



ARCASIA
ASA Country Report
Year 2018-2019



COUNTRY REPORT 2018-2019
by
THE ASSOCIATION OF SIAMESE ARCHITECTS
UNDER ROYAL PATRONAGE

1. Brief History of Institute

The Association of Siamese Architects (ASA) was established in 1933 with two fundamental objectives: to promote the architectural profession and to encourage sharing and exchanging information among members, and to facilitate its operations, the organizational structure, as well as the bylaws.

Inactive during World War II, ASA 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 concentrates on building an organization that serves 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 came under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty King Bhumipol Adulyadej.

In December 1965, Architectural Profession Act 2508 B.E., an Act administered by the Ministry of Interior, came into effect requiring that architects be licensed to practice the profession. To oversee the licensing and monitoring process, the law established the Thai Architects Professional Practices Board (TAPPB) with 2 of 13 members from the ASA.

In 2000, reflecting the evolution of the design professions in Thailand, the Architect Act 2543 B.E. was enacted and the Architect Council of Thailand (ACT) was formed and encompasses four main design disciplines: architecture, interior architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design.

Currently, ASA services to members include:

- Ethical oversight
- Publications
- Continuing professional development (CPD) via lectures and seminars
- Conventions and exhibitions
- Professional practice supports



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 ensure the field of architecture progresses with the times.
 - Cooperate with government agencies, domestic and international organizations and institutions, to create an understanding and appreciation of the principles, roles, and scopes 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.
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2. Current Executive Committee

Term of Office: 2018-2020

Title	Name	
President	Mr. Ajaphol	Dusitnanond
Vice presidents	Mr. Metee Asst. Prof. Thana Mr. Vasu Mr. Pinai Mr. Songpot	Rasameevijitpisa Chirapiwat, Ph.D. Poshyananda Sirikiatikul, Ph.D. Saiseub
Honorary Secretary	Mr. Preecha	Navaprapakul
Honorary Treasurer	Ms. Pirawadee	Chuprawat
Honorary Registrar	Pol. Col. Sakarin	Khiewsen
Social Events Director	Mr. Somchai	Premprapapong
Public Relations Director	Asst. Prof. Kamon	Jirapong, Ph.D.
Executive Committee	Asst. Prof. Rattapong Mr. Chaidan	Angkasith, Ph.D. Satian
Chairman of Northern Region (Lanna) Chapter	Mr. Issara	Areerob
Chairman of Northeastern Region (Esan) Chapter	Mr. Tanakom	Wimolvatvetee
Chairman of Southern Region (Thaksin) Chapter	Mr. Nipon	Hatsadeevijit
Manager	Miss Kasama	Vanasilpa



3. Current Membership Strength

Membership

As of October 2019, ASA has 10,708 active members. Over the past years, membership growth has slowed, due to three main factors: the establishment of the Architect Council of Thailand (ACT); a change in Architect Act 2543 B.E. (2000), ASA membership is no longer required as a condition for licensing; therefore, ASA membership is voluntary for licensed architects. However, during the past two years, the trend has reversed, as ASA has clarified both its role and improved the provision of member services with a wide range of activities. In addition, ASA has added membership categories, including undergraduates and the general public, providing services that cater to their interests. Furthermore, from July 2019 to June 2020, the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage has waived the annual individual membership fee and reduce the corporate membership fee resulting in an increasing number of new members.

Types of Membership and Annual Dues

Member Categories	Qualifications	Membership as at October 2019	Annual Dues per Baht (USD)
Honorary	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.	36	-
Regular	A person granted a professional license under the Royal Decree governing architects and has not had such license withdrawn.	7,728	2,033/5 Years (\$69/5 Years)
Associate	A person with a bachelor's degree or above in architecture, accredited by ACT, or a person who has received an associate degree, a certificate, or accreditation in architecture, accredited by ACT, and has worked in the field of architecture for a period as set by ACT.	265	535/Year (\$18/Year)
Supporting	A student enrolled in an architecture program at an educational institution recognized by ACT or ASA. Any person interested in the field of architecture.	97	321/Year (\$11/Year)
		2,483	1070/Year (\$ 36/Year)
Corporate	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.	99	8,500/2 Years (\$286/2 Years)



4. Budget of the Institute

The ASA's annual operating expenditures amount to approximately 102 million baht (3.34 million USD).

ASA annual revenue derives from the annual ASA Convention and Exhibition. Additional sources of revenue include: membership fee; professional and academic seminars; social events and activities; recreational activities; architectural tours; and publications (books and ASA Journal—while most new publications are free to members and the public including ASA Newsletter and ASA Crew magazine).

5. Number of Chapters

Headquarters

The primary operational role of the ASA headquarters 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 HQ office provides membership information, processes new members, renews memberships, sells publications and souvenirs, and runs an architecture library.

ASA Chapters and Subchapters

There are 3 semi-autonomous chapters and 9 non-autonomous subchapters under the ASA umbrella located in three regions of Thailand:

1. **Northern Chapter (Lanna)** with an office in Chiang Mai.
2. **Northeastern Chapter (Esan)** with an office in Nakhon Ratchasima, and 2 subchapters.
3. **Southern Chapter (Thaksin)** with an office in Hat Yai, and 7 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 year with terms concurrent with ASA President. Each chapter has a Board of Directors with the same structure as the ASA.

Subchapter chairs are appointed by ASA President and function under each 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.



6. Annual General Meeting/Congress of the Institute

Annual General Meeting is held around the end of a fiscal year or the beginning of the next fiscal year, usually in April or May.

The last ASA Annual General Meeting was held in May 2019 with 343 registered participants.

7. Legal status of the Institute

ASA is registered as a private association under the laws of Thailand. After the establishment of the ACT (Architect Council of Thailand), all licensing and registration of architects came under ACT. ACT is, by law, a regulatory body for the design professions in Thailand .

8. Legal Status of the Architect in the Country

The Architect Act 2543 B.E. 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 2508 B.E. 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).

9. Architects Registration Authority in the Country

The Architect Council of Thailand (ACT) is the licensing authority.

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



10. International affiliations

Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA): since 1972

International Union of Architects (UIA): since 2002.

MOUs:

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

- **American Institute of Architects (AIA)** in 1992 and renewed in 2018 with an option to renew every three years.
- **The Japan Institute of Architects (JIA)** in 1993 and renewed in 2015 with an option to renew every five years.
- **Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM)** in 2006.
- **Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)** in 2006.
- **Association of Laos Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE)** in 2006 and renewed in 2019 for a period of 5 years.
- **Korea Institute of Architects (KIRA)** in 2010.
- **Sri-Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA)** in 2011.
- **Federal Chamber of German Architects (Bundesarchitektenkammer – BAK)** in 2011.
- **Vietnam Association of Architects (VAA)** in 2019.
- **Four-Nations** with Malaysian Institute of Architects (Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia, PAM) and Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), Indonesian Institute of Architects (Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia, IAI) in 2018

11. Major Programs of the Institute in the past year

Principal Activities in 2018-2019

ASA has organized more than 60 events, including board and committee meetings; seminars; and study tours to other countries, as well as social and sports events with an annual fund-raising gala dinner.

- **ARCHITECT 2019 Exposition: Living Green**

This is the largest; most complex annual event organized by the ASA and is handled by a subcommittee appointed specifically for this purpose. The subcommittee divides its work into two groups: The Building and Construction Materials Exhibition and Architectural Exhibition and Seminars.

The 2019 Building and Construction Materials Exhibition – encompassed 75,000 gross square meters – generated gross revenues of 95 million baths (3.1 million USD).

The 2019 Architectural Exhibition and Seminars event displayed work by ASA-registered architectural companies and student works from all schools of architecture under the theme “Living Green”.

Activities during the event included the following:



Exhibition:

- Smart Cities
- Zero Waste
- Green Building Showcases
- Innovation Green Product
- Student Exhibition
- ASA Workshop 2019
- ASA Members 2019
- ASA Emerging Architecture Awards 2019
- ASA Crew
- ASA Friends
- Local Wisdom in 3 Regionals for the Present

Seminar:

- Real time Rendering
- Digi Tube
- Food Design
- ARCASIA: Present and Future
- ASA Seminar 2019
- The 4+1 Elements: Green Building and Smart City
 - Air : Breathing Architecture
 - Fire: Transforming City with Light
 - Earth: Urban Public Park – The place for all
 - Water: Bangkok City + Water
- DGNB System – The European approach to sustainable buildings and cities
- Green Architectural Materials in sync with Nature
- ASA International Forum 2019
- MVRDV : Sanne van der Burgh
 - Eco Architect : Khamrom Sutthi
 - Foster + Partners : Assawin Choochottavorn
 - Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) : Kai-Uwe Bergmann
 - Atelier Ten : Nico Kienzl
 - Stu/D/O Architects : Apichart Srirojanapinyo / Chanasit Cholasuek

Workshop:

- SCG Design Competition
- BIM Knowledge Sharing
- Live Design Discourse: Pangkla Pinang
- ASA Workshop
- CDAST Watercolor

Competitions/Awards

- ASA International Design Competition
- ASA Emerging Architectural Awards
- Booth Competition
- Construction Innovation Contest

Others activities:

- Creative Green Ideas
- Home Repair Consultant



- ASA Shop
 - ASA Club
 - CDAST Award
 - KMUTT Talk Beyond Green
 - ASASA
 - Scrap Lab
 - ASA Night 2019
 - Green Building Tour
 - Booth Competition
 - Construction Innovation Contest 2019
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- **ASA Real Estate Forum 2018**

It is an integrated platform to exchange of ideas, information, and experience among real estate leaders and experts that push Thai real estate sector, architects and related professional toward international standard with the potential to compete against foreign architects working with foreign investors in Thailand and to create opportunities for Thai architects to work abroad.
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- **ASA Real Estate Awards**

In 2018, ASA Real Estate Awards was initiated to recognize and celebrate excellence in residential property industry through architectural design and the achievements of real estate agents that has contributed towards a better quality of life of customers, has a good corporate governance, and enhance its leading role in the real estate development industry.
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- **Other activities**
 - ASA Architecture Tour (Biannual)
 - ASA Social Events and Seminars (Bimonthly)
 - ASA Golf (Annual)
 - ASA Badminton (Annual)
 - ASA Football (Annual)
 - ASA Run (Annual)
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- **Member Outreach Programs**

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

 - ASA Crew is a free, bi-monthly, online publication, available for members and general public.
 - ASA Journal is a bi-annually professional and academic journal published twice a year intends to promote academic works in the field of architecture to reach a wider group of audience. The academic articles are submitted from contributors across country by academics and architects. The articles will be selected by systematic review.
 - ASA Newsletter is a monthly publication distribute to members and to governmental and academic organizations to keep them informed of ASA activities.
 - ASA has had a website (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 Application provides information on various architecture-related subjects, acts as a networking hub for architects and suppliers, allow online registration



for ASA event and offers a discount or promotion from participating stores to our members and general public.

- ASA Line provided information about ASA and architectural designs and products for the purpose of promoting ASA to the general public and our members.

12. Programs of the Institute

Key Policy 2018 - 2020

- Improve Professional Fees and Design Competition Standards.
- Restructure Communication and Media
- Decentralize to regional chapters.
- Improving Membership Privilege.

The policy principles of each aspect can be developed as follows:

1. Professional Practice

- 1.1 Promoting professional development in all aspects in order to increase the ability of architects, to prepare and to compete at an international level, especially with neighboring countries in ASEAN member countries.
- 1.2 Coordinate closely with the architects to define and develop standards of professional practice and ethics of architects to be the norm in professional practice.
- 1.3 Coordinate with government agencies and the private sector to accelerate of technical personnel and adjusting their role to coincide with the profession.
- 1.4 Development of standards for the professional practice on the international level and in accordance with the format and guidelines of professional practice such as the changes to green buildings, BIM (Building Information Modelling), and the standard of materials, and documentation.
- 1.5 Promote between the Professional Association and the Government agencies to encourage an adjustable professional service rate so that they can work efficiently and perform at a high standard as well as to reduce corruption issues related to the profession.
- 1.6 Campaign against corruption in practice.

2. Architectural Education

- 2.1 Promote academic development in collaboration with the Institute of architects in management training, in order to chance knowledge of all members.
- 2.2 Coordination with the Architects Council of Thailand to provide graduates with guidelines that comply with the requirements of the profession in the future.
- 2.3 Seminars to share experiences by experienced architects both domestic and international.

3. Foreign Affairs

- 3.1 Promotion of cooperation with the Association of Architects in neighboring countries to exchange knowledge and experience in order to have a consistent standard of professional practice and to work in ASEAN conveniently.
- 3.2 Publish a collection of works by members to the international market and to expand opportunities, and finding jobs for the mass.



- 3.3 Support the membership and participation of the Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA) to promote relations and cooperation in working together on a regional level.
4. The conservation Arts architecture
 - 4.1 Promote the conservation of heritage architecture and its importance to the history of architecture in Thailand as well as the architectural traditions and contemporary architecture.
 - 4.2 Conserve the Commission's activities in heritage architecture, data management, and cultural preservation.
5. Member Outreach Program
 - 5.1 Give importance to a wide range of extracurricular activities such as sports in order to strengthen unity among all members.
 - 5.2 Develop architectural focus locally and internationally to improve our understanding of the history and developed of architecture.
6. Public Relations
 - 6.1 Planning the PR profession systematically and broadly spread information across all media channels, to develop an understanding of the architecture profession.
 - 6.2 Promotion and distribution of information through electronic media, including the database system for the benefit of members.
7. Regional Relations
 - 7.1 Give value to the management and development of the architectural profession in regional communities.
 - 7.2 Strengthen the centralized committee in promotion regional architects while taking into consideration the difference in each area.
 - 7.3 Generating activities to involve the community in order to develop local communities and the architectural environment.

CPD Programs

Currently CPD is a voluntary point-based educational program for licensed architects. ASA organizes training and educational activities offering CPD points covering topics as follow:

- Building Materials Lecture Series
- Building Materials Visit Series
- Construction and Project Management
- Building Information Modeling
- Solar Panel Installation Techniques
- Green Technologies
- Lighting Inspiration
- Architectural Lighting Design
- Hospitality Lighting
- Building codes and regulations
- Autodesk Revit 2013
- Specification for Construction Drawing
- Feasibility Study for Developing a Real Estate Project



Green and Sustainable Programs

ASA has 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 first Thai Green Building Institute (TGBI) and developed the Thai’s Rating of Energy and Environmental Sustainability for New Construction and Major Renovation (TREES), the rating system specially designed for green buildings with Thai context. The Green Building Standards uses in Thailand are as follows;

- Site Planning and Landscape
- Water Conservation
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Use of Building Materials
- Use of Recycle materials
- Indoor environmental quality
- Environmental protection

Green Building Categories:

- Platinum: 61 points and above
- Gold: 46-60 points
- Silver: 38-45 points
- Certified: 30-37 points

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

13. Architectural Competitions/Awards for Membership during the year under review

- ASA Architectural Design Awards 2018
 - Awards:
 - Silver Award: Chulolongkorn University Centenary Park by N7A Architect and Landprocess
 - Bronze Award: ASA Lanna Center by Somdoon Architects
 - Commendation Award: Novice’s Living Quarter, Buddhaminut Temple by Skarn Chaiyawat, Rina Shindo, Witee Wisuthumporn
- ASA Emerging Architecture Awards 2019
 - Awards:
 - Gold Award: Raintree International School by GreenDwell
 - Honorable Mentions:
 - Bunjob House: House of Flow by Nutthawut Piriyaprakob
 - Asha Farmstay by Creative Crews



- Puey Ungphakorn Artistic Park by Arsomsilp Community and Environmental Architect
 - Visavapat Headquarter by Looklen Architects

 - ASA International Design Competition 2019: Uncanny Sustainability
 - Winners:
 - First Prize: The Eternity Sustainability by Yan Phornphong, Germany
 - Second Prize: Re-Freeze the Arctic by Faris Rajak Kotahatuhaha, Indonesia
 - Third Prize: The Hiden Life of Architecture by Taitawip Thirapongphaiboon, Thailand
 - Honorable Mentions:
 - Pole Forest by Witchan Wanchit, Thailand
 - PUPA by Supakit Wongviboonsin, Panitnan Patanayindee, Eakapob Huangthanapan, Thailand
 - Mobius Ring by Xiu Li, Pianpian Yu, Yuan Jing, China

 - ASA Ratchkru Building Adaptive Reuse Competition
 - Winner: Putthiphan Asawakul
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14. Key Issues facing the Architects/Architectural Profession/ Institute in the Country

15. Resources of the Institute

ASA Facilities

- **ASA Head Office**

Opened in 1992, the current premises have offices, a meeting room, a library, a book center, and a mini-auditorium with one full-time manager and 18 permanent support staff. Later, ASA made further enhancements in many areas to improve services available to members and accommodate new staff. Improvements included:

 - Better AV equipment
 - Better furniture in the main meeting room
 - Better facilities for the ISA
 - Better furniture in the small meeting rooms

In 2006, ASA renovated the old building to accommodate more activities for architectural students and the new generation of architects. The plans call for the following enhancement to improve services to members and any interested parties.

- A main auditorium (130 seats for theater and 70 seats for classroom) for seminar and social events.
- A meeting room that accommodates 20 seats
- A meeting room that accommodates a maximum of 8 - 10 seats
- Nakorn Sriwicharn” Library



- **ASA Station** (multipurpose activities area)
- **ASA Lanna Center (Northern Chapter), Chiang Mai**
Officially opened in 2018, ASA Lanna Center (Northern Chapter) locates in Chiang Mai. It comprises of offices, library, multi-purpose room and Lanna-style pavilion as an extension of the multipurpose room. The office has one permanent support staff
- **ASA Thaksin Centers (Southern Chapter), Hat Yai and Songkhla**
ASA Thaksin Center (Southern Chapter) is currently a rental office with one permanent support staff and one part-time staff. In 2019, the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage has purchased a commercial property in Songkhla to be renovated as ASA Thaksin Center. The new office will be comprised of offices, meeting rooms, library, multi-purpose room and co-working space.
- **ASS Esan Center (Northeastern Chapter), Nakhon Ratchasima**
ASA Esan Center (Northeastern Chapter) has opened in 2019, the current premises have an office and a meeting room with one permanent support staff.
- **ASA Cloud Exhibition Center**
The Association of Siamese under Royal Patronage will established ASA Cloud Exhibition Center to be permanent and temporary venues for special events and exhibition spaces for architecture. The aim is to build architecture and design museum. The first two centers will be in Bangkok and Songkhla.

16. The Institute efforts to implement ARCASIA Resolutions adopted in the past Council Meetings

17. Plan for the Future

- **ASA Expo: Architect'20: Refocus Heritage**, 1-6 May 2020, Impact Muang Thong, Bangkok
- **ASA Presidential Election**: November 2019
- **ASA Esan Expo**: 29 November – 1 December 2019
- **ASA Real Estate Forum 2019: Smart & Innovative Cities for All**, 8 November 2019
- **ASA Lanna Expo**: 12-14 November 2019
- **ASA Thaksin Expo**: 2020
- **ASA Architectural Conservation Awards 2020**
- **Songkhla for World Heritage Site**
- **Chiang Mai for World Heritage Site**
- **ASA Run 2020**
- **CPD Programs**
- **ASA Cloud Exhibitions**
- **Thai Green Building Institute (TGBI)**
- **Advisory to government agencies**
- **ASA Publications**: ASA Crew, ASA Journal, ASA Newsletter
- **ASA Digital Platform**: ASA App, Facebook Page, Instagram, YouTube Channel, e-journal, e-magazine, e-books



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The 40th ARCASIA Council Meeting

- **ASA Member Relations:** Sport events–ASA Golf, ASA Badminton, ASA Football Club, architectural study trips, ASA Architecture Schools Alumni activities,

18. Any other important issues which require ARCASIA Council to address/assist

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