

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 542,000 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 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, School of Intelligent Systems and Technology. 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 130 members

CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS

The current office bearers were elected at the general assembly held in May 2009, for the term of 2009-2011.

AAM Council Members

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| President | : Leong Chong In, Ben |
| Vice Presidents | : Rui Leão Tam Chi Wai |
| Members | : Ho Pui Kei, Jay; Mok Kai Kong, Harry; Cheung Hau Kuen, Mimi; Nuno Soares; Wu Kim Kam, Donna |

General Assembly President : Wong Yue Kai, Eddie
Supervisory Council President : Wong Chung Yuen, Johnathan
Fellowship Council President : 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 130 effective members and several non-effective and corresponding members, making up a total number of 133 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 others 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 AGA, 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 (Sep 2009 – Sep 2010)

1. Consultation to the Macau SAR Government on various legislative revisions and new draft legislations, namely for the RGCU; the draft of the lands regulation; the revision of the heritage law; the revision of various planning instruments; the draft for the environmental protection regulation and the green buildings guidelines
2. Consultation to the Macau SAR Government on various policies: the inter-cities co-operation and development in the Pan Pearl River Delta District; the planning for the new reclaimed lands of Macau; the planning for the lands use by Macau SAR in Hengqin Island, Zhuhai; the urban renewal policy; the strategy for the improve of local traffic and housing policy
3. Attendance of ARCASIA Forum 15 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (August 2009)
4. Through the arrangement of the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works Macau SAR, AAM's delegates attended the Annual National Planning Conference 2009 in Tianjin, organized by the Urban Planning Society of China (September 2009)
5. Attendance of CIALP meeting in São Paulo, Brazil (November 2009)
6. A delegation of AAM visited the Architectural Society of China (ASC), the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of PRC, the China Architecture Design & Research Group as well as the newly built masterpiece of architectures in Beijing, China (November 2009)
7. AAM hosted in Macau the ceremony for UIA - CIALP Signing Protocol of Cooperation, signed by UIA President Louise Cox and CIALP Vice President Rui Leão (April 2010)
8. AAM's members Carlos Marreiros and Carlos Couto participated into the designs of the Macau Pavilion and National Pavilion of Portugal for the Shanghai EXPO 2010, China

9. AAM was invited to represent Macau SAR to participate in the 6th China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industries Fair (May 2010)
10. AAM organized an architectural tour of Shenzhen, China for its members (May 2010)
11. Delegation from the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) headed by President Anna Kwong visited AAM and made a Macau architectural tour. (May 2010)
12. AAM General Assembly President Mr. Wong Yue Kai, Eddie attended the ASC 2010 Annual Conference & the 60-year Chinese Architecture Awards ceremony in Shanghai. (May 2010)
13. AAM arranged welcome dinner and architectural tour for the delegation from the Ordem dos Arquitectos Portugueses (OAP) headed by President João Belo Rodeia, during their visit to Macau (July 2010)
14. AAM organized an observation tour of Hengqin Island of Zhuhai, China for its members (August 2010)
15. AAM was invited to be a Member of a Jury for the contest on the design of the Development Plan for the Area C & D of Nam Van Lake Reclaimed Land in Macau (September 2010)
16. AAM started the Profession Continuous Development Courses for the local architects with the lesson given by Mr. Alvin Ip from PolyU Hong Kong with the topic "Architecture As Cultural Practice?" (September 2010)
17. AAM General Assembly President Mr. Wong Yue Kai, Eddie attended the World Association of Chinese Architects 2010 Conference in Shanghai, being elected as the Vice President of WACA. (September 2010)
18. A delegation of AAM visited the Shanghai EXPO 2010 in Shanghai, China (September 2010)

PUBLICATIONS / EXHIBITIOS

1. AAM initiated and co-hosted “Macau Young Architects Exhibition - 100% Designed in Macau Part 3”, promoting the design of the local young architects (January 2010)
2. Published the Issue 14 and Issue 15 of magazine “Macau Architecture” (December 2009, May 2010)

AWARDS & COMPITITIONS

1. AAM’s members Manuel Vicente, Rui Leão and Carlota Bruni received an honorable mention award from ARCASIA for their project of the Sai Van Park, Macau (August 2010)
2. Held the “Macau Architecture Awards 2009/2010 Exhibition Week”, celebrating the “International Architectural Day” in Macau (October 2009)

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

1. Hosts in Macau the 2010 CIALP meeting (December 2010)
2. Sets up a committee to work on the draft of the green buildings guidelines for Macau
3. Continues the Profession Continuous Development Courses for the local architects
4. Organizes a delegation to visit the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA)
5. Works on the publication of the ARCASIA Awards Book
6. Continues the publication of the magazine “Macau Architecture”
7. Launches a design competition for the adapted reuse of a historic building in Macau