

14th Asian Congress of Architects at Lahore
by
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The Architects' Regional Council, Asia (ARCASIA) was formally founded in 1980. It is a vibrant association of the architects of 17 Asian countries represented on the Council by the presidents of the Institutes of Architects of these countries. The Council meets each year at different venues and accompanying the meeting, in alternate years, are the Asian Congress of Architects and the ARCASIA Forum, organized by the host country on behalf of ARCASIA.

This year, the Institute of Architects, Pakistan (IAP) was the proud host of the 14th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA-14) with the theme "Go Green: Architecture of the New Order" organized by its Lahore Chapter. Alongside ACA-14, the 31st ARCASIA Council Meeting and other related meetings and the ARCASIA Architectural Students' Jamboree were held in Lahore from 25-29 October 2010, attended by over 260 architects and faculty members and 550 architecture students from all over the country. More than 100 architects from 20 countries and 17 foreign students participated. Additionally more than 100 representatives of the building material industries also participated.

The new EXPO and Convention Centre in Johar Town, Lahore, designed by Ar. Nayyar Ali Dada, was the venue of the ACA-14 as well as the Building Products' Exhibition, display of the winning projects of the 2008-09 ARCASIA Awards for Architectural Excellence and an exhibition of the ARCASIA Students' Design Competition-2010.

CONGRESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (COC)

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Convener

Ar. Syed M. Irfan,
Member

Ar. Ahmad Pevaiz Mirza,
Member

Ar. Muhammad Arshad,
Member

Congress Organizing Committee (COC) headed by its convener was appointed in 2008 by the IAP National Council to conceptualize, plan and execute the ACA-14 and all other related event:-

COC planned this multi faceted international mega event very systematically which eventually resulted in a meticulously executed set of week-long events. During the course of organization, COC faced a number of challenges: On going economic recession had very severely hit the construction industry which was expected to provide necessary sponsorship for hosting a large number of foreign delegates for 7 nights at PC Lahore, five lunches and dinners for local and foreign guests ranging from 200 to 1000 guests per function, air travel from global destinations for speakers and special invitees, cost of venues and other logistics.

Devastating floods further eroded the ability of potential sponsors as they diverted, and rightly so, their entire marketing budgets for relief works. And most importantly, the aggravating security situation in the country. Blasts in Lahore on two occasions seriously endangered IAP's efforts to persuade foreign delegates, especially concerned parents of visiting students, to defy growing resistance against holding of ACA-14 at Lahore. But the COC remained composed and focused

on their assigned task and never waived in its firm resolve to hold ACA-14 in a most befitting manner.

It was no small feat to bring over 100 foreign delegates & make them stay for a week in an environment of fear & uncertainty created by foreign media. The successful holding of ACA-14 was indeed a national service as IAP, against all heavy odds, abundantly proved to the international audience that life still goes on as usual in Pakistan. This, truly, was a tribute to our resilient people.

The role of COC has been pivotal in making it possible to host ACA-14 in Lahore. For a whole year, they gave freely their personal time and that of their office staff, their office space and resources, in the organization of this historic event.

The Students' Jamboree Organization Committee comprised of Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami as Convenor, Prof. Dr. Yusuf Awan as Dy. Convenor with Prof. Fauzia Qureshi, Ar./Plnr. Sadia Fazli and Prof. Tauseef Ahmed, as members.

Most of the international delegates and the local and foreign students arrived at Lahore on October 24, 2010. The stay of all the international delegates was at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, and a majority of the 260 students from out of Lahore, including the foreign students were accommodated in the University of Engineering & Technology (UET) Hostels. PC was also the venue for ARCASIA Meetings preceding the Congress.

The diversity and richness of the five day event can be gauged from a brief summary of activities given below:

ARCASIA MEETINGS & STUDENTS' JAMBOREE

October 25, 2010

The day began with the ARCASIA Golf Championship held at Lahore Gymkhana Golf Club in which foreign and Pakistani architects participated enthusiastically.

An international jury comprising Ar. Rita Soh of Singapore, Ar. Jayantha Perera of Sri Lanka, Ar. Dr. Chalay Kunawong of Thailand and Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami from Pakistan, as Chairman, met in the morning to select winners of the ARCASIA Students' Design Competition-2010. There were 16 entries from eight ARCASIA countries. The first prize was jointly awarded to entries from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and the third prize also went to Bangladesh. Pakistan's two best entries submitted for judging were from Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture and University of Karachi.

The ARCASIA Office Bearers' meeting was convened in the afternoon by Chairman ARCASIA, Ar. Mubassar Hussain from Bangladesh. This was followed by parallel meetings of ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice Group (ACPP) chaired by Ar. Balbir Verma from India (in absence of Ar. Edric Florentino from Philippines) and ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA) convened by Ar. Chandana Edirisuriya from Sri Lanka (in the absence of Ar. Kazuo Iwamura from Japan). Ar. Balbir Verma of India was elected the Convenor of ACPP for 2011-12 and Ar. Ashvinkumar from Singapore was elected the new

Convenor of ACGSA. The ARCASIA Fellowship Meeting had to be rescheduled for the next day due to shortage of time.

IAP was represented on ACPP by Ar. Faheem Ahsan Jameel and on the ACGSA by Ar. Samar Ali Khan and Ar. Prof. Fariha Amjad Ubaid.

In the evening the ARACASIA Students Jamboree Inauguration Ceremony took place in the Sports Complex Auditorium at UET campus. The Chief Guest was the Vice Chancellor, UET, Lt. Gen. (Retd) M. Akram Khan. ARCASIA Office Bearers and Official Delegates and many foreign architects, including Ms. Louis Cox, President, International Union of Architects, attended the Ceremony. An official Jamboree briefing was given at the inauguration. Whilst the architects departed for a dinner hosted by the Chairman, IAP-Lahore Chapter, the students were treated to a sumptuous Welcome Dinner by the poolside in the Sports Complex.

October 26, 2010

The 31st ARCASIA Council Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Ar. Mubasshar Hussain and attended by official delegates from 14 of the 17 member countries, the three Deputy Chairman, the President-Elect, two permanent Advisors and two Advisors. Country Reports and progress reports on various ARCASIA projects were presented to the Council. IAP was officially represented by Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan and Ar. Ahmad Pervez Mirza. The meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm and all participants joined the rescheduled ARCASIA Fellowship meeting convened by Ar. Rabiul Hussain of Bangladesh.

In the afternoon, the ARCASIA Committee for Architectural Education (ACAE) chaired by Dy. Convenor, ACAE, Prof. Dr. Chalay Kunawong from Thailand (in the absence of Convenor Prof. Dr. Jae Uk Chong of Korea) met in an adjacent hall. Country Reports on architectural education were presented and progress on specific ACAE projects was discussed. A briefing and update was given on the ongoing Students Jamboree. Prof. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed of Bangladesh was elected the new Convenor of ACAE and Prof. Dr. Chalay Kunawong, the Dy. Convenor. IAP was represented on ACAE by Chairman BAE Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami, Prof. Fauzia Qureshi and Ar./Plnr. Sadia Fazli.

At the UET, the Jamboree programme commenced in the morning with presentations by official student delegates on the theme of the Jamboree, "Dynamism in Architecture – The Asian Spirit". The students then moved to the National College of Arts (NCA) Campus in the afternoon where they participated in an exciting and most informative architectural quiz competition organized by Ar. Gita Balakrishnan of ETHOS India, who came especially for this event. The three hour marathon concluded with the two-member team from NCA, Lahore declared as the winners, the team from Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture, Karachi, as runners up and the National University of Singapore team in third position.

The students were shown a slide presentation of the Walled City of Lahore prepared by Prof. Sajjad Kausar and given a briefing by the Jamboree Convenor on the Workshop to take place the following day, based on an early morning walk through the Walled City. They were then divided into six groups of 72 students and six further sub-groups of 12 for facilitation and logistics. A 'bonding dinner' was hosted for the students by the Principal, NCA, followed by a musical evening.

October 27, 2010

The ARCASIA Council Meeting continued for the whole day. Some far reaching decisions were taken by the Council based on the amendments made to the ARCASIA Byelaws.

Ar. Kalim A. Siddiqui was elected unopposed as Vice President of ARCASIA representing Zone A comprising India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan, Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand from Thailand was elected Vice President, Zone B and Ar. Anna Kwong Sum Yee from Hong Kong was elected Vice President from Zone C. Ar. Nela DeZoysa from Sri Lanka was elected Convenor of the ARCASIA Fellowship.

Indonesia won the bid against Hong Kong to host the 33rd ARCASIA Council Meeting and ACA-15 in Bali in 2012.

The 32nd ARCASIA Council Meeting and Forum-16 on the theme “Asian Cities in the 21st Century”, will take place in Danang, Vietnam, August 15th to 20th 2011.

In following the Jamboree schedule for the morning, each of the six groups of 72 students was dropped at a different gateway to the Walled City. Led by their tutors, they followed the route chalked out for them and documented different aspects of the rich built and living heritage of the inner city. The students returned with thousands of photographs, sketches, video and sound recordings and members of each group began to put together data to create their own story of Lahore.

In the afternoon, the workshop timings were curtailed as all the Jamboree participants, for reasons of security, were taken early to the Expo and Convention Centre for the Inauguration of ACA-14 and Building Material and Product Exhibition by the Prime Minister.

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All the foreign delegates moved to UET Sports Complex in the morning for a ceremony at which trees were planted on behalf of each of the seventeen ARCASIA member countries. Power point presentations on their ‘Story of Lahore’ were then made by the six student groups to a large audience consisting of the President UIA, Chairman ARCASIA, Office Bearers and Official Delegates, faculty members, workshop tutors and students. Despite the constraints imposed on the students a day earlier that curtailed their workshop timings, the diverse and colourful stories that were presented spoke highly of their immense talent and creative abilities.

The Jamboree events led to healthy interaction and a strong bonding of students of different countries, cultures and languages. Students of different institutions within Pakistan met together for the first time in such large numbers.

14TH ASIAN CONGRESS OF ARCHITECTS (ACA-14)

October 27, 2010

The ACA-14 Inaugural Ceremony was held on the evening of October 27, 2010 at the new Convention Centre, Johar Town, Lahore. Inaugurated by Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, Prime Minister of Pakistan, the ceremony was attended by over 900 architects and students representing 20 countries including Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam. From within Pakistan, architects and students from Jamshoro, Peshawar, Multan, Karachi, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Abbottabad and Islamabad participated.

The Convener ACA-14, Ar./Plnr. Kalim. A. Siddiqui presented his welcome address, briefly touching on the background of the conference and its theme, “Go Green: Architecture of the New Order”. Upon his request, the guests observed a minute’s silence for those who lost their lives in the devastating floods that affected a large part of the country. A short video presentation was also made on the floods and IAP’s relief efforts. In his address, Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan, President IAP, traced IAP’s history and its links with international organizations and its role in dealing with national calamities. IAP’s efforts towards sustainable and green architecture and its proposal of forming a National Rehabilitation Authority (NARA) were highlighted. In his address, the Prime Minister lent the support of his government towards sustainability and promised to consider the rehabilitation proposals put forward by IAP. He announced the lease of Bradlaugh Hall, a heritage building of the colonial era, to IAP for restoration and use of the Lahore Chapter as its Secretariat.

The Prime Minister later inaugurated the building material and products exhibition and other exhibitions at the EXPO Centre and mixed freely with all the foreign delegates.

The ACA-14 inaugural session included the keynote speech of Ar. Karan Grover of India, entitled “The Complex Green” a powerful, 40-minute presentation using three projectors on a 40’ wide screen. His address was a clear reminder to the audience that natural resources were finite and unless we respect nature, as demanded by all the Scriptures, we will seriously compromise the lives of our future generations. The keynote address set the tone of ACA-14 and provided a framework and benchmark for the papers to follow.

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The first technical session began in the afternoon, after the return of the delegates from UET. The first speaker was from Pakistan, Dr. Naumana Anjum, followed by Aga Khan Award Winner, Ar. Dr. Anna Heringer of Austria, currently residing in Bangladesh, who presented sustainable projects she has designed, including the award winning Community Centre. She was followed by another Austrian, Martin Rauch, a ceramist who has used compressed earth blocks for building construction in his home country. Inevitably, an interesting round of questions and answers was witnessed after the presentations.

Friendship Night

An entertaining friendship night was hosted at the Punjab Governor’s House. All the foreign delegates and host organizers were received by Governor Salman Taseer and given a tour of the historic building. He also briefly joined the audience to watch cultural performances by delegates and students of different countries.

It was fascinating to watch how the Sri Lankans, in their traditional dance, incorporated the 'tabla', played by a Pakistani student from Peshawar. A tribute to Pakistan was paid by a solo performance by a Singaporean student who sang in his newly learnt Urdu. The lyrics of the song "Jeevay Pakistan" "Jeevay Architects" "Jeevay Friendship" stole the show and became a popular slogan of ACA-14. Prizes were distributed among the three winners. The ceremony was ably conducted by Ar. Ahmad Pervez Mirza.

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The morning session began with a very impactful and graphically strong presentation by Ar. Indika Samarasinghe from Sri Lanka who also used the wide screen and three projectors. He was followed by Ar. Qazi Aziz ul Mowla from Bangladesh. A highly inspiring paper presented by Dr. Ajantha Perera, an activist and environmentalist from Sri Lanka, received a standing ovation from the large audience. Papers were also read by Ar. Bashirul Haq from Bangladesh, focused on the rehabilitation of flood victims, Ar. George Kunihiro from Japan, Ar. Mishal Abidi from Canada, Ar. Hajjah Noorzehan from Malaysia, Ar. Sharriah Hosseini from Iran and Ar. Rafiq Azam from Bangladesh. The last paper included some delightful, environment friendly projects designed by the architect.

The technical sessions concluded in the evening by Prof. Dr. Gulzar Haider who summed up proceedings most appropriately. A resolution drafted by him together with Ar. Ejaz Ahed, Ar. Arif Belgaumi and Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami was read out to the audience who, by the show of hands, adopted it unanimously. The resolution was then formally presented at the Awards Ceremony and Farewell Banquet, by ACA-14 Convenor, Ar. Kalim Siddiqui.

RESOLUTION

This the 14th Asian Congress of Architects assembled in Lahore, Pakistan, from October 27 – October 29, 2010 with the theme "Go Green-Architecture of the New Order" hereby resolves:

1. That as we pursue the goal of Green Architecture we shall work toward the day when the prefix "Green" will no longer be necessary.
2. That the ideas of 'Green Architecture' should be introduced in early education in schools and that the ARCASIA professional architectural institutes will offer outreach programmes in their countries to promote 'Green' concepts in schools.
3. That the curricula in architectural educational institutions will be developed to introduce 'Green' concepts from the first year of architectural degree programmes.
4. That the ARCASIA professional architectural institutes will develop and maintain continuing education programmes to disseminate 'Green' concepts to professionals in the field.

5. That the national governments of ARCASIA countries should develop policies to provide incentives to develop and adapt sustainable building materials and manufacturing processes.
6. That the ARCASIA professional architectural institutes will identify “Green Leaders” from amongst professionals, educators and members of the construction and materials industries in their respective countries, who may be recognized by ARCASIA with a special ARCASIA award.
7. That there should be productive collaboration between the governments, construction material industry, educational institutions and professionals in the development of ‘Green’ building materials, so that research and development effort can be sustained without public funding.
8. That the ARCASIA professional architectural institutes shall advocate to their respective governments, pro-Green policies at the macro level, especially the planned ‘Green’ human settlements.

Awards Ceremony & Farewell Banquet

The last event of the Congress was the Awards Ceremony and Farewell Banquet held at the State Guest House, where the Chief Minister Punjab, Mian Mohammad Shahbaz Sharif was the Chief Guest who also gave away the ARCASIA Awards 2008-09.. The Mehdi Ali Mirza Awards 2009, conferred on one student from each accredited institution who attains the top position and the IAP Graduate Awards 2009 given for the most outstanding thesis projects amongst all graduating students were given away. Two graduates from the Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture and one from NCA, Lahore received the IAP Graduate Awards. Winners of the ARCASIA Architectural Students’ Design Competition were also acknowledged and prizes were given for the best stalls at the exhibition. The ceremony was conducted by Ar. Ahmad Pervez Mirza.

A video documentary on the historical buildings of Lahore, produced by Ar. Prof. Sajjad Kausar, was screened on the occasion. In his address, the Convener Ar./Plnr. Kalim Siddiqui, read out the ACA-14 Resolution, adopted earlier in the evening, to the Chief Guest and the large number of architects, students and guests who attended the Banquet.

October 30, 2010

CITY TOURS

Arranged by Ar. Prof. Sajjad Kausar, the foreign delegates were taken on a guided city tour through the Walled City of Lahore, Badshahi Mosque, the Lahore Fort, the Museum and the Lawrence Gardens where they had lunch. The delegates were then treated to Tea at the Gymkhana Cricket pavilion from where they briefly witnessed an ongoing cricket match. The delegates thoroughly enjoyed themselves as some of them were huge fans of cricket. Others, who were not familiar with the game, were intrigued at seeing a live cricket game for the first time!

ACCOMPANYING PERSON’S PROGRAMME

A very interesting programme was chalked out and organized by Dr. Afshan Siddiqui for those non architect spouses who accompanied the foreign delegates. They were taken to watch an exciting polo match on October 25, 2010 a game which was new for most of them. The next day they were participated in a meeting of the International Women's Club followed by an exclusive shopping trip. During the next two days, they visited the SOS village and a leather factory.

CONCLUSION

On the evening of October 30, most of the guests left for their homes, though a few went to see Islamabad and some to Karachi before they finally departed.

The success of ACA-14 and the related events can be gauged by the contents of many messages received by the President, IAP. Excerpts from some of these are reproduced below:

Ar. Louis Cox, President, International Union of Architects: *“Thank you and all of IAP for your exceptional hospitality in Lahore and Karachi. I really loved seeing you all again and I especially enjoyed the traditional ARCASIA friendship in Lahore both inside and outside under the stars I enjoyed the Fort and the Grand Mosque and especially the cricket match after lunch on Saturday in the gardens. There are so many bonds between Pakistan and with me, an Australian. Young Usama who accompanied me on Saturday to the Mosque gave me another insight into Pakistan and one day I will come back to see other wonderful looking places he described to me You all did a great job looking after us all so well”*

Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Chairman ARCASIA: *“I hope in future other member institutes interested to host such ARCASIA events, 31st Council Meeting, ACA-14 and Student Jamboree will act as a source of inspiration. Please convey my special thanks to the student volunteers for their dedication and interest in the activities of IAP and ARCASIA. They are the future of ARCASIA.....”*

Ar. Jayantha Perera, Dy. Chairman Zone A: *“All in all it was one of the most glamorous and successful ARCASIA events I attended in my short career in ARCASIA spanning over 10 years..... PAKISTAN ZINDABAD!!!!!!!!!!”*

Ar. Rita Soh, Dy. Chairman Zone B: *“First I must applaud you and your team for hosting such a wonderful & successful event! The hospitality was fantastic! I was equally impressed with the passion and commitment of your student / young architects! Wow, you have lots going for you in your country with this young generation.....Great job done!*

Ar. Batjav Batkhuyag, Dy. Chairman Zone C: *“It was a real pleasure to enjoy your warm hospitality and be a part of this wonderfully organized event! I was also amazed how many similarities are there between your culture and lifestyle and those of Mongolia. It is my sincere hope that there will be more opportunities for me to visit Pakistan again.”*

Ar. George Kunihiro, Chairman-Elect: *“First of all, I would like to congratulate you and the organizing team of the IAP in Lahore, for hosting one of the most memorable ARCASIA event I have been to..... All of the meetings, including the Council meeting, were organized*

superbly.... I have to thank all of the hosts of the ACA-14 and the student volunteers..... (who) were well-informed, well-trained and they all possessed true heart for hospitality to the guests..... I am sure that all of us will have fond memories of the week spent in a city that is functioning well as any other cities around the world..... We shall work together to take ARCASIA to another level to become more involved in the global network, with the ability to organize a world-scale event such as the ACA-14 the IAP had organized..... . And, I look forward to visiting Pakistan again in the near future!"

Ar. Kun Chang Yi, Immediate Past Chairman: *"It was more than appreciated your hospitality during our stay in old city of Lahore. Zaigham, Ejaz, Ahmad (Pervez), Ahmad, Akeel Bilgrami, all committee members and organizers, ushers, you made our stay in Lahore the most memorable congress in spite of high security condition..... I sincerely hope to strengthen our professions as well as building up more close friendship between IAP and KIRA.*

Ar. Ronald Poon, Permanent ARCASIA Advisor: *"It was a very successful meeting, much due to your Institute's efforts. Thank you so much for your hospitality and friendly smiles"*

Ar. Yolanda Reyes, ARCASIA Advisor: *"Firstly, my congratulations on the success of the ACA 14 and the hosting of the 31st ARCASIA Council Meeting. Secondly, my gratitude for the warm and great hospitality accorded to me and to my husband Molly. I was really, really glad we were there"*

Nela DeZoysa, Sri Lanka: *"What an amazing, warm, generous and hospitable nation you are! Such humane qualities would rank rare amongst the ARCASIA countries, as what was experienced by all of us in your beautiful city..... Needless to say ACA 14 was a tremendous success, that erased all fear and doubt that were embedded in the minds of some, among our member countries..... ACA 14, with your warm and outstanding hospitality has left us with the "desire" to revisit Karachi, Lahore & Islamabad."*

Dr. Ajantha Perera, Sri Lanka *"Just a note to say thank you for making our time in Pakistan a memorable one. We highly appreciate all the assistance that you gave and the wonderful way that you looked after us"*

Karan Grover, India *"My very special thanks to you for all you did to make my trip and stay so memorable. "*

Ar. Qazi Aziz Ul Mowla, Bangladesh: *"Everything was so well set and thoughtfully organized that the participants felt very comfortable. The care and hospitality bestowed on us by the IAP is unforgettable..... I will particularly like to mention the efforts of your young volunteers to make us at home"*

Ar. Hajjah Noorzehan, Malaysia: *"We wish to thank you all for the warm friendship and assistance given to make our first visit to Lahore memorable."*

Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand, Thailand, *"I wish to congratulate you, Kalim, Akeel, and everyone at IAP for a most successful ACA-14. We enjoyed ourselves very much. Your warm and*

generous hospitality made all of us feel at home and seems our time spent in Lahore too short. The camaraderie and friendship can only happen in ARCASIA, a remarkable organization. We also feel a part of Pakistan having cheered your troops during the Flag Lowering Ceremony at the border.....”

Arch. Nguyen Tan Van, Vietnam: *“Your organization will be the good lesson for us to prepare for the ARCASIA Forum 16. On behalf of VAA, I would like to thank you very much for IAP's warm welcome at ACA-14”*

Ar. Ashvinkumar, Singapore: *“On behalf of SIA, I would like put on record our heartfelt thanks to IAP for the great organization of a very successful and productive week indeed. I believe ARCASIA has come out stronger than ever before resultant of our faith and belief in one another..... Please also extend our thanks to the student volunteers and the students who participated in the Jamboree as they all worked so hard and tirelessly to contribute to the success. The friendship and kinship was so evident throughout the week we were there in Lahore, Pakistan”*

Chandana Edirisuriya, Sri Lanka: *“On behalf of the SLIA and SLIA delegation, I wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to IAP and especially to you and the team for conducting a successful ARCASIA event Productive, colourful and done with great elegance..... wonderful hospitality extended to the delegates..... opportunity to foster and strengthen the friendship and fellowship among the architects from the ARCASIA member countries. The approach of the IAP was so unique gave an opportunity to get a glimpse of diversity, richness of Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad which we will long cherish..... The student delegation from SLIA was also extremely pleased with the programme and arrangement of the Students' Jamboree. The presentations by the students were quite refreshing.....Our thanks go to the students of Pakistan and the student volunteers who tirelessly contributed to the success and also helped us day and night. The ARCASIA spirit was so evident right through the event”*

Endy Subijono, Indonesia: *“On behalf of the Indonesian Institute of Architects and IAI delegation, I would like to extend our gratitude and congratulations to IAP, IAP Lahore Chapter and especially you, Kalim, and the team for conducting a very safe, enjoyable and successful ARCASIA event..... to the students and volunteers who worked with heart and helped us delegates all the time tirelessly. Yes we will have fond memories of the week spent in Lahore. The whole event was a reflection of ARCASIA spirit.....”*