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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 nationwide.

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:

President:	Archch. 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 4,000 members totally up to 30th June, 2010.

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 55 Chapters in provinces/ cities and 23 Association's Branches in 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 Architects 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 Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK), Korean Gyeong-gi Institute of Registered Architects (KGIRA), Association of Laos Architects and Civil Engineers (ALACE), Cuban Association of Architects ...

10. Major programs and activities in 2010

- The 8th National Congress of VAA was held successfully in April of 2010 in Ha Noi which elected 95 members for the Executive Committee.
- Drafting the *Architect's Act* to submit to the National Assembly.

- Drafting of “*Critical review regulation of architects to the constructional activities in the whole country*”.
- Following to the success of the first VietArc’ 2009, the second Viet Nam Architecture Exhibition - VietArc’2010 was held in June in Ho Chi Minh city. The event attracted about 20,000 visitors with the participation of 120 international and domestic planning and architecture consultant groups as well as contractors, engineers, interior designers, equipment and material manufacturers, real estate developers and managers... Four seminars and one international forum are also held within the framework of VietArc 2010.
- On the occasion of Ha Noi Capital 1000th anniversary in October 2010, VAA carries out a series of activities that is including two exhibitions, one international conference and publishes three books on the subject of Ha Noi and Ha Noi architecture...
- Conference on the them “Vietnameses cities in the 21st century” will be held in Da Nang beside the VAA’s Meeting of Executive Committee in November.
- Training course for members on the topic: feng shui in architecture and urban design, project management...

11. Publications

- Archchitecture Journal (monthly)
- Nice House Archchitecture Magazine (monthly)
- Archchitecture & Life Magazine (monthly)
- Professional books: “Half a century of Vietnamese architecture”; “1000 years of Thang Long – Ha Noi contemporary architecture, challenges and development”; “55 years of Ha Noi architecture”; “Memory of time”...

12. awards and design competitions

- The 8th National Archchitecture Awards.
- Loa Thanh Awards 2010 for the best architecture student’s graduate projects.
- Organize several national and international competitions for the important projects and monuments.

13. Key issues facing the Archchitects 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.

14. Future Plans

- Development of architecture practice and creation institution, towards development of the Law on Architect Practice.
- Association with architecture training institutions, schools in the country for the improvement of architect training quality and carrying out of continuous training, strengthening of practising capacity of architects on the topics, such as, urban design, fire prevention and fighting in architecture and construction ...
- Development of Viet Nam architecture development orientation in the relationship between modern architecture and architecture preservation and traditional culture 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 consultation and reviewing role of the Architect Association for the central and local government in urban management and development.

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