

VIET NAM ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS



COUNTRY REPORT 2019

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1. BRIEF HISTORY OF ASSOCIATION

Viet Nam Association of Architects (VAA) was established in 1948. It is a political - social and professional organization belonging to the system of literature and art associations in Vietnam. VAA takes the important role of a social critic to government and management agencies and makes itself responsible for diffusing architectural knowledge, promoting and developing the profession of architecture in the nation.

2. CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS

The Office Bearer for the term of 2015-2020:

President:	Ar. Nguyen Tan Van
Vice-President:	Prof. Dr. Ar. Nguyen Quoc Thong
Vice-President:	Dr. Ar. Nguyen Van Hai
Vice-President:	Ar. Nguyen Ngoc Tuan
Vice-President:	Ar. Khuong Van Muoi

3. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

VAA have 3.426 active members out of almost 4800 members in total.

4. BUDGET

The Association is officially recognized and financial supported by Vietnam Government. In addition, it has another sources of income, such as:

- Membership fees.
- Incomes from other activities such as consultation, research on application of science, technology, practicing, services and contributions from other companies and institutes belong to the association.
- Funds from other sponsors.

5. NUMBER OF CHAPTERS/ BRANCHES

VAA comprises 61 Chapters in provinces/ cities and 23 Association's Branches in agencies those are practicing planning, architecture, construction management and education in the whole country and VAA's functional divisions.

6. AGM OF THE ASSOCIATION

National Congress of Vietnamese Architects is held every term of 5 years, general meeting of the VAA's Executive Committee is held every year and the Standing Committee is twice per year.

7. LEGAL STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

VAA is registered with the Government as a professional – political – social society with its legal entity under provision of law.

8. LEGAL STATUS OF THE ARCHITECTS IN THE COUNTRY

Legal status of the architects is re

9. ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTRY

Registration Authority of Vietnamese architects are the Local Construction Departments which's under the Ministry of Construction.

10. INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

VAA is an official member of UIA, Regional UIA and ARCASIA.

Beside, VAA has signed the MOU with other foreign organizations such as Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK), Korean Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA), Association of

Laos Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE), Cuban Association of Architects, Korean Architects' Union (KAU)...

11. MAJOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2019

- Congress at all the VAA chapters and branches level to prepare for the National Congress of VAA in April, 2020.
- **General meetings of the VAA's Executive Committee** were hold in Vung Tau city - April 2019 and Hoa Binh city – Nov, 2019.
- **Awards and Competitions**
 - National Architecture Prize 2018-2019 with 1 Gold Prize, 11 Silver Prizes and 22 Bronze Prizes in Vung Tau city - April 2019.
 - Loa Thanh Awards 2019 for the excellence civil engineer and architecture student's graduate projects – Nov 2019.
 - Viet Nam Rural Architecture Competition – Sept, 2019.
 - Dreaming House Competition – Dec, 2019.
- **International and domestic conferences/ seminars**
 - Smart cities – July, 2019.
 - Green High rise buildings – Sept, 2019.
 - Green Facades in modern architecture – Oct, 2019.
 - Architectural Heritages & Urban Landscape - Oct, 2019.
 - Architecture and Construction of New Rural areas - Nov, 2019.
 - Talk show with Tezuka Architects “Future of the Past” - Dec, 2019.
- **Training Course**
 - Improving communication in architecture – Feb, 2019.
 - Applying green material in architecture – May, 2019.
- **Young Architects activities**
 - Young Architects Festival 2019 that included international forum, exhibition, sports and performance activities attracted 1600 participants in Vung Tau city - April 2019.
 - The first Young Architects Forum 2019 was hold in Ho Chi Minh city - Sept, 2019 is a success event organized by Young Architects Club of VAA with 1500 participants.
- **Professional Practicing**

In this year, VAA has completed the most important mission through over 10 years of drafting and canvassing: the “Architecture Law” is approved by the National Assembly in June, 2019.

12. ARCHITECTURE AWARDS AND DESIGN COMPETITIONS

- The biennial National Architecture Awards.
- The annual Loa Thanh Awards for the best architecture student's graduate projects.
- Organize several national and international competitions for the important projects and monuments.

13. KEY ISSUES FACING THE ARCHITECTS AND THE ASSOCIATION

- Presently, Viet Nam's construction environment has many shortcomings: urban planning and architecture development are get out of control, bad management, backward infrastructure, polluted environment and people's awareness of law and architectural culture is not very high...

15. FUTURE PLANS

- Concentrate on the 10th National Congress of VAA in April, 2020 and prepare plan for the new term 2020 - 2025.
- Preparing to effectuate "Architecture Law" through CPD courses to improve the quality of professional practice as well as professional ethics...
- Organizing the effective operational form for VAA's chapters and branches.

15. CONTRIBUTION TO ARCASIA AND RELATED ISSUES

- VAA has attended most of ARCASIA Council Meetings, Congresses and Forums, but not all the Committee meetings and roundtable meetings because of financial restrict. We suggest that the Host Institutes for ARCASIA Congress/ Forum should encourage more Member Institutes' participants to attend Committee Meetings by offering 01 compliment fee for each official Institute's member of each Committee attending the Congress/ Forum or we can use other types of interactive facility (online meetings...).
- VAA members and students have participated most of ARCASIA Awards/ Competitions and have gaint many awards.
- We expect ARCASIA and neighbor Institutes can assist VAA all the information on Architects act, material for CPD, the process and examinations to certify architects...

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