

## BRIEF OUTLINE OF HISTORY

1. Macau, an enclave in the South China coast, was administered by the Portuguese from 1557 until 20<sup>th</sup> 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 28.2 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 500,000 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. AAM took part in the study and drafting of new legislation relating to urban planning, urban construction, architectural heritage and conservation for the Government.
5. 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.

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6. Some members of AAM Council were nominated to join the Consultative Council of Macau Basic Law, the Drafting Committee of the Macau Basic Law and the Preparatory Committee as well before 1999, in that year Macau was handed over the administration from Portugal to China.
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. A proposal was drafted and submitted to the Government for consideration, in respect to changing of the status of AAM to a Public Association.
9. AAM has regularly organized conference, exhibitions and award competitions.
10. There is no Architecture courses offered in the Universities of Macau. However, AAM has worked closely with the Universities in organizing seminars, workshops related to architectural education.

11. 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 120 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 :

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

<u>General Assembly President</u>	: Eddie Wong Yue Kai
<u>Supervisory Council President</u>	: Wong, Chung Yuen, Jonathan
<u>Fellowship Council President</u>	: 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 thereunder. Presently, there are around 120 effective members and several non-effective and corresponding members, making up a total number of 132 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.

## **SUMMARY OF THE REPORT FROM THE AAM COUNCIL**

### **Re. 2008-2009**

1. Attendance of International Conference “World Heritage and Sustainable Development. HERITAGE 2008” in May 2008
2. Attendance of UIA 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress in Turin, Italy in June 2008
3. Attendance of ACA-13 in Busan, Korea in October 2008
4. Organizing Conference on “ NEW ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM” in Macau in Nov. 2008
5. Consultation to the Macau SAR Government on several legislative revisions and new draft of legislations, namely for the RGEU; the strategic concept plan; for the revision of the heritage law and for the revision of various planning instruments
6. Board of Directors paid a visit to Secretary of Public Works and Transportation of RAEM, Mr Lau Si lo in June 2009
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15. AAM hosted seminar to present the current planning of the historical towns of Taipa and Coloane June 2009
16. AAM has hosted a seminar to present the current planning of the mass-transit LRT system to SAR Government in June 2009
17. AAM Hosted a lecture by Architect Wu Jiang (ASC, Shanghai) on the Shanghai masterplan, July 2009
18. AAM is hosting the Macau Architecture Awards, to promote, enhance and nurture the quality of the architectural production in Macau, July/August 2009