 Logbook (2017)

Views Reviews Interviews (2017)

PAM Centre in the Eye of the Storm (2017)

The Merdeka Interviews (2018)

The History of Architecture in Sarawak Before Malaysia (2018)

Johor Mosque Architectural Design Ideas Competition 2018 (2018)

KLAF2018 Logbook (2018)

The Future of Architectural Education + Practice in Malaysia (2018)

KLAF2019 Logbook (2019)

Recent Malaysian Architecture Vol 2 (2019)

Greening Malaysia (2019)

14. ARCHITECTURAL / DESIGN COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

In 2020 - 2021, PAM has organised the architectural / design competitions and awards as follows:

PAM Awards

PAM Gold Medal and PAM Kington Loo Medal

PAM The Edge Green Excellence Awards

PAM Student Awards: Silver and Bronze Medals

PAM Inovar Scholarship Award

PAM + MRT Corp RTS Link Station Façade Design Competition

KLAF2020 Malaysian House Competition

ARCASIA Student Architectural Design Competition

ARCASIA Thesis of The Year 2020

ARCHITALENT: Architectural Students Design Competition

PAM Gahara Batik Millennia Student Design Competition

Little Architects Drawing-Design Competition

Roca One Day Design Challenge (ODDC)

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

- Complicated process with inconsistency regulations in dealing with construction permits and in getting authority approval for development.
- Mis-match between the architecture industry expectations and architecture graduates' capabilities.

16. RESOURCES OF THE INSTITUTE

• PUSAT BINAAN SDN BHD

Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd, the business and entrepreneurial arm of PAM is involved in areas relating to the architectural profession and building industry. The activities undertaken by Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd are not solely for profit but also as a service to members and others in the building industry.

• PAM EDUCATION FUND (PEF FUND)

The PAM Education Fund was set up with the approval of general body of members on 9th August 1981. The main objective of the fund is to encourage and assist persons desirous of acquiring architectural or related qualifications by provision of scholarship and educational loans. The Fund provides loans or grants of money, book and equipment for training candidates in the architectural profession and also provides grants for research work in relation to building science or to the art and science of architecture. Current PEF projects include travel scholarship to students from recognised universities, study scholarships, student jamborees, student exhibitions and book grant to PAM Resource Centre.

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

- Continuous engagement with government agencies and policy makers in improving the building industry delivery system to improve efficiency and reduce waste of resources;
- Establish PAM gender equity committee to promote adoption of gender equity policy and a balance opportunity practice in the building industry;
- Engage policy makers and the members of public through seminars, trainings and publications on climate change;
- Prioritize young architects' agenda with the formation of PAM Graduate Architects Committee, and PAM Membership and Youth Committee to bring young architects to the forefront.

18. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- To grow the institute by bringing in more members and increased participation of new and young Members;
- Promote Architect's leadership and advocacy at national, professional and community level;
- Better engagement and alignment to global agendas; sustainability, climate change, gender equity and futures;
- Improving good governance; audit & oversight, ethics, code of conduct, transparency & inclusivity.

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

- To have a regional trend study on architecture education to close the gap between the industry expectation and the architecture graduates' capabilities.