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1. Brief History of Association

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

2. Office Bearers

The 8th National Congress of VAA was held in April of 2010 in Ha Noi which elected 95 members for the Executive Committee. The Office Bearers is elected to represent for the Executive Committee of VAA for the term of 2010-2015 as following here:

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| President: | Arch. Nguyen Tan Van |
| Vice-President: | Prof.Dr.Arch. Nguyen Quoc Thong - Ha Noi city |
| Vice-President: | Dr.Arch. Ngo Doan Duc - Ha Noi city |
| Vice-President: | Arch. Nguyen Ngoc Tuan - Da Nang city |
| Vice-President: | Arch. Khuong Van Muoi - Ho Chi Minh city |
| Vice-President: | Arch. Nguyen Van Tat - Ho Chi Minh city |

3. Membership

VAA have about 4,800 members totally up to 30th June, 2012.

4. Financial Resources

The Association is officially recognized and supported by Viet Nam 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. Chapters/ branches

VAA comprises 56 Chapters in provinces/ cities and 25 Association's Branches in major agencies those are practicing planning, architecture, construction and education in the whole country and VAA's functional divisions.

6. AGM of the Association

National Congress of Vietnamese Archchitects 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. Registration Authority

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

9. 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 Archchitectural Institute of Korea (AIK), Korean Gyeong-gi Institute of Registered Archchitects (KGIRA), Association of Laos Archchitects and Civil Engineers (ALACE), Cuban Association of Archchitects, Genova Association of Architects, Urban Planners, Landscape Researchers and Conservationists...

10. Major programs and activities in 2012

- Organizing the Anniversary of Viet Nam Architecture's Day on April 27th with the annual Viet Nam Architecture Exhibition VIETARC 2012 in Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City. The exhibitions attracted more than 600 booths, which was well attended by almost 120 corporations, companies, agencies specialized in architecture consulting, interior design, building materials,... throughout Viet Nam and all over the world – *April 2012*.
- Establishing the Viet Nam Architects Training Club in order to make a national forum for all architects training faculties and universities. Through this forum, all the members can exchange and support each other in training programs and related information...
- Establishing the Architectural Research Network that gathers most of the Architecture and Urban Planning Institutes and the experts throughout the country to exchange information, to co-operate in research and training...
- Organizing 05 seminars and conferences on the themes:
 - “Green Architecture”
 - “The Act of Architects”
 - “Cities and climate change”
 - “Viet Nam marine tourism urban and architecture”.
 - “Architectural Heritages Conservation”
- Follow the 2011 Architectural Competition on “Rural houses in flood-prone regions”, in which the first-prize projects were chosen for trial construction. In 2012, six model houses were built as gifts to people residing in flood-prone areas of some Viet Nam central provinces which have been frequently victims to floods.
- Organizing 7 continuing training courses for members and architects with the program focused on architecture creating skills, modern architecture trends, ecological architecture, green architecture and architecture identity...
- Organizing the Biennial Festival of Architecture Student in Da Nang city – *August 2012*.
- Annual National meeting of Architecture Council to discuss the urgent requirements of Viet Nam architecture in the new period with the presentation of Minister of Construction and related authority bodies. The main discussed issues were: Viet Nam architecture development orientation; architecture, urban planning management and the related regulations; the act of architects; architects training program; architectural research, consultation and criticism...
- Celebrating the World Day of Architects with the theme “*Architects are the city changers*” – October 2012.
- Annual National meeting of VAA's Executive Committee – *November 2012*.

11. Publications

- Architecture Journal (monthly)
- Nice House Architecture Magazine (monthly)
- Architecture & Life Magazine (monthly)

12. Awards and design competitions

- VAA's Green Architecture Council selected and awarded 11 Viet Nam Green Architectures.
- Loa Thanh Awards 2012 for the best architecture student's graduate projects.
- Organizing 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 is out of control, bad management, backward infrastructure, polluted environment and people's awareness of law and architectural culture is not very high...
- The policy and method of architectural education is inadequate, short of timely updating.
- Lack of the act of architects to executive the architecture professional practice properly.

14. Future Plans

- Development of architecture practice and creation institution, towards development of the Act of Architects.
- Promotion the Architectural Research Network and Architects Training Club to improve the quality of researching projects, architect training method and programs, carrying out of continuous training, strengthening the practising capacity of architects...
- Development of the green architecture orientation in the relationship between modern architecture and traditional culture preservation, confronting challenges of globalization and climate change.
- Continuation of studies on rural housing, housing for flood areas and housing for low-income earners.
- Enhancement of social consultation, criticism and reviewing role of the Association of Architects for the central and local government in architecture, urban management and development.

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