

Architects Association of Macau (AAM)

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BRIEF OUTLINE OF HISTORY

1. Macau, an enclave in the South China coast, was administered by the Portuguese from 1557 until 20th December 1999, when it was returned to China and became a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. Macau SAR has an area of **29.5** square kilometers. It comprises Macau Peninsula connected to China, the islands of Taipa and Coloane, and the reclaimed area Cotai. Macau was the oldest and the last European settlement in China. Although small in terms of area, it has a rich historical and cultural background, inhabited by a friendly and creative population of about **556,000** individuals.
2. In 1980, a small group of mainly self-employed architects founded the **Macau Association of Architects in Private Practice**.
3. At a general meeting held in 1988, members of the association voted to unanimously amend the By-laws of the association, and to allow the admission of civil servants to become members. Consequently, the name of the association was changed to **Associação dos Arquitectos de Macau (Architects Association of Macau)**. As a result of this amendment, the total number of membership grew to 59.

4. A proposal was drafted and submitted to the Government for consideration, in respect to changing of the status of AAM to a Public Association.
5. AAM took part in the study and drafting of new legislation relating to urban construction, architectural heritage, and conservation of the Government.
6. AAM established official relationship with the Architectural Society of China (ASC). Since 1988, AAM was invited to visit Beijing several times by similar National Institutes. Delegates of AAM were received by officials of the State Office for Hong Kong and Macau Affairs of China during some of the visits.
7. In 1989, an application was filed for the admission to UIA. In May 1990, AAM became a full member at XVIII UIA General Assembly held in Montreal, Canada. AAM have since become a member of the UIA working group for the Educational and Cultural Spaces. In 1991, an application was filed for the admission to ARCASIA. AAM was invited to attend ARCASIA Council meeting in Agra. In 1992, AAM was admitted as member of ARCASIA during a meeting held in Beijing, China. AAM has established relationship with National Institutes of Portuguese Speaking Countries and is presently a member of CIALP (International Council of Portuguese Speaking Architects), which comprises of the National Institutes of Architects from Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, East Timor and Macau.
8. Some members of AAM were invited to join into the World Association of Chinese Architects (WACA) since 2006.
9. AAM has successfully hosted in Macau the 7th CIALP Congress in 1999, the 12th CIALP Congress in 2010, the 25th ARCASIA Council meeting and ACA 11 in 2004 and the 17th UIA International Seminar of the UIA Working Programme “Educational and Cultural Spaces” in 2006.

10. AAM has regularly organized conference, exhibitions and award competitions.
11. Since 2009, there has been an architecture course launched in the UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, Faculty of Creative Industries. This course prepares students for a career in architecture and urban planning. Students study and research during five years the main theories, methodologies and technical skills to understand and participate in the emergence of a new architecture able to face the environmental, demographic and urban changes of the global 21st century.
12. In the years between 1980 and 1993, Macau had experienced a prosperous period of property development. A significant number of architects from Portugal came to work in Macau. During the period, AAM had more than 100 members. Immediately after the handover of Macau to the People's Republic of China in 1999, a considerable number of Portuguese architects, from both private and public sectors, returned to Europe. The number of members started to decrease gradually. Started from 2003 in which was the year Macau Government opened international tender for Gambling Licenses, the construction industry entered another golden time until now. Currently AAM has over 160 members

CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS

The current office bearers were elected at the general assembly held in July 2015, for the term of 2015-2017.

AAM Council Members

President : Wong Chung Yuen, Johnathan

Vice Presidents	: Tam Chi Wai; Ho Pui Kei, Jay; Wu Kim Kam, Donna
Members	: Kong Hin Seng, Vincent; Cheung Hau Kuen, Mimi; Nuno Soares; lu Wing Sam, Alice; Ao leong long, Victor; Choi Wan Sun, Christine; Ng Chon Fat, Rex; Lai Kong Hou, Ryan; Lai Kun Fong, Manuel
<u>General Assembly President</u>	: Leong Chong In, Ben
<u>Supervisory Council President</u>	: Wong Wue Kai, Eddie
<u>Fellowship Council President</u>	: Carlos Marreiros

MEMBERSHIP

Most AAM members are ordinary members. According to the By-laws of AAM, every member can enjoy full rights, but subject to obligations, as provided there-under. Presently, there are around 160 effective members and several non-effective and corresponding members, making up a total number of 164 members.

SOURCES OF FUNDS

Financial operation of AAM comes from membership dues and entrance fees.

In addition, funds are also raised from conference, seminars, and other activities organized by AAM or by means of contributions, or sponsorships from private entities, or from the Government.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND COUNCILS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Annual accounts are prepared by the Executive Council and submitted to the Supervisory Council for review prior to presentation thereof to the General Assembly for discussion and approval by members present at the meeting. At the GA, the Executive Council will submit the Annual Plan of Activities and Budget for analysis and approval.

The term of office of all Members elected to the Councils of AAM is for a period of 2 years. Ordinary General Assembly is to be held once a year. Nevertheless, the President can call for Extraordinary General Meeting whenever be considered necessary, or at the request of the Executive Council, Extraordinary General Meetings for analysis and discussion of some important matters.

LEGAL STATUS OF AAM AND QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

AAM is a private association duly registered in Macau. Only qualified Architects, whose academic degrees or qualifications are recognized by the Government of Macau, are eligible to be accepted as member of AAM. Architects engaged in private practice are required to register with Macau Public Works Bureau (DSSOPT) as Authorized Professional (AP).

Only Registered Architects are allowed to submit architectural projects for construction in Macau.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

UIA since 1990

ARCASIA since 1992

CIALP (International Council of Portuguese Speaking Architects) since 1993

HEADQUARTER

The headquarter of AAM is a small, beautiful, 2-storey building with garden, designed in the 1960's by Raul Chorão Ramalho, a renowned Portuguese modernist architect.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES (June 2014 – June 2015)

1. AAM selected members participated on the opening of the Macao Pavilion in the Venice Biennale 2014. (June 2014)
2. AAM Members Ar. Ben Leong, Ar. Nuno Soares, Ar. Eliezer Villaruz & Ar. Karen Tou attended the 35th ARCASIA Council Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (June 2014)
3. AAM representative Ar. Alice Iu gave a lunchbox talk entitled An Architect's Experience "La Biennale di Venezia 2014" at the Wynn Palace site office of Leighton Contractors, where she shared her experience and insight gained from the Venice Biennale in June 2014. (July 2014)
4. AAM Members Ar. Nuno Soares and Ar. Alice Iu were invited to give a lunchbox talk on the "Introduction of Architects Association of Macau", as part of the Graduate Training Program, Leighton Contractors held at their site office at Wynn Palace. (July 2014)

5. 30 AAM members joined the one-day visit in Hong Kong, by visiting 2 lately built architectures, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, The Jockey Club Innovation Tower, The Hong Kong City University & the Creative Media Center (July 2014)
6. AAM Member Ar. Nuno Soares attended the XXV UIA Congress in Durban, South Africa with the theme “Architecture – Otherwhere” At the same time attended the CIALP Meeting there (August 2014)
7. AAM together with the other 5 associations (AEM, AECCEM, MABCD, AECM & APMCCM) visited the office of His Excellency the CE Mr. Chui Sai On & the Director of CE Office Mr. Tam Chon Veng. (August 2014)
8. AAM Members enrolled in the 1st Term of Quantity Surveying Course. (August 2014)
9. AAM Members Ar. Ben Leong, Ar. Paulo Cheang & Ar. Vincent Kong attended the Annual National City Planning Conference 2014, that was organized by the City Planning Society of China and was held in Haikou, Hainan Province. (September 2014)
10. Starting of the AAM Social Activity organized by Ar. Donna Wu (September 2014)
11. AAM celebrated the World Architects Day with a dinner gathering. (October 2014)
12. ARCASIA Vice-President Professor XU Zongwei gave a lecture in IPM Auditorium with the topic “Traditional Tibetan Architecture” – invited & organized by AAM & Macao Polytechnic Institute (October 2014)
13. AAM President Ar. Ben Leong represented AAM to attend the ARCASIA Zone C Meeting held in Korea (October 2014)
14. AAM delegations attended the “IX Eco Expo Asia – International Trade Fair on Environmental Protection” held at the AsiaWorld – Expo & organized by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd. (October – November 2014)

15. AAM delegations attended the “2014 World Association of Chinese Architects Annual Conference and Award Ceremony”, that was held at the Architecture Pavilion of Southwest Jiaotong University, Chengdu with the theme “WACA•Decade: World Chinese Utopia” (November 2014)
16. Ar. Ben Leong, Ar. Jay Ho & Ar. Nuno Soares joined the one-day visit of The Association of Lao Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE) in Macau (November 2014)
17. AAM Members enrolled in the 2nd Term of Quantity Surveying Course. (December 2014)
18. AAM hosted a CPD Seminar by Ar. Ben Leong for the discussion on the Introduction to “Legal regime of qualifications for professional practice in the fields of civil construction and of urbanism”. (December 2014)
19. Association QS course Celebration (December 2014)
20. Ar. Nuno Soares, board member of AAM and Chairman of the ARCASIA Committee on Architectural Education, participated in ARCASIA Handing over and 1st Office Bearer Meeting, hosted by the Association of Siamese Architects, held in Bangkok, Thailand. (January 2015)
21. AAM members visited the Secretariat for Transport and Public Works, with Eng Raimundo Arrais do Rosário. (January 2015)
22. Following the nomination of AAM board member Arch. Nuno Soares as Region IV representative for the UIA Education Commission and the UNESCO UIA Validation Council for Architecture Education, he participated on the first meeting in Paris, at the UIA General Secretariat for the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council for Architectural Validation. (February 2015)
23. 16 AAM Members enrolled in the Autodesk Revit Architecture Course shared by Ar. Christine Choi w/ the Approved Course under the SAR Government "Continuing Education Development Program" (March 2015)
24. AAM organized AAM Competition 2015, an Architecture and Design competition on the area surrounding Nam Van Lakes area (March 2015)

25. AAM participated on the 2015 MIECF with the theme “Green Economy – Solutions for Clean Air”. (March 2015)
26. AAM members participated in CADSA Event - HKIA Cross-Strait Architectural Design Symposium & Awards 2015, in Hong Kong. Ar. Ben Leong, Ar. Johnathan Wong as one of the Moderators and Ar. Nuno Soares as one of the Speakers (March 2015)
27. AAM members enrolled in the 1st Term of Quantity Surveying Course. (April 2015)
28. AAM members Ar. Rui Leão and Ar. Nuno Soares participated in the CIALP Meeting in Goa, India. Organized by The Indian Institute of Architects Goa Chapter, and under the topic “All worlds, Only one world”, the main themes addressed on the Forum were "The challenge of the Cities" and "The challenge of housing", Arch. Nuno Soares gave a speech on "Macau Informal Housing Prototype". (April 2015)
29. AAM President Ben Leong Visit Thailand and attended the conference the Architect 15 (April - May 2015)
30. AAM members visited DSSOPT and have the meeting with the Directors. (May 2015)
31. 16 AAM members participated in the AAM Competition 2015. (May 2015)
32. 20 AAM Members participated on Shenzhen visit of 2015. (June 2015)
33. AAM Members enrolled in the 4th term of Quantity Surveying Course. (June 2015)

PUBLICATIONS / EXHIBITIONS

1. AAM Council Members Arch. Rui Leão and Arch. Maria Jose Freitas represented AAM in attending the Opening Ceremony of the CIALP Exhibition “Modernism in the Portuguese Speaking Countries – Architecture from the 40’s to the 60’s, and attended together the UIA 2011 Tokyo – the 24th World

Congress of Architects with the Theme “Beyond Disasters, through Solidarity, towards Sustainability” that was held in Tokyo. (September 2011)

2. AAM hosted an exhibition “Modernism in the Portuguese Speaking Countries – Architecture from the 40’s to the 60’s, an exhibition brought in Macau from the CIALP Exhibition during the UIA 2011 Tokyo. (December 2011- January 2012)
3. AAM participates in the 2012 MIECF (Macao International Environment Cooperation Forum & Exhibition) held in Venetian Macau-Resort-Hotel. A booth was set up with the exhibition of “Green Building Movement in Macau”. (March 2012)
4. Published the Issue 17 and Issue 18 of magazine “Macau Architecture” (July and December 2011)

AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

1. AAM was invited to be a Member of a Jury for the 2011 WACA Architectural Awards (August 2011)

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

1. AAM will attend the next CIALP Forums
2. Continue the Professional Continuous Development Courses for the local architects on monthly basis
3. Continue the publication of the magazine “Macau Architecture”

MACAU COUNTRY REPORT

For
36th ARCASIA Council Meeting
Ayutthaya, Thailand, Nov. 12 – 16, 2015

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