

Country Report

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"Architects leading the Culture of Green Architecture"
Korea Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA)

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1. History of the Institute

History of the Institute	
1945	Founded Joseon Institute of Architects
1965	Established Korea Institute of Registered Architects
November, 1985	Joined ARCASIA
November, 1988	Hosted the 3 rd Asian Congress of Architects
October 20, 1994	Changed the name of sub-branch office to regional chapter office
September, 1999	Hosted the 10 th ARCASIA Forum
June, 2000	Admitted to be the UIA Member Section as an ad hoc body (FIKA)
May, 2006	Became a member of APEC Register Architects Central Council
December 8, 2006	Completion of a new building (KIRA Headquarter, Total Area of 124,538 ft ² with five stories below and seven above the ground)
October 27~ November 1, 2008	Hosted the 13 th Asian Congress of Architects

2. Office Bearers & Committees

Office Bearers

- President : Ar. Young-jip CHOI
- 5 Vice-Presidents
- 15 Directors
- 2 Auditors

Main Committees

- Architects' Ethics Central Committee
- Urgent Countermeasure Committee
- Policy Committee
- Administration Committee
- Finance and Economy Committee
- Mutual-aid Committee
- Legal Committee
- International Relations Committee
- Women Architects Committee
- APEC Architect Monitoring Committee
- Culture and Promotion Committee
- Newspaper Editorial Committee
- Journal Publication Committee

3. KIRA Membership Strength

Current status of members

As of September, 2010

Categories	No. of members	No. of firms
Regular Member	8,050	7,173
Associate Member	20	-
Honorary Member	12	-
Special Member	68	-
Participating Member	-	-
Student Member	-	-
Total	8,150	7,173

Membership Fees

Admission fee: 3,000,000won (approximately USD 2,650)

Monthly dues of 30,000won (approximately USD 26).

4. Budget

Fiscal year 2010 : 4,498,000,000 won (USD 40 Million)

5. HQ & Chapters

HQ office in Seoul / 16 Chapters in cities and provinces

6. General Meeting

The 44th General Assembly (February 25, 2010, KIRA Convention Hall)

- Amendment of KIRA Articles to launch the Architects' Mutual-Aid Association
- A loan to prepare for the new business, from other accounts of KIRA
- Approval of Budget of the year of 2010 and the settlements of the year 2009
- New directors and auditor were elected.

7. Legal status of the Institute

Established on October 23, 1965, in accordance with the Certified Architects Act
The members of KIRA consist of the registered Architects.

8. Registration Authority of Architects

Official registration at the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM)
is essential prior to commencement of practice.

9. International Affiliations of the Institutes

International Affiliations

1985~	Joined ARCASIA
2000~	Admitted to be the UIA Member Section as an ad hoc body (FIKA)
1997~	Korea China Japan Registered Architects Organizations Meeting (KIRA, NABAR of PRC, JFABEA)

- Agreements for Cooperation with other Institutes of Architects

JFABEA (1985), UMA (1995), JIA (2003), ACE (2008), AIA (2008), ALACE (2010), ASA (2010)

10. Major Activities During the Last One Year

10.1 Agreements on Cooperation with Related Main Organizations

10.1.1 MOU with Ministry of Environment (signed in September 2010)

Cooperation field: Sustainable architecture

Main goals: promotion of sustainable design in the field of education, practice and administration of architecture

10.1.2 MOU with Korea Planners Association (signed in August 2010)

Cooperation field: Urban planning, Architecture

Main goals: cooperation in education, joint research, exchange of information

10.1.3 MOU with Korea Green Building Council (signed in August 2010)

Cooperation field: Sustainable architecture

Main goals: cooperation in education, R&D, exchange of information

10.1.4 MOU with IBS Korea (signed in September 2010)

Cooperation field: Accreditation and promotion of intelligent building

Main goals: cooperation in education, technology development, exchange of information, promotion

10. Major Activities During the Last One Year

10.2 Architectural Events

10.2.1 Architecture Day 2010 (October 4, 2010)

Memorial ceremony held at the National Museum of Korea

Hosted by FIKA, organized by KIRA

Events: Awards, Special seminar, Exhibition, Reception

10.2.2 KIRA National Convention 2010 (October 20~24, 2010)

Main ceremony : October 22, 2010

Venue: KINTEX, Ilsan Gyeonggi

Events & Activities: Education for architects, Announcement ceremony of Green Vision, Launching Ceremony of Architects' Mutual-Aid Association, Reception

10.2.3 Seoul Int'l Architecture Film Festival (November 11~17, 2010)

Venue: Art House Momo, Ihwa Women's University, Seoul

10. Major Activities During the Last One Year

10.3 Qualifying Examination for Architect's License

KIRA was entrusted with the duty of management and implementation of the Qualifying Examination for Architect's License and Preliminary Examination for Architect's License by the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs.

10.3.1 Preliminary Examination

Annual exam, in one place

Subjects: Planning, Structure, Construction, Law & Regulations

10.3.2 Qualifying Examination

Annual exam, in 10 places, 5 cities throughout the nation

Subjects: Site Design, Architecture Design 1, Architecture Design 2

10.4 Korea•China•Japan Registered Architects Organizations Meeting

Period : November 2~5, 2010

Venue : Gwangju, Korea

Theme: Low Energy Project

Participants: Architects from NABAR of P.R.C, JFABEA, and KIRA

10. Major Activities During the Last One Year

10.5 TV Documentary Aired

[Korea's Architecture Culture after the war - Architecture and Cities make us enjoy our living]

– Period : October 11~14, 2010

– Channels: YTN, Science TV

– Main idea

- summarize the 60 year history of Korean architecture after the war
- introduce the integrity of architecture and architects
- suggest a direction for the future of architecture



10. Major Activities During the Last One Year

10.6 Sustainable Architecture Academy

KIRA has successfully managed the Sustainable Architecture Academy since 2009 to foster many design professionals on green architecture.

Budget: 750,000,000won (Gov. 67%, Private matching fund: 33%)

Number of graduates: 150 persons (by the end of 2010, regular course)

10.7 Celebration for the Successful Candidates of Local Election 2010

Among KIRA members, 13 architects were elected in the local election 2010, including 1 district (Gu) officer of Seoul, and 2 city mayors in Gangwon and Gyeonggi. KIRA held a celebration reception for them in June 29, 2010.

10.8 Donation for Earthquake Victims of Haiti

KIRA donated 20,000,000won to KOICA to help the earthquake victims of Haiti.

11. Publications & Exhibitions

11.1 Publication

11.1.1 Publication: 'Architect' and 'Architectural Culture News'

KIRA has been publishing monthly magazine 'Architect' since 1966. 10,500 copies are distributed to KIRA members and governmental organizations. KIRA also publishes a newspaper 'the Architectural Culture News' in every two weeks from the year of 2006 (11,000 circulations).

11.1.2 Publication: 'Lawsuit Cases Reports for Architects' and '2010 Statue Book for Architects'

to help architects understand current laws and regulations
to prevent and prepare provisional litigations.

11. Publications & Exhibitions

11.2 Exhibition: 2010 Korea Architecture Fair and Festival KINTEX Convention Center from October 20 to 24, 2010 Theme: 'CO2 Zero, Energy Zero, Waste Zero'

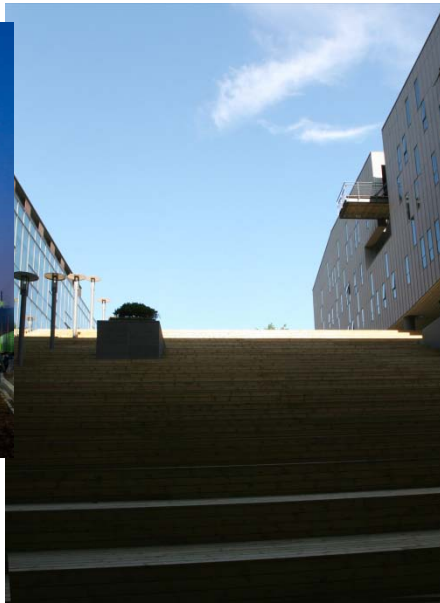


11. Publications & Exhibitions

11.3 2010 Korean Architecture Award

KINTEX Convention Center, October, 2010

- established in 1994
- hosted by the MLTM, Seoul Economy Daily and KIRA
- Goals: to find good architecture and encourage architects, clients and contractors for better architectural environments
- The highest architectural award program in KOREA with presidential awards in 4 different categories



12. Publications & Exhibitions

12.1 Debriefing to President Lee, by PCAP

May, 2010, hosted by the Presidential Commission on Architecture Policy (PCAP)

Participants: President of Korea, Lee Myung-bak

Members of PCAP

Ministers of related Ministries

President of KIRA

Related officers of related organizations attended. At this meeting,

Agenda : The 1st National Architecture Policy Master Plan

New Housing Plan, New Hanok (traditional Korean-style house) Plan

12.2 Forum 'Architecture of Korea with Opportunities' (June, 2010)

June 30, 2010, KIRA Convention Hall / Hosted by PCAP, Organized by FIKA

Themes: Current situation of Korean architecture, directions for administrators,
Complexity of architecture , Networking

12.3 Amendment of the Certified Architects Act

Amendment: July 23, 2010 / Enforcement: January 24, 2011

Amended Law demands that architects shall join the guarantee service for architectural damages,

and allows KIRA to cover more guarantee services including contractual liability.

12.4 MOU between Seoul Metropolitan City and FIKA

to cooperate to host the 26th UIA Congress to be held in 2017 (October 4, 2010)

13. Plans for the Future

13.1 Reformation of Building Reporting System

KIRA is working on the reformation of current Building Reporting System.

To elevate the quality of buildings and prevent fraudulent work, certain levels of buildings need to be managed by permit system instead of reporting system.

Thank you!