



2019 Report by:
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President
(2019-2020)

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President's Manifesto :



“Sowing **SEEDS**”

*President's
Manifesto :*

.....in ARCASIA



“Sowing **SEEDS** together ”

President's Manifesto :

SEEDS:

Social awareness & *RESPONSIBILITY*

Education & *LIFE-LONG LEARNING*

Environmental *SUSTAINABILITY*

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ACAIE

ACPP

ACGSA

ACSR

ACYA

President's Manifesto :

SEEDS to FORESTS...



Together we grow a diverse integrated eco-system

ARCASIA Committees

Since Handover Ceremony on **18 January 2019**;

to focus on **3 KEY concerns** over the next 2 year term:

1. Quicken the pace of ***preservation, conservation & adaptive reuse of Asian's diverse natural & built heritage***
2. Increase leverage on the ***use of AI, IOT & big data & analytics to empower all architects***
3. Increase focus on ***sustainable practice across nations***
(Cross-borders Collaborations)

ARCASIA Committees

Continuing Concerns that need further attention:

1. ***Rapid Urbanisation*** given the exponential population growth especially in ASIA cities
2. ***Increase impact of Climate Change***; urgent need for sustainable mitigation/adaptation measures
3. ***Design for Resiliency***; a clarion call for action, to work together to find innovative & appropriate solutions, especially for many of our Asian cities

ARCASIA Committees

Effort so far....

1. Inaugural Cross-Committees' Dialogues / Roundtable (ACAE, ACPP, ACGSA) on “**Our Natural & Built Heritage**” in Jaipur, India; from 22-27 July 2019
2. Soft launch of **ARCASIA Emergency Architect (AEA)**, a CSR entity created to assist our members in the area of Disaster Relief Efforts, Training of appropriate expertise required, in Hong Kong on 14 Sept 2019
3. ACSR Roundtable on 14 Sept 2019; a clarion call for action; “**Design for Resiliency; our social conscience**”

ARCASIA Administration

Effort so far....

1. **Permanent establishment**; further to last year's council mandate to locate ARCASIA secretariat in a business-friendly place, Singapore as a venue was reviewed (see Hon Sec report)
2. **ARCASIA Website Revamp**; Call for proposal on our new website to update technology, improve ease of use and accessibility for reference
3. **Architecture Asia Magazine**: Call for proposal to produce ARCSIA 's quarterly magazine
4. **ARCASIA 50th Anniversary Celebrations** during Forum 20

ARCASIA - Global Networking & Visibility

Effort so far....

- **AIA**
Invited to attend AIA 19 **Conference on Architecture** at Las Vegas, NV, from 6-9 June with Vice President Zone C, Wu Jiang and Advisor Tan Pei Ing. Was conferred AIA Presidential Medal and also Honorary AIA membership. Participated in the International Presidents' Forum
- **ASA**
Invited to be on ASA **International Design Competition Jury** "Uncanny Sustainability and participate in the FORUM on "Living Green" at Bangkok from 30 April to 5 May 2019
- **ASC**
Invited to ASC Award Ceremony of 2018 Liang Sicheng Architecture Prize in Beijing and 10th China Weihai International Habitat Festival with Vice President Zone B, Saifuddin Ahmed in Weihai, Shandong Province from 25 - 27 September 2019

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Effort so far....

- **PAM**

Invited as Jury for PAM 2019 Architectural Design Awards, KLAF2019 International Ideas Competition -First Colony on MARS and also KLAF2019 International Design Competition- Tropical House for Orang Asli from April-May 2019

- **RIBA**

Invited to attend the International Presidents Roundtable discussion on “The Future of the Profession” from 12-14 February 2019. Was also conferred RIBA Presidential Medal

- **KIA**

Invited to be on the jury panel for Seoul Hall of Urbanism & Architecture 2019 Design competition 29-30 July 2019 in Seoul

- **SLIA**

Invited as a Special Guest at SLIA Annual Sessions 2019 and presented a paper on: “Emergence: Entrepreneurial Architect” 19-23 February 2019

ARCASIA - Plan for 2020

On going...

In addition to member institutes annual conventions:

- **Cross-committee Roundtable: Leveraging on Technologies;** At most 2 sessions ; Venues and focus topics to be determined
- **3rd Urbanism Symposium in Shanghai : topic to be on the “Regeneration of old cities”;** in March 2020
- **Taskforce on establishing a framework for Restoration & conservation of built-heritage for Asian cities**

Our vision for ARCASIA.....



Together we can make a difference!