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1. 0 BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

- Oct. 23, 1965 Inaugural Meeting(Establishment of charter and regulations)
- Dec. 3, 1965 Authorization of establishment by the Ministry of Construction
- Dec. 3-30, 1965 Establishment branches in major cities and provinces
- Nov. 1985 Joined the ARCASIA Member Institute
- Oct. 20, 1994 Change of the name of sub-branch offices to regional chapter office
- June. 2000 Joined the UIA Member Institute Section as an ad hoc body(FIKA)
- Dec 8, 2006 Move to new headquarter building(Total floor area, 14 levels including 5 underground levels)

2. 0 CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS

Title	Name
President	Mr. Han, Myung Soo
Vice president	Mr. Shin, In Kee Mr. Kang, Hee Dal Mr. Ryu, Choon Soo Mr. Lee, Young Soon Mr. Song, Pyung Moon
Director	Mr. Kwan, Back Soon Mr. Kim, Kuk Tae Mr. Kim, Soo Hweon Mr. Kim, Han Jin Mr. Do, Moo Chan Mr. Park, Sin Wook Ms. Park, young Soon Mr. Baek, Min Seok Mr. Shim, Jae Ho Mr. Lee, Yong Ho Mr. Lee, Chang Yool Mr. Chang, Yang Soon Mr. Jo, Song Won Mr. Cho, Chung kee
Auditor	Mr. Jang, Ki Jong Mr. Lee, Jong Jeong

3. 0 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTHS

3. 1 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are given to persons in the following categories.

1) Regular Member: Those registered architects who reported for architectural design business according to the Architect Law and joined the Institute.

2) Associate Member: An architect whose business operation is not registered, or a person who has acquired an architect's license abroad.

3) Honorary Member: A person who has contributed greatly great contribution to KIRA or to the development of architectural culture domestically or internationally and has been recommended by the board of directors.

4) Special Member: An individual person or entity that has made a contribution to KIRA.

5) Participating Member: A person involved in architecture or an assistant architect.

3. 2 ANNUAL FEES

An architect, to be a regular member of KIRA should pay a ₩2,000,000 won (approximately USD 2,000) admission fee with monthly dues of ₩25,000 won (approximately USD 25).

4. 0 BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

The budget and actual expenditure (USD 22 Million) for the 2008 fiscal year was accepted by the General Assembly. The budget and expenditure consists of general and special accounts respectively. Any remaining funds will be retained for the membership pension and any other purpose as per congressional approval.

5. 0 NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

KIRA consists of an HQ office and sixteen Chapters, with a total of some 7,959 members. Status of the Chapters is as follows.

(as of September, 2008)

Division Chapter	Members	
	Number of Architect	Ratio(%)
Seoul	2,506	31.49%
Busan	659	8.28%
Daegu	613	7.70%
Incheon	315	3.96%
Gwangju	279	3.51%
Daejon	327	4.11%
Ulsan	215	2.50%
Gyeonggi	990	12.44%
Gangwon	197	2.48%
Chungbuk	256	3.22%
Chungnam	263	3.30%
Jeonbuk	254	3.19%
Jeonnam	173	2.17%
Gyeongbuk	378	4.75%
Gyeongnam	419	5.26%
Jeju	115	1.44%
Total	7,959	100.0%

5.1 HEADQUARTER (HQ) OFFICE

The roles of the HQ office are to maintain membership credit; to improve the membership business; to control the quality of building construction based upon architectural regulations; to develop architectural techniques; and to promote an architectural culture which contributes to the community at large. Duties, consequently are to publish KIRA magazine on a monthly basis; to participate in international activities as necessary for the exchange of information; to hold exhibitions for projects carried out by members, new architects and students; to evaluate design competition projects as the agency on behalf of the Government; to recommend select A/E firms per Government requests; to prepare the design fee matrix; to operate an architectural law research unit; and other functions, based upon Council recommendations.

5.2 CHAPTERS

The role of the chapter is similar to that of the HQ office. A Chapter's duties include the research and investigation of building surveys and architects' business practices; the review of architectural construction techniques; the supervision of members' ethical practices; the improvement of morale and welfare of its members; the management of membership and other necessary duties, based upon Committee approval.

6.0 AGM / CONGRESS OF THE INSTITUTE

Congress is held annually and as necessary on a regular basis. The annual session is convened in February of each year. KIRA held 2008 Congress in Seoul on February 27, 2008.

7.0 LEGAL STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE IN KOREA

The Korea Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA) was established on October 23, 1965, in accordance with the Architect Law, enforced since December 16, 1963. The members of KIRA consist of the registered Architects who want to be a member of KIRA.

8. 0 LEGAL STATUS OF THE ARCHITECT IN THE COUNTRY

Architectural Law stipulates the qualifications of Registered Architects and their Scope of Work.

1) Registered Architects are persons who obtain architecture licenses as issued by the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM).

2) Design and Supervision during construction.

Only Registered Architects are authorized to design buildings which require government permits. Also, only Registered Architects are authorized to supervise the construction of buildings either designed by themselves or other Registered Architect.

3) Any person who has undergone approved courses of study is eligible to obtain an architectural license upon passing the KIRA licensing examination.

4) Registered Architects shall register their office at the MLTM prior to commencement of business. To register his/her office, the architect must associate or hire a recommended number of architects, as required by the law.

9. 0 REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR ARCHITECTS IN KOREA

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

9. 1 PROCEDURE FOR ENROLLMENT

- Submit an enrollment application to the MLTM with proper identification, a license, a register of associate architects, office status, a guide map, and other data as required.

- The MLTM reviews the submitted documents and verifies them on site. If everything has been prepared properly, the MLTM will issue a certification of enrollment.

9. 2 RELATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE KIRA

- When an architectural office has been authorized, it has the option of enrolling as a KIRA member.

- The regular and/or associate KIRA member shall pay membership dues to KIRA.

- When an architecture office closes or when an architect's license registration has lapsed, membership to KIRA shall be forfeited, accordingly.

- KIRA supports all of its members and tries to maintain a current file of all of its member careers.

10. 0 INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

KIRA has been a member of Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) since 1985 and a member section of the International Union of Architects (UIA) as Ad hoc body with Korean Institute of Architects (KIA) and Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK) since 2000. And KIRA exchanged a “Mutual agreement” with Japan Federation of Architects & Building Engineers Associations (JFABEA) in 1985 and the Union of Mongolian Architects (UMA) in 1995 and “Accord on Professionalism in Architecture” with the Japan Institute of Architects (JIA).

The Korea China Japan Registered Architects Organization Meeting has been held with Chinese National Administration Board of Architectural Registration (NABAR) and Japan Federation of Architects & Building Engineers Associations (JFABEA) since 1997. The 11th Korea China Japan Registered Architects Organization Meeting was held in Seoul, Korea on November 12-15, 2007. The 12th meeting will be held in Ise, Japan, on November 17-20, 2008.

1) UIA Assembly in Turin, Italy July, 2008



2) Visit to AIA Headquarters by the President Han in April, 2008



3) The 11th Korea China Japan Registered Architects Organization Meeting
In Seoul, November, 2007



4) KIRA-UMA Joint Conference

In October, 2007



In August, 2008



5) KIRA-ACE Cooperation Meeting in June, 2008





6) KIRA-AIA-NCARB Cooperation Meeting in June, 2008



7) KIRA-RIBA Cooperation Meeting in June, 2008



11. 0 MAJOR PROGRAMMES OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE PAST YEAR

11.1 THE KOREA ARCHITECTURE AWARD 2008

The KIRA has issued an open invitation to Korean architects to participate in the Korean Architecture Award 2008 competition in two categories - built and un-built architecture. And 'built' category has four small categories – public sector, private sector, apartment housing and residential housing projects.

For the built architecture category, only buildings completed between May 2006 and May 2008 in Korea are eligible for consideration. The formal announcement for prize-winning works will be made on mid-September 2008. The awards ceremony and exhibition for winning projects will take place on October 2008.

On the theme of "Convergence", the un-built architecture category is open to all entries by the entire architectural community including students and non professionals.

12. 0 OUTREACH PROGRAMME OF THE INSTITUTE

12.1 PUBLICATION

The KIRA publishes "Architects" of 10,000 copies on a monthly basis. The KIRA distribute to governmental organizations and all member of KIRA.

12.2 SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Scholarship Program: KIRA has provided scholarships every year to university students who are outstanding in architecture and related fields
- Disaster Relief Program: KIRA has provided architectural services for buildings damaged or destroyed in typhoons or floods free of charge or at reduced rates.
- Support for the Underprivileged: KIRA has provided donations for the underprivileged people in our community.

13.0 KEY ISSUES

13.1 KAAB

Educational programs in architectural design have been shifted drastically into 5 years programs to meet the UIA's recommended standards. Until now, 74 universities have changed into 5 years programs. Korean Architectural Accrediting Board (KAAB) has been established on January 2005 to accredit these programs. And the KAAB has completed its process of accreditation for 11 university programs and plan to implement three more programs this year.