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"Architects leading the Culture of Green Architecture"

Korea Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA)

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1. 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).

2. 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.

3. Registration Authority of Architects

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

4. 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)	

5. Major Activities During the Last One Year

5.1 Agreements on Cooperation with Related Main Organizations

5.1.1 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

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

Cooperation field: Urban planning, Architecture

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

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

Cooperation field: Sustainable architecture

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

5.1.4 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

5. Major Activities During the Last One Year

5.2 Architectural Events

5.2.1 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

5.2.2 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

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

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

5. Major Activities During the Last One Year

5.3 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.

5.3.1 Preliminary Examination

Annual exam, in one place

Subjects: Planning, Structure, Construction, Law & Regulations

5.3.2 Qualifying Examination

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

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

5.4 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

5. Major Activities During the Last One Year

5.5 TV Documentary Aired

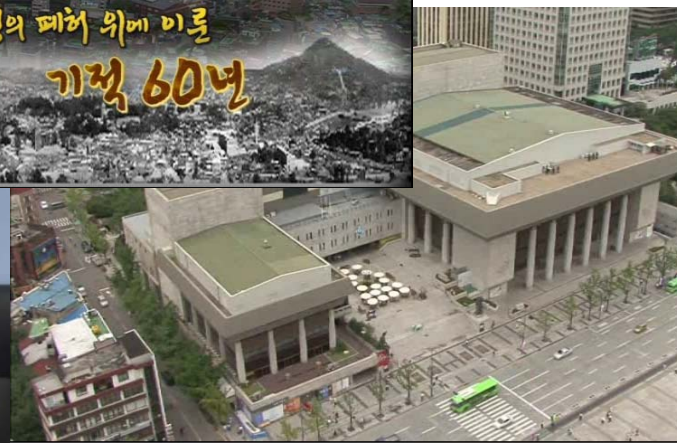
[Korea's Architecture Culture after the war - Architecture and Cities make us enjoy our living]

– 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



5. Major Activities During the Last One Year

5.6 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)

5.7 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.

5.8 Donation for Earthquake Victims of Haiti

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

5. Major Activities During the Last One Year

5.9 Status in APEC Architect Project

5.9.1 The Second Registration

- Number has been reduced to 172 from 217 thru the renewal registration process in May, 2010
- 42 new members have been registered .
- Ar. Chi Tok Kim became the Chairperson of the second Korean Monitoring Committee .

5.9.2 The APEC Architect Central Council Meeting, Manila, Phillipines

- October 11th thru 15th
- Ar. Joseph Chi Tok Kim, Chair of Korean APEC Monitoring Committee and Ar. KC Yi, a member of committee attended.

5.10 UIA PPC 2010, Paris, France

- October 13th thru 15th
- Ar. Chun Gyu Shin, Board Director and Ar. Sung Min Kim, Committee Chair

6. Publications & Exhibitions

6.1 Publication

6.1.1 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).

6.1.2 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.

6. Publications & Exhibitions

6.2 Exhibition: 2010 Korea Architecture Fair and Festival

KINTEX Convention Center from October 20 to 24, 2010

Theme: 'CO2 Zero, Energy Zero, Waste Zero'

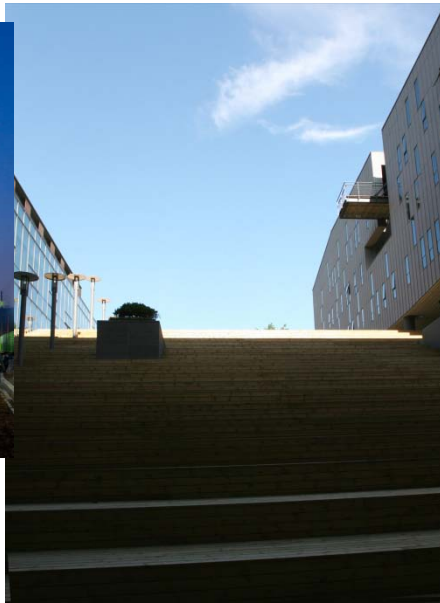


6. Publications & Exhibitions

6.3 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



7. Publications & Exhibitions

7.1 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

7.2 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

7.3 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.

7.4 MOU between Seoul Metropolitan City and FIKA

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

8. Plans for the Future

8.1 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.

8.2 Establishing KIRA Mutual Aid Association

Based on a new law passed in National Assembly, KIRA is to establish Mutual Aid Association in this year. New MAA will provide members' liability insurances, financial supports such as loan and other benefits.

Thank you!