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ABOUT ARCASIA



The Council of the ARCASIA consists of all the Presidents of the National Institutes. The organisation itself serves as an extension for each member institutes' regional programme and relations.

Annual meetings are held in different member institute countries, to deliberate and to give collective directions and representation to matters that affect the architectural profession in the Asian region.

Objectives

- to unite National Institutes of Architects on a democratic basis throughout the Asian region, to foster friendly, intellectual, artistic, educational and scientific ties;
- to foster and maintain professional contacts, mutual co-operation and assistance among member institutes;
- to represent architects of the member institutes at national and international levels;
- to promote the recognition of the architect's role in society;
- to promote the development and education of architects and the architectural profession in their service to society;
- to promote research and technical advancement in the field of the built environment.

MEMBER NATIONS



AAM
Architects Association of
Macao



ALACE
Association of Lao Architects
& Civil Engineers



AMA
Association of Myanmar
Architects



ASA
The Association of Siamese
Architects under Royal
Patronage



ASC
Architectural Society of
China



BIA
Bhutan Institute of Architects



HKIA
The Hong Kong Institute of
Architects



IAB
Institute of Architects
Bangladesh



IAI
Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia



IAP
Institute of Architects
Pakistan



IIA
Indian Institute of Architects



JIA
Japan Institute of Architects



KIRA
Korea Institute of Registered
Architects



PAM
Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia



PUJA
Pertubuhan Ukur, Jurutera
dan Arkitek, Brunei



SIA
Singapore Institute of
Architects



SLIA
Sri Lanka Institute of
Architects



SONA
Society of Nepalese
Architects



UAP
United Architects of the
Philippines



UMA
Union of Mongolian
Architects



VAA
Vietnam Association of
Architects

FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

AR. RITA SOH



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50 years isn't a short time.

In this time, the world has seen numerous changes in its history, and within the past 50 years, we've seen visits to the Moon, and experienced the technology revolution, that has changed the way we have practised, taught, built and consumed architecture. The world of architecture has been transformed through an increased ease of travel, and increased connectivity through electronic means. Technology has accelerated the practice of architecture, just as it has led to higher efficiency - and possibly, a lot more anxiety! - in other businesses.



AR. RITA SOH

PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2019-2020

These changes have resonated in how ARCASIA has evolved. While we look forward to ARCASIA events around the world, technology has made it possible for us to participate in meetings via web-conference. Online visa applications for our travels to ARCASIA member countries have enabled greater participation in ARCASIA events. Committee work, through this improved mode of communication, can now be done offline, and as such, more progress can be made in between physical meetings.

I speak about technology, because in 2001, I was approached by then-Chairman Zaigham to lead ARCASIA Web. The online presence of ARCASIA was thus born. Simultaneously, I had led, as President of the SIA (Singapore Institute of Architects), the transformation of the industry from analogue into digital - across design, statutory submissions and then education via the local schools of architecture. The same digital approach is taken for this book, which is to be released as an electronic copy, to accompany your mobile device as you work, commute, travel or simply as a reference source. This sets a template for our future communication too.

ARCASIA started 50 years ago out of the necessity to establish a unique Asian culture of architectural design, practice and education. It has since grown to now also include ACSR (ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility), another cause that I champion; ACGSA (ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture) and ACYA (ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects), bringing the best and most active minds in Asian architecture together. On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of ARCASIA, held in Dhaka and graciously hosted by the IAB (Institute of Architects Bangladesh), I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessors and advisors for setting a solid foundation upon which we stand and operate. I thank my Office Bearers and Committee Chairs for championing the cause of ARCASIA through their own respective institutes as well as through the central ARCASIA council. And to the 21 ARCASIA member institutes, I thank you for your continued support. You make ARCASIA what it is.



AR. RITA SOH

PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2019-2020

In moving towards a technology-reliant architectural climate, let us not forget the human and environmental qualities. My manifesto for this term can be summarised with the acronym **SEEDS**: **S**ocial awareness and responsibility, **E**ducation and life-long learning, **E**nvironmental sustainability, **D**esign excellence and empathy, and **S**tewardship in use of all resources. I aim to grow these proverbial seeds into forests, creating a diverse, integrated ecosystem.

In my term, I would therefore like to focus on the following items, continuing on the good efforts of my predecessors:

- Increase focus on sustainable practice across nations, through cross-border collaborations
- Quicken the pace of preservation, conservation and adaptive reuse of Asia's diverse natural and built heritage
- Increase leverage on the use of IT, IoT and AI to empower all architects in our role as stakeholders our environment.

Simultaneously, we continue addressing the concerns across Asia: rapid urbanisation with increasing population growth; increased impact of climate change, and the urgent need for mitigation measures thereof; and design for resilience. This has been sparked off with the inaugural Cross-Committees Dialogues / Roundtable on "Our Natural and Built Heritage" in Jaipur, 22-27 July 2019, the launch of the ARCASIA Emergency Architect (AEA), a CSR entity created to assist our members in the area of disaster relief efforts and the training of appropriate required expertise on 14 September 2019, as well as its concurrent ACSR Roundtable - a clarion call for action for design for resilience.

Through all the changes across the past 50 years, technological or otherwise, the spirit of ARCASIA has grown even stronger. In my term, I would like to see the pillars of technology, sustainability and social responsibility taken to even greater heights, as these are platforms that will universally resonate with us, and unite us.

We have been, and will continue to be, one Asian voice.



EDITOR'S NOTE

AR. TAN SZUE HANN



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A Spoonful of Nostalgia, a Pinch of the Present, and a Sprinkling of the Future

Putting together a commemorative book for one of the largest architectural organisations in the world, on its 50th year, requires certain decisions to be made. Does one begin by summarising previously-published historical accounts? Or does one aim to understand the motivations of the leaders of the organisation, and through understanding these accounts, find their own place within the giant ecosystem that is Asian architecture?

Commissioned to compile, edit and design this book by Ar. Rita Soh, who is both the President of the current ARCASIA council and also a personal mentor, I was faced with the daunting challenge of understanding what 50 years of ARCASIA meant. That's 14 more years than my own time on the planet so far, and 45 more years than my own duration of involvement in this colourful, layered and time-honoured organisation.



AR. TAN SZUE HANN

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & DESIGNER

With the advice of past Presidents Ar. George Kunihiro, Datuk Ar. Tan Pei Ing, Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand and Ar. Jahangir Khan, and of course Rita herself, we embarked on a compendium of accounts, notes, anecdotes and essays - valuably penned to share the exciting moments throughout the past 50 years of ARCASIA. Where the written word cannot replicate the sheer vibrancy, colour, seriousness and excitement experienced at an ARCASIA event, photographs were gracefully shared by the past Presidents as they recounted their years of service and leadership.

This book also took me back to where this all began - the lush Penang residence of Dato Seri Ar. Lim Chong Keat, founder of ARCASIA, who at one year shy of being a nonagenarian, still bears the same passion and fervour as he did those fifty years ago. Chong Keat sheds some light - and even more candour - on the early years, and offers his congratulations, as do six more esteemed gentlemen who have, over the course of the past half-century, sat on the hallowed chair of ARCASIA. They are joined by current Presidents of the ARCASIA member institutes, which now tally at 21, three-and-a-half-fold the original six; and three allied international organisations, offering their felicitations and sharing on the respective institutes' roles and engagements with their Asian brethren. We then turn our gaze to the future - best predicted by six young Architects who have had an intimate involvement in ARCASIA via ACYA - the ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects. They may, in their time to come, write their own ARCASIA histories.

The content is guided by a book design that draws from the warm orange hues of the ARCASIA logo, and numbered motifs that draw, in turn, from the elegant ARCASIA 50th Anniversary logo designed by hosts IAB - the Institute of Architects Bangladesh. In the spirit of sustainability, this publication finds its first life as an electronic publication, readable from your (ideally larger) mobile device. It can therefore be constantly refreshed, renewed and refurbished - very much like ARCASIA's own evolution over the past 50 years.

Ar. Tan Szue Hann

Immediate Past Chairman, ACYA (ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects)
Chairman, Sustainability and Council Member, Singapore Institute of Architects
Managing Director, MINIWIZ Singapore



ARCASIA OFFICE BEARERS

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President

Ar. Rita Soh



“ I share, with great joy, the 50th year celebrations of ARCASIA, and will continue to pursue the goals of the organisation, guided by our core Asian values. ”

Vice President, Zone A

Ar. Lalichan Zacharias



“ ARCASIA celebrates 50 years of its existence. 50 years marks a turning point in the history of any organisation. ARCASIA not only promotes friendship and fellowship among the Architects of its Member Countries, but also discusses, debates and exchanges ideas in the various aspects of the profession and practice of Architecture. In the coming days ARCASIA needs to address issues related to climate change, natural disasters and the promotion of resilient architecture. ARCASIA shall play a major role in promoting the built and natural heritage of the Asian region. Long Live ARCASIA. ”

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Congratulations to ARCASIA for its 50th anniversary. From a humble beginning of 6 founding member institutes, to now 21 and growing, ARCASIA has come to be a well respected council not only regionally but internationally. Wishing for many many more anniversaries and continue the friendship and hard work to keep the ARCASIA flag flying high.



Vice President, Zone B

Ar. Saifuddin Ahmad

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ARCASIA's 50 years is the fastest period of the Asian urban development, as well as in the whole world. And it is a significant period for Asian architecture. Asian architects today have lots of opportunities and challenges, which Architects in the past never had. ARCASIA is the best stage for Asian architects to share our wisdom and efforts to give the architectural answers to our era. I wish that ARCASIA becomes better and better!



Vice President, Zone C

Dr. Wu Jiang

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As ARCASIA attains its 50th Year Celebration, it is significant that it coincides with Asia becoming the centre of the world in terms of business and commerce. We have in recent years responded to this trend by engaging the other regions of the world in matters of Urbanism, Heritage, Green and Sustainability, Architectural Education, Cross Border Practice issues, AEA (ARCASIA Emergency Architects) and many other areas. With this leadership comes great responsibility, and as leaders from ARCASIA take responsibility of Asia and the World in every possible area relevant to this Asian Leadership we celebrate ARCASIA and all its member institutes' commitment to this responsibility! It has been an amazing honour and privilege to be part of this wonderful ARCASIA family.

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Immediate Past President

Ar. S. M. Jahangir Khan



Advisor

Ar. Tan Pei Ing



Honorary Secretary

Ar. Chan Hui Min

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Congratulations to ARCASIA on its 50th Anniversary. Its successful journey to become one of the most significant regional organisations for architects in Asia is a testament to the vision of its founders and the steadfast leadership of the past Chairmen and Presidents. May ARCASIA continue to influence more architects in Asia to contribute to a better future for us all.

Honorary Treasurer

Ar. Lim Hong Swee

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My heartfelt congratulations to ARCASIA on the 50th Anniversary. It is an honour to be able to participate in the Celebration in Dhaka. This is indeed a historical event which marks a significant milestone of ARCASIA since its formation. ARCASIA has become one of the leading regional organisations that is recognised for its dynamism and vibrancy and not forgetting its important role in representing the Architectural profession in Asia, addressing critical concerns affecting the environment and practice, and developing policies that would create a better built environment for the future.

The ARCASIA community is like a big family with such strong fellowship and bond, which are truly unique and special. ARCASIA's success today is attributed to the foresight and vision of our founding members and Chairmen; the commitment, contribution and transformation initiated by the dedicated Past Chairmen and Presidents and also the unyielding support by all the Member Institutes. I am truly proud to be part of this great ARCASIA family and able to contribute in a small way to this great organisation. I believe, together, we have made a difference and I am confident we will continue to do so and elevate ARCASIA to even greater heights.

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ARCASIA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2019-2020



Chairman, ACAE

ARCASIA Committee on Architectural Education

Ar. Gyanendra Singh Shekhawat

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I am delighted to extend my warm wishes. It is an honour to be a part of the ARCASIA community. I congratulate everyone who has given their valuable time and insights to build this community. It has been a great platform to associate and work for the advancement of profession. Undoubtedly, it has strengthened cross border practices and relative association, and have inspired youth to be a part of it too. It has always been a great platform to share wisdom, and for exchange of thoughts. At our 50th Anniversary, we celebrate the accomplishments. We look forward to our association and achievements and every success in the years to come.

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Chairman, ACPP

ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice

Ar. Dilip Chatterjee



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Today, the world is changing at a fast pace in all fields of trade and commerce. Asia in particular is growing in its economy and has become the prominent supplier of goods and services to the rest of the world. This growth pattern has created a unique opportunity to all Asian Architectural Associations and practising architects like never before.

As we celebrate the 50th year of ARCASIA , the relevance of Professional Practice in the Asian region has become important in terms of streamlining the energies of architects towards a more promising future.

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ARCASIA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Chairman, ACSR

ARCASIA Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility

Ar. Russell Dandeniya

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It's a pleasure to share my thoughts of this historic juncture where ARCASIA celebrates its continuing legacy of 50 years. ACSR is one of the most important activities of ARCASIA that strives to serve mankind beyond our usual professionalism. We shape our world where climate change, natural calamities, man-made disasters are hitting us hard beyond tolerable levels. Within such a critical moment of crisis, "Design for resiliency" will be a mandate for the entire mankind.

Looking back at the 50 years of a changing landscape of the world, the steps we had taken together as a part of our collective responsibility, is commendable. But, It is time we shape the practice of architecture with the true sense of Resilience and Sustainability with great effectiveness and rationale, than ever before.

I believe this publication would enrich the discussion upon our collective responsibility as architects, by giving deliberations of the past activities, core abilities and cross committee relations of ACSR, with the hope of making tangible impact in the realm of Design, our conscience and Social Responsibility.

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Chairman, ACSR

ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects

Ar. Ridha Razak

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I wish to Congratulate ARCASIA for its 50th Celebration. Being 50 is the age when we look back and smile at what we have achieved, the comradeship that we have built and the unity between the Architects of various nations. Let's cherish this moment and create more memories within our family in the years to come.

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ARCASIA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Chairman, ACGSA

ARCASIA Committee on Green & Sustainable Architecture

Ar. Acharawan Chutarat

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ACGSA has been initiated for important roles in promoting green and sustainable architecture, raising awareness through educating the industry, and providing platforms to share knowledge and expertise on green building subjects among the 21 country members. The way we work is to integrate efforts among other committees across nations, rather than working within its own discipline; to focus on its sustainable heritage; and to strive for innovation, especially to increase leverage on the use of technology. It is the hope that outcomes in sustainable architecture would evolve rapidly to limit climate change and provide opportunities to the industry's transformation to further advance the built environment towards greater sustainability.

On behalf of ACGSA, thank you all who continue to support and to share inspirational stories and initiatives to the ARCASIA. Moreover, my warmest congratulations to ARCASIA for crossing the 50th anniversary. I look forward for all of us to bring challenges and passion to excel development in our own ways, ARCASIA.

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It's wonderful to be with ARCASIA when it attains another milestone and celebrates Golden Jubilee. The fraternity, the Fellowship, more than anything, is the core essence of this platform where 21 countries are ONE, and share the common agony & ecstasy, laughter & pain, rain & sunshine. I hope, the profession & education of Architecture in this part of the world, shall thrive and excel further in the next 50 years and ARCASIA shall embrace more success with conjoined efforts to make this place better for all. Heartfelt congratulations to those who carried the torch thru this 50 years and best of wishes to those who'll carry that in the coming days. Long live the Fellowship. Long live ARCASIA.

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Chairman, Fellowship

Ar. Qazi M. Arif



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AR. GEORGE KUNIHIRO



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In hindsight, my term as the first “President” of ARCASIA, was a transition from the second generation to the third generation of “Chairmen” in the organisation.

The forefathers, back in the 1960s, organised the first Congress of Asian architects in a show of independence from the “Old World” network to their own Asia-rooted network of Architects Council of Asia to be called ARCASIA. The organisation grew with new member institutes joining yearly until the colour of the “institutes of the “Former British Colony” was gradually transformed into more assimilated Asia-wide contemporary organisation, when the ARCASIA welcomed institutes of East Asian countries. The Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) was admitted to ARCASIA in 1991, with the leadership of Ar. Koichi Nagashima, who was teaching in Singapore, and had a solid network with the architects of Southeast Asia.

By the time I first attended the ARCASIA Forum in 1997 held in Tokyo, ARCASIA had grown to be a true Forum of Asian Architects. Ten years later, I was elected Vice Chairman Zone C, under the leadership of Chairman Ar. Yolanda Reyes.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2011-2012

My two-year term, 2011-2012, coincided with the UIA World Congress held in Tokyo in September 2011. I had a vision to direct ARCASIA to look outward to the rest of the world. In my agenda, I called upon the members of ARCASIA to “activate and fully utilise the ARCASIA’s organisational potential; to establish a continuous channel to disseminate the information related to ARCASIA activities; to initiate the establishment of the network of regional organisations in Asia. To make the vision clear, I coined a formula “The 4C + C = G”. It refers to “Communication, Contribution, Connection, Change plus Continuity equals ARCASIA Growth”. In the category of “Communication”, reorganisation of communication network, redesign of the website, reformatting of Architecture Asia magazine to include projects and news about the activities beyond the ARCASIA members to position the AA magazine as more central and relevant in Asia Region. Setting up the Facebook page and a Twitter account were innovative moves at the time for an organisation like ARCASIA.

“Contribution” aimed to promote more active and continuous inputs by the member institutes to the activities of ARCASIA, at the time when the activities mainly centered around the annual Council Meetings.

“Connection” pointed to reaching out to other regional organisations such as the African Union of Architects, Architects Council of Europe and MASA. During my term in the office. ARCASIA successfully signed the MOUs with these organisations. The relationship with the American Institute of Architects continued with mutual attendance of the respective Presidents in the annual meeting of each organisation.

“Change” was an important keyword. During my term, ARCASIA initiated the change in the office of the presiding officer of ARCASIA from “Chairman” to “President”, to align with office of most of the international organisations. This change, in hindsight, a daring move, since our past leaders and the members from the first and the second generations were attached to the familiar title of “Chairman” of the Council Meeting. In my thought “President” has the image of a leader to represent the interest and well-being of all architects who belong to our profession in Asia Region, and much beyond the Council Meeting.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2011-2012

Another renewal was the removal of "Permanent Advisor" from the Office Bearers. The Permanent Advisor was an important position with regards to knowledge of history of ARCASIA dating back to the founding of the organisation. In situations where the Council or the Chairman needed the precedents as reference in making decisions, having the Permanent Advisor was useful. However, in order for ARCASIA to stay current and look at the horizon for the future, it would be more logical to allow the Presidents to appoint up to two Advisors of his/her choice to give the leadership freedom to organise a team and to rotate the Advisors from term to term. These two changes in the Bylaws were major changes in the history of ARCASIA. Today, after five Presidents, I believe that the term has become familiar to all members of ARCASIA family and the healthy rotation of Advisors have been put in place.

"Continuity" calls for creation of harmonious work environment of the office bearers and the smooth transition to the incoming group of under the leadership of the incoming President. Between the term of Chairman Ar. Mubasshar Hussein, my predecessor, and my term, the "Handover Office Bearers' Meeting" was created and it has become a tradition when the new President is handed all the records of the past two years in this ceremonial Office Bearers' Meeting. The system is also functioning well today.

"Growth" for any organisation is an important challenge, especially when the organisation is to stay relevant and to expand influence in the region, as well as maintaining close relationship with other global organisations. During my term as the President, I proposed a "Ten Year Growth Plan" to the Council and it was adopted in Danang in 2011. The objective of the Plan was "Growth in Size, Quality, Importance and Finance". In 2010, there were 17 members in ARCASIA. Today in 2019, we have 21 members, showing a significant growth over the past seven years. The ARCASIA Award for Architecture has become an important and active award of excellence in architectural design in Asia Region. The significant effort by President Ar. Tan Pei Ing, in the subsequent years, has elevated the quality of what ARCASIA promotes in its activities.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2011-2012

In addition, the ARCASIA Committee for Social Responsibility (ACSR), the first new committee to be established in a number of years, was established in 2011. The committee discusses the importance of architects to get involved in the area of social responsibility respecting human rights, rights of the stakeholders, focusing on accessibility and universal design, climate and environmental change disaster relief, conservation and sustainable revitalisation of cultural heritage and other social responsibility-related agenda. In the 32nd Council Meeting held in Danang, the Council voted to establish a new committee given the mission to deal with Social Responsibility issues.

In Boracay, Philippines, during the UAP Architects' "Summit on Collaborative Action and Leadership" held in February 2012, ARCASIA launched the ARCASIA Committee for Social Responsibility (ACSR), chaired by Ar. Joseph Kwan, former Council Member of the UIA Region IV and the the past Chairman of the UIA Work Programme on Social Responsibility. Joseph is an expert in the field, and he has lead ACSR over the years and has shown positive results in multiple areas of the ACSR activities around the region. In the spirit of the "Growth", we now have the ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA) to continue our tradition to expand the activities and improve the quality of services of ARCASIA.

During my term as the ARCASIA President, I put forth a vision for ARCASIA which aimed for the organisation to become influential in the world stage. I believe that open channels for dialogue related to all relevant issues affecting our profession in the global arena would be crucial in keeping up with the rapidly changing environment of our society and our profession. Successors in the proceeding years have been energetic in engaging ARCASIA in many issues including natural disasters, universal design, urban expansion, public policy and professional education.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2011-2012

ARCASIA was a signatory of the “Tangier Declaration” signed on 16 March, by the Presidents of the three regional organisations: AUA, Architects Council of Europe (ACE) and ARCASIA, and endorsed by the President of Pan American Federation of Architects Association (FAPAA). The Declaration “...call on the UIA Council and the Vision and the Strategy Committee to strengthen and include the existing regional architectural organisations in the effective mutual cooperation... and commit to further develop multi- and bi-lateral cooperations between the regional organisations leading to innovative, inclusive and unison representation of the global architectural community.” Since the signing of this Declaration, the bond between the four organisations have become visibly strong, as it has become a tradition for the the Presidents or other dignitaries of these and other organisations to attend our ARCASIA Forum and Asian Congress of Architects.

In April 2012, I was invited by President Ar. Selma Harrington of Architects Council of Europe (ACE) to participate in the General Assembly of ACE in Amsterdam. On 27 April 2012, during the session of the Assembly, ACE and ARCASIA signed a MOU to officially launch a cooperative relationship between the two organisations. There was a meeting held between the UIA, AUA, ARCASIA, with the acknowledgement of ACE on 27 April in Hotel Mercure. Participating regional organisations will support the efforts of the UIA and will collaborate on many issues confronting our profession.

In addition, the AUA, ACE and ARCASIA had met in three separate occasions, in Tangier, Amsterdam and in Bali, ARCASIA had the honour to invite Presidents of our counterpart organisation to continue the dialog to built upon the relationship amongst the regional organisations.

Quality of Finance is an on-going challenge for ARCASIA, In the Ten Year Growth Plan, I proposed to remind the member institutes and my successors, that the healthy financial condition leads to expanded activities of our organisation, Again, Ar. Tan Pei Ing and Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand were successful in securing important sponsors to allow ARCASIA to set up new programmes to include more variety of interest groups in our profession.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2011-2012

During my two years in the office, I presided over 32nd and 33rd Council Meetings which were held in Danang, Vietnam and Bali, Indonesia respectively. My challenge in presiding over the ARCASIA Council Meeting was to carry out my duty to manage the meeting in the fairest and most efficient way. I would like to put on record that I adjourned one of the two-day meetings in Danang by 3:30 pm, with all the items on the agenda discussed and voted on, when the schedule called for 5:00 pm adjournment.

On the festive side, I had the honor of presiding in the two memorable gatherings. The ARCASIA Forum 16, held in Danang, Vietnam, was organised by the Vietnam Association of Architects under Chairman Nguyen Tan Van, and attracted over 700 delegates. The main theme of the Forum, "Asian Cities in 21st Century", an appropriate theme for the Danang which is the third largest city in Vietnam with accelerating economy during the year of Forum 16.

The Forum opened with a keynote by Ar. Richard Hawkins, a Partner at Foster and Partners. The two-day Forum focused on the urbanisation, the trends in contemporary architecture and Architecture and Urban identity with speakers from around Asia to present, amongst others, papers, on urbanism in Bangladesh, green architecture in Vietnam, disaster risk reduction in Indonesia, experience on post-disaster recovery effort in the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011.

Asian Congress of Architects (ACA) 15, held in Bali in October 2012, featured the Pritzker Prize Laureate Ar. Fumihiko Maki of Japan as a keynote speaker. Mr. Maki presented the evolution of Modernism in Japan featuring his work in the context of traditional Japanese culture. As a member of the Japan Institute of Architects, it was a refreshing to see Mr. Maki in Bali speaking before a full-house audience in Bali.

ACA's theme centered around Asian Cities & Urban Development, Architectural Design and Cross-border practice. Featured speakers included Li Xiaodong, Wong Mun Summ & Richard Hassell of WOHA, Chan Soo Khian of SCDA, Nguyen Quang Dat and many other speakers on the three topics.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2011-2012

In ACA 16, ARCASIA hosted the first International President's Forum. Selma Harrington, President of Architects Council of Europe (ACE), Shelley Penn, President of Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA), Albert Dubler, President of International Union of Architects (UIA), Tokumbo Omisore - President of (AUA), Adrey V. Bokov, President of International Association of Unions of Eurasia Architects (IAUEA), Jeff Potter, President of the American Institute of Architects, (AIA) and Munichy B. Edrees, President of Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia (IAI) joined me in the discussions related to the various global issues facing our profession.

Personally, it was a challenging two years serving as the President of ARCASIA. At the end of the term, I confirmed that the vision and the strategy our Office Bearers worked on had been put to a working mode and the organisation began to follow the Ten-Year Plan. The result was seen in the success of the International Presidents' Forum where eight presidents from various international organisations, including the UIA, participated in a valuable exchange of ideas. As I write this last few words in this chapter, I see that ARCASIA, in its 50th year, is a strong and influential union of regional professional organisation leading a number of important initiatives and continues to reach out to make constructive dialogues with the rest of the world.





33rd ARCASIA Council Meeting



Council Handover, 2013



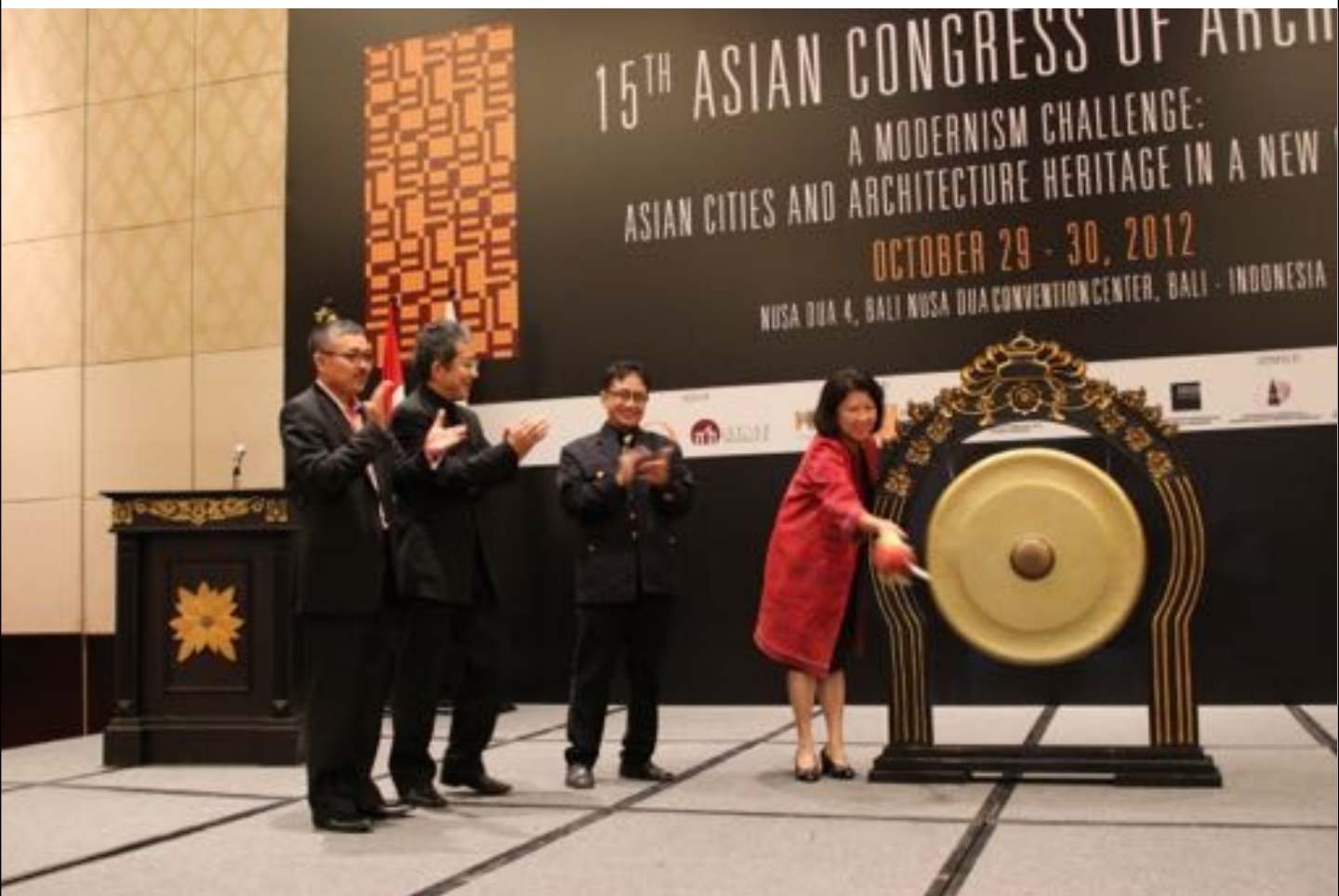
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ACA 15 Opening Speech



ACA 15 Opening Ceremony







DATUK AR. TAN PEI ING



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Pei Ing has been involved in ARCASIA since the 1990s. ARCASIA has become a very important part of her professional life and it has become akin to family. When she became President of PAM, she took a break from ARCASIA in early 2000s, but her passion for ARCASIA remained strong. In 2006, she decided to contribute to ARCASIA and to take on the challenge to revamp ARCASIA into a more visible and vibrant organisation. Hence, she started her more than a decade-long intensive involvement with ARCASIA. Pei Ing served as the Deputy Chairman for Zone B from 2007-2008 and was elected as the President-Elect in 2011 in Danang, Vietnam.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2013-2014

Vision & Mission For ARCASIA

Pei Ing's vision during her ARCASIA Presidency was "to rejuvenate ARCASIA to meet the challenges of the new millennium". Her mission was "to elevate ARCASIA as the premium organisation to represent all the Architectural Institutes of the Asian Region to propagate its ideals, aspirations and as a conduit to share knowledge and experiences for all its members".

She has successfully revamped ARCASIA as one of the leading regional organisations, having achieved many key milestones and developed many new programmes such as the following:

- Advocacy on Social Responsibility & Inclusive Architecture
- Promotion of Design Excellence and Young Architects
- Disaster Management and Emergency Architects Framework
- Engagement with Regional and International Organisations
- Restructured ARCASIA and improved its governance
- Promotion of ARCASIA
- Outreach Programmes

Significant Programmes & Initiatives Under ARCASIA

Advocacy on Social Responsibility & Inclusive Architecture

She is very passionate about 'Architecture for Humanity' and is a strong advocate for socially responsible and inclusive architecture, and she made this as one of her key agenda items. She worked closely with the ACSR Committee and introduced the inaugural 'ARCASIA Post Forum and Congress Events for Social Responsibility' covering Disaster Preparedness, Post Disaster Management, Universal Design, Affordable housing, Cultural Heritage and Conservation etc., both in Nepal in 2013 and Kuala Lumpur in 2014. This agenda has now been officially integrated into all future ARCASIA Congress and Forums. Design competitions, 'Universal Design - Public Toilet for all' and 'The Making of Socially Responsible Designs Today, To Shape Communities to Be Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow' were also conducted in 2013 and 2014 respectively to raise awareness on social responsibility and architecture for the community among the professionals and the students.



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During her presidency, a Forum and the ARCASIA 1st Roundtable on Social Responsibility were also held in Islamabad, hosted by IAP in 2014, and the ARCASIA Resolution on Social Responsibility was formulated. The ARCASIA 1st Roundtable on Architectural Education was also held with the formulation of the ARCASIA Resolution on Architectural Education.

She initiated immediate action and a donation drive when Typhoon Haiyan struck Philippines on 2nd November 2013. Money collected including her personal donation was channeled to the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) that was used for the construction of school as a pilot project by UAP. She was presented with Special Appreciation Plaque by UAP, in recognition of her contribution in 2017.

She was also instrumental in working with the Chairman of ACSR Joseph Kwan to push for the formulation of the ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility, including securing all the necessary financial sponsorship. The Charter was published and adopted by 19 member Institutes in 2015, to promote socially responsible architecture for a better built environment.

She recognised the vulnerability of the ARCASIA Member Institutes' Countries that are often struck by natural disasters, and action plans were prepared through the ACSR Committee to address pre- and post-disaster management. The framework was formulated to establish the ARCASIA Emergency Architects to coordinate future disaster preparedness and management and this has now become a reality in 2019 through the joint efforts of all the subsequent ARCASIA Presidents.

Pei Ing's commitment to this continues beyond her presidency and as Immediate Past President, she supported ARCASIA President Sathirut Nui Tandanand to assist Nepal when it was struck by an earthquake in 2015. She was also involved in the special ARCASIA Roundtable Summit organised in Islamabad, hosted by Institute of Pakistan for Post-Disaster Reconstruction in Nepal in 2015.



Improvement of Governance

Pei Ing instilled the principles of transparency and inclusiveness in all aspects during her ARCASIA presidency. She also improved the governance of ARCASIA as follows:

- Complete revamp of the ARCASIA website and launched a special ARCASIA documentary to promote ARCASIA.
- Reviewed, updated and streamlined the Constitution and Bye-Law
- Developed various policies and guidelines, including the ARCASIA Corporate Identity Guidelines.
- Prepared the ARCASIA Handbook which serves as a proper reference document that provides clarity and continuity for future administration.
- Responsible in getting the ARCASIA History Book corrected and converted it to digital format to facilitate future updating.

Pei Ing also managed to improve the financial standing of ARCASIA and she secured substantial sponsorship and signed MOUs with 3 Corporate Partners, Sika Asia Pacific, Roca Malaysia and Geberit, to finance and promote all the programmes undertaken during her term, especially in the initiatives relating to social responsibility and promotion of design excellence in Asia. Through her assistance, one of the Corporate Partners, Sika, continued their commitment and sponsored events subsequent to her presidency.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2013-2014

Promotion of Design Excellence and Young Architects

Pei Ing recognised the importance of promoting architectural design excellence and talents. She revamped and rebranded the ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA) to elevate it to a more prestigious award to promote the design excellence of the architects within the Asia region. It was changed from bi-annual to an annual event and 2 new categories on Socially Responsible Architecture and Sustainability were introduced to promote green and inclusive architecture. A Formal Awards presentation is constituted to celebrate the winners. The shortlisted and winning entries are featured not only at the website, public media but also in the special edition under the Architecture Asia publication. AAA has gained great recognition and attracted tremendous participation.

Together with the editorial team of 'Architecture Asia', she also introduced the inaugural Architecture Asia Awards for Emerging Architecture (AAAEA) in 2014, as another initiative to promote younger design talents (i.e. below 45) and provide a tool for discourse for emerging architecture in Asia. The first one was organised in conjunction with ACA16 in Kuala Lumpur. The 2nd and 3rd were held in 2016 and 2019 respectively.

The new ARCASIA Committee for Young Architects (ACYA) was also formally established during her presidency during the 35th Council Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to give a platform for the younger members to participate in ARCASIA.

Pei Ing also worked with the editorial team and rebranded ARCASIA's Official Journal, Architecture Asia (AA), published by PAM on behalf of ARCASIA to position it as an internationally-recognised magazine that will reflect the intrinsic quality of Asian architecture. It allows Asian Architects the rightful opportunity to explore and expound the virtues of Asian architecture globally. The e-copy of AA was also made more accessible online to increase readership. She has been serving as advisor for AA for many years.



Promotion of ARCASIA

Pei Ing was committed to promote ARCASIA to a much wider audience, to members of the Member Institutes, regionally and internationally.

She secured support from Building & Investment (B&I) Magazine to be ARCASIA's supporting magazine. More than 10,000 printed copies of the B&I magazine are being circulated to Malaysia and Southeast Asia and both the printed and e versions command a readership of not less than 80,000.

In the January-February 2013 bi-monthly B&I magazine, the news on ARCASIA on the Handing Over and newly elected office Bearers, the objectives of ARCASIA, the upcoming Congress in Kuala Lumpur were promoted in the said magazine. B&I also published another special feature on ARCASIA in the July-August 2013 issue, and promoted the ACA 16 and related events throughout her 2 years' term. B&I also actively promoted the Post ACA Symposium on Social Responsibility through their network and contact.

Pei Ing revamped the ARCASIA website to attract more visits. She launched a special ARCASIA documentary to promote ARCASIA in events organized by Member Institutes, Regional and International organisations. She was also instrumental in setting up an ARCASIA Booth in Durban during the UIA Congress 2014 to promote ARCASIA.

She also persuaded Smith Obayawat, Past President of ASA to assist to turn ARCASIA Hymn into an 'ARCASIA Anthem' to be played in all ARCASIA and related Events to promote the objective and spirit of ARCASIA.



Outreach Programmes

During Pei Ing's term as President, she worked closely with the respective Vice Presidents and actively liaised with the Institute of Architects within the Asian region to join ARCASIA as a Member Institute.

The Bhutan Institute of Architects (BIA) has officially joined ARCASIA as a Member Institute, effective from 2014. Communications were also established with:

- Association of Myanmar Architects (AMA)
- Cambodian Society of Architects (CSA)
- Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera & Arkitek, Architect Division (PUJA AD) in Brunei Darussalam

Attempts were also made to reach out to Union of North Korean Architect. Continuous efforts were also made by the subsequent Presidents, and AMA and PUJA-AD are now Member Institutes of ARCASIA.

One of Pei Ing's aims was to make ARCASIA more inclusive and relevant. She took great effort to reach out to not only to the Member Institutes, Past Chairmen, Fellowship Members but also to engage those who in the past, had contributed time and effort to ARCASIA and encouraged their further participation in ARCASIA activities. Regular updates on activities and news of ARCASIA were sent out to engage all these members regularly.

She also consciously participated many of the Member Institutes' events and also attended various ARCASIA Zone meetings to engage the Member Institutes and to understand their issues. She was presented with Honorary Member and President's Medal by KIRA in recognition of her effort.



Engagement With Regional and International Organisations

In addition to her vigorous efforts to reach out to the ARCASIA Member Institutes, Pei Ing also actively engaged and collaborated with other regional and international organisations such as UIA, ACE, AUA, VFA4, FPAA, AIA (American Institute of Architects), AIA (Australian Institute of Architects), etc. She renewed the MOUs with ACE and AUA in 2014. She also initiated collaboration with VFA4 and the Memorandum Of Understanding was signed between ARCASIA and V4AF in 2018. She was presented with a special Certificate of Appreciation by the President of V4AF in recognition of her effort and contribution towards collaboration. She represented ARCASIA in UIA, AIA (American) and AIA (Australian) events and she was also presented with AIA (American) Honorary Member and President's Medal.

Key Activities : ARCASIA Forum, Congress and Council Meetings

The following were the 2 major events held under Pei Ing's Presidency:-

1. The ARCASIA 17th Forum with the theme 'Spirituality in Architecture - Architecture and the Image of the City', the 34th Council Meeting and the related events were held in Kathmandu, Nepal hosted by SONA from 4th-10th October 2013.
2. The ARCASIA 16th Congress of Architects (ACA16) with the theme 'RejuveNATION', the 35th Council Meeting and the related events were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia hosted by PAM from 26th - 30th June 2014. The theme of ACA16 was mooted by PAM to support President Pei Ing's vision for ARCASIA.

Pei Ing was involved actively with both SONA and PAM on the organisation of these events, including getting sponsorship for the AAA Awards and the Social Responsibility Forums.



Office Bearers & Committees' Works

Pei Ing established clear KPIs (Key Performance Indices) for all the Office Bearers and Committee Chairs. She involved the Committee Chairs in all the regular meetings with the Office Bearer. The progress of the projects & programmes were reviewed and monitored closely and at the end of her presidency, most of the milestones set by the were successfully achieved.

Conclusion

It is beyond doubt that Pei Ing has successfully rejuvenated ARCASIA and elevated ARCASIA regionally and internationally during her term as President.



32nd ARCASIA Council Meeting 16-17 August 2011 • Da Nang, Vietnam



ARCASIA ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIA Summary of Decision of 33rd Council Meeting 1st - 2nd November 2012, The Mansion Resort – Ubud, Bali, Indonesia



'Berita Akitek': Handing Over of Presidency of ARCASIA in November 2012. Signing of MOUs with the Corporate Partners of ARCASIA to support Social Responsibility and ARCASIA Awards For Architecture (AAA)



ARCASIA elects office bearers for 2013-2014

Building & Investment Magazine, 2013

Photos of Pei Ing's Involvement in ARCASIA Prior to Her Presidency (Before 2013)



ARCASIA Congress & Council Meeting @ Beijing, China, Sept 2006. Elected as Deputy Chair of Zone B



ARCASIA Congress & Council Meeting @ Busan, Korea Oct 2008 as Deputy Chair of Zone B



ARCASIA Forum & Council Meeting @ Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sept 2007, as Duputy Chair of Zone B



ARCASIA Forum & Council Meeting @ Ullanbatar, Mongolia August 2009 as PAM Delegate



ARCASIA Congress & Council Meeting @ Bali, Indonesia, Nov 2011, as President-Elect



ARCASIA OBs Meeting @ Busan, Korea, June 2008 Deputy Chair of Zone B



ARCASIA Forum & Council Meeting @ Danang, Vietnam, August 2011. Elected as President-Elect



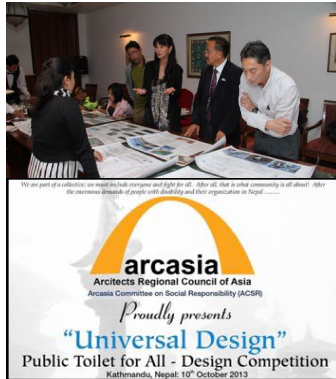


ARCASIA 17th Forum in Nepal 2013 : Spirituality In Architecture - Architecture and the Image of the City

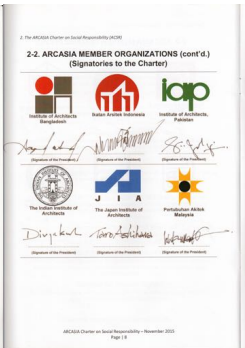
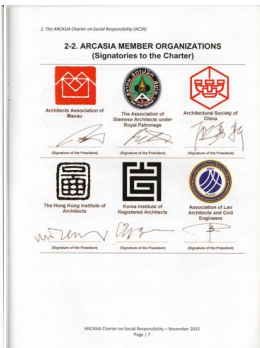
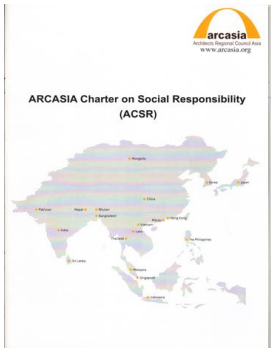
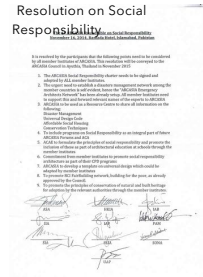
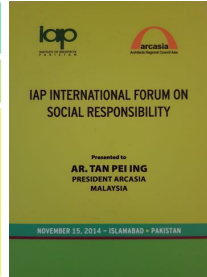
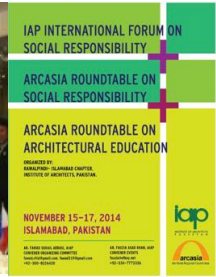
A16 RejuvenATION 16TH ASIAN CONGRESS OF ARCHITECTS 2014
Kuala Lumpur



Handing Over and 1st OBs & Committee Chairs Meeting, 18th Jan 2019, Kuala Lumpur



Tan Pei Ing FPAM, FMIID, FRAIA, Hon FAIA, Hon. KIRA, Hon. ASA, Hon. FACRM, MIARbs



ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility



Meeting with the Head of UAP Emergency Architects and status of actions on Typhoon Haiyan with collaboration on Post Disaster Management and Construction 2014



ARCASIA Roundtable Summit for Post-Disaster Reconstruction in Nepal, Islamabad in 2015



Presented with Special Appreciation Plaque by United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) in Recognition of the Contribution to The Typhoon Victims, 2017



Joint Campaign between PAM and Red Crescent Malaysia on Donation Drive

Building for the people

To consider both established and emerging architecture talent in Asia, many have opted to create an award for architecture. The award is a platform for the industry to recognize the best of the best in the region. The award is a platform for the industry to recognize the best of the best in the region. The award is a platform for the industry to recognize the best of the best in the region.



ARCASIA 2014 Award for Architecture, by the winners of the award ceremony

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Jury Panel

The jury panel consists of leading architects and industry experts from various countries. They are responsible for evaluating the entries and selecting the winners. The jury panel is a diverse group of professionals who bring their expertise to the table.

Awards a platform for international exposure, says finalist

A finalist for the award says that the competition provides a valuable platform for international exposure. It allows architects to showcase their work to a global audience and gain recognition from peers and clients around the world.

Architecture competition to recognise regional young talent

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ARCASIA HANDBOOK 2013

ARCASIA Website Screenshot

ARCASIA Corporate Identity Guidelines

18 Member Countries



AAA2014, Kuala Lumpur



AAA2013, Kathmandu



Presentation of AAA Awards Winner by President of Nepal, Kathmandu 2013.

ARCASIA AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE 2014 KUALA LUMPUR GOLD

CATEGORY F - SUSTAINABILITY

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ARCASIA AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE 2014 KUALA LUMPUR BUILDING OF THE YEAR

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2014 INAUGURAL ARCHITECTURE ASIA AWARDS FOR EMERGING ARCHITECTS

21 FINALISTS



Inaugural Architecture Asia Awards for Emerging Architects, Kuala Lumpur 2014

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Meetings with AIA & AIA Hon Member



Certificate of Appreciation by V4AF



UIA activities & Meetings, Istanbul 2014



UIA Presidents Forum, Durban 2014



MOU: ARCASIA and ACE & AUA, 2014



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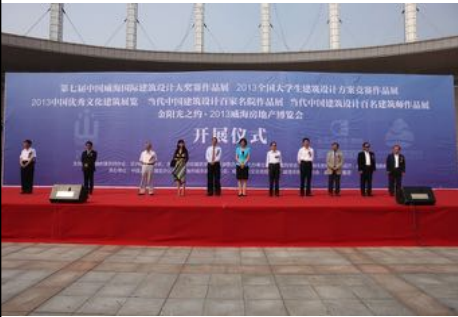
KIRA General Assembly February 2013



UAP National Convention April 2013



ASA Convention @ Bangkok, May 2013



ASC Weihai International Human Habitat Festival August 2013



ASA Convention @ Bangkok, May 2014



Meeting with SONA Organising Committee on ARCASIA Forum 17, Kathmandu Sept 2013



UAP National Convention April 2014



Australian Institute of Architects Convention, Perth May 2014



KIRA National Convention in Gumi, Korea October 2014



34th Council Meeting Day 1 @ Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kathmandu



35th Council Meeting @ KLCC Convention Center



ARCASIA OBs & Committee Meeting @ Weihai, August 2013



ARCASIA OBs & Committee Meeting Kuala Lumpur & Manila, 2014



AR. SATHIRUT NUI TANDANAND



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Reflecting on my term as ARCASIA President during the year 2015-2016, those 2 years were the most rewarding of my professional career. With the great teamwork from our Vice Presidents Zone A, B and C, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, as well as all the Committee Chairmen, we had two wonderful years of working closely together on projects for ARCASIA. I am also happy to say that we were able to achieve most of the projects we had set out to do at the beginning of our term.

First, I am very proud that ARCASIA Council had agreed with our proposal to established ARCASIA Young Architects Committee (ACYA). This was the start of many programmes during my term to rejuvenate ARCASIA and create a platform for young architects to network and interact within their group. First, I am very proud that ARCASIA Council had agreed with our proposal to established ARCASIA Young Architects Committee (ACYA). This was the start of many programmes during my term to rejuvenate ARCASIA and create a platform for young architects to network and interact within their group.



Through ACYA, we were able to initiate ARCASIA Travel Prize, a travel and research scholarship for architects age less than 40 years. This programme enables the recipients to travel and do research in other countries within Asia. NS BlueScope (Thailand) was our benefactor for this scholarship. Three winners, one from Zone A, B, and C were selected from many entrees in the design idea competition. Since the inception, we have had 3 groups of Awardees travel and do research in Japan twice and Thailand once. Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) and the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA) played significant roles to help foster this programme for young architects.

We were also able to establish the ARCASIA Student Internship Program. This programme helped identify architecture students who wishes to do their internship away from their country and match them with architecture firms from other countries in Asia. For example, we had identified firms from Thailand and match them with students from Pakistan and Bangladesh as well as Thai students to train with firms in Japan and Korea. This programme is still on going and have become a part of ACAE activities. ARCASIA students are currently being trained in Thailand, Japan, and Korea.

Second, projects within ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR). During my term, we had signed an MOU with Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) to assist ARCASIA with proper training in Disaster management and mitigation.

In May 2015, Nepal was struck with a catastrophic earthquake that destroyed many national treasures and monuments. Fortunately, the lost of lives were kept to a minimum. As part of the relief effort, I along with ADPC, made a trip to Kathmandu to assist Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA) with immediate term and short term planning to map out strategies for management and mitigation as well as provide guidelines for post-earthquake reconstruction. All ARCASIA Member Institutes rallied to help raised funds to assist SONA in this post-earthquake reconstruction endeavor. Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) under the leadership of VP Zone A, Ar. Jahangir Khan helped organized a symposium on Nepal Post Earthquake Reconstruction as well as humanitarian relief efforts for our friends in Kathmandu.



Immediately after visiting Nepal, I attended the American Institute of Architects (AIA) National Convention in Atlanta, USA. During this trip, I presented the earthquake report and met with AIA current and past Presidents for additional fund raising to assist the post-earthquake relief and reconstruction. This was a great success. AIA was able to raise an additional 2.5 million USD through the Clinton Foundation and Architecture for Humanity Organisation.

Third, on Promoting ARCASIA to other organisations, the 2015-16 OB and Committee Chairs developed a promotion video with production assistance provided by Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). The ARCASIA Video was displayed at the AIA National Convention in Atlanta 2015 as well as New York 2018. The ARCASIA Video was also displayed at a number of National Conventions of member countries.

ARCASIA is a wonderful organisation. This is the only organisation I know that camaraderie and friendship can transcend Race, Religion, Social and Political divide and come together for the sole purpose of improving our beloved profession. The spirit and energy from all involved in our activities have propelled this organisation to achieve greater successes in the international stage. It is no wonder why ARCASIA is known as the most vibrant and active architecture regional organisation in the world. With that, I wish to express my most heartfelt gratitude to have served as ARCASIA President for the years 2015-2016. "Long Live the spirit of ARCASIA".

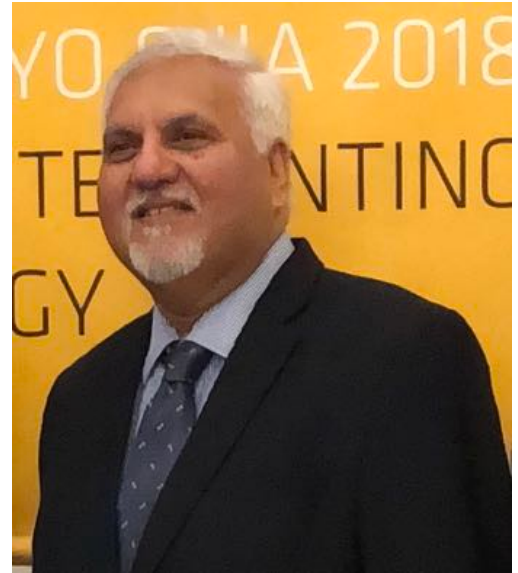








AR. S. M. JAHANGIR KHAN



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To have served as a President of ARCASIA has been an honour and a privilege that has absolutely been a serendipitous experience. I feel my term as President was a continuation of the direction of the preceding two terms of Past Presidents Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand and Ar. Tan Pei Ing. For me it all started earlier when I had suggested and introduced the Roundtables in each committee to then President Ar. Tan Pei Ing, starting with Green and Sustainability and followed by Architectural Education and Social Responsibility, while I was still President of the IAP. These mid-year Roundtables allowed us to do our homework before our yearly ARCASIA event, and became a big success, so much so that it is important to regulate and limit their numbers now by our current President Ar. Rita Soh.

My term started with a grand ARCASIA Presidential Handover ceremony from President Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand to myself in Islamabad on January 14th 2017, and became a flurry of events and OB meetings and Roundtables, etc. My term focused on a continuation of the existing, whilst taking the view that ARCASIA was now of age, and looking at the interest of the world in Asia, we now needed to reach out and interact with organisations all over the world.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

Year 1

The ARCASIA 2017 year started on 14th January 2017, with our Office Bearers meeting in Islamabad where President Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand handed over the ARCASIA Presidency to me. While giving me the Chain of Office, he whispered a piece of advice to me. He said, "learn to say NO", and the next 8 months became a flurry of activity and travel all over the globe for ARCASIA and ARCASIA-related activities, resulting from our agenda of ARCASIA - reaching out to other regions, to share knowledge and vision for the betterment of us all.

An invitation from our dear friend President Ar. Harsha Fernando from SLIA Sri Lankan Institute of Architects to their annual Architectural Events followed in February 2017, where I was fortunate enough to meet and hear the world-famous Architect Moshe Safdie talk about his ongoing projects and his twin towers under construction in Colombo, amongst many others. The URBANISM discussion and resulting dialogue that followed in this event led to Incoming President Ar. Daya Hemantha Wijewardene expressing his interest to host the ARCASIA Training on Urbanism in February 2018 for Young Teachers and Architects from ARCASIA Institutes. Sadly, this was the last that I met Harsha before his untimely demise. (May his soul rest in peace!)

The ACGSA Roundtable on Green and Sustainable Architecture in Bangkok was soon to follow on 24th February 2017, and we are grateful to President Ajaphol Dusitnanond that it was hosted by ASA at the Chatrium Hotel in Bangkok. This was followed soon after by our next OB meeting in Singapore on 17th March 2017, for which we are grateful to SIA for their hosting the meeting in Singapore. We had invited IIA President Ar. Divya Kush to be able to discuss the ARCASIA FORUM 19 preparations and issues in Jaipur since there was a problem with visas to visit the event locations in the host country.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

In April 2017, the Jury for AAA-ARCASIA Award for Architecture was held in Kathmandu to be able to accommodate President ARCASIA to also attend as required, in lieu of Jaipur due to visa issues. An amazing quality of entries made the job of the jury even more challenging. We were able to invite international jurors like Ar. Hyder Ali from Sudan, Ar. Yolanda Reyes from Philippines and Famous Indian Art and Movie Persona Amol Palekar apart from IIA President Ar. Divya Kush and his wonderful team and myself.

It was a conversation on building a virtual knowledge bridge between Asia and Europe that led to a breakfast meeting in Hong Kong last year between ACE President Lucianno Lazzari and 6 or 7 of us from ARCASIA. This resulted not only in an invitation from ACE President to attend their Council meeting in May 2017 but also that it will be followed up by a full day European association of Architectural Education event where I could present the ARCASIA vision to the European Architectural Education Fraternity in the Casa Dell'architettura in Rome. I was able to present our ARCASIA vision of collaboration and mutual cooperation in areas of Architectural Education, Heritage, Green and Sustainability, Professional Practice, CPD and Social Responsibility which was very well received by all present both at the Architects Council Europe and the EAAE. Many expressed their interest to reach out and join in such collaborative endeavours. This event and talk led to an ARCASIA collaborative education training event on Distance Learning opportunities in Rome the following year.

On my way back from Rome I used the opportunity to meet President V4AF Visegrad 4 Architectural Foundation Ar. Erno Kalman in Budapest, to explore the proposed MOU between ARCASIA and V4AF. Our positive discussions led to exploring a joint ARCASIA+V4AF Symposium and Roundtable on HERITAGE: Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Structures. This Roundtable was planned and agreed upon to be undertaken jointly and took place almost 4-5 weeks later. The 19th ARCASIA FORUM took place on the 21st -26th May 2017 in the beautiful city of Jaipur in Northern India.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

Unfortunately, the 6-month long outstanding visa issues remained unresolved and since no visas were issued, there were no delegates from IAP, nor the three of us ARCASIA Office Bearers Hon. Secretary ARCASIA Ramiz Baig, Hon. Treasurer Sannah Ejaz, nor myself. The ARCASIA Council meeting was decided to be moved from India and was held in Kathmandu, Nepal, later in the same year.

The joint ARCASIA + V4AF Symposium and Roundtable on HERITAGE: Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Structures took place on the 1st of July 2017 at the Klebelsberg Kastély, Buda, Budapest. It was a well-attended Symposium and Roundtable with delegates from 10 ARCASIA (Asian) Countries and 3 of the 4 European Institutes were represented by their Presidents. The Hungarian Government supported the event by sending two representatives that participated as well. The successful Roundtable led to a Jointly signed Resolution between ARCASIA and V4AF. The much encouraged V4AF has invited ARCASIA to hold further such joint events together in mutual areas of interest.

A meeting with the President of the Association of Hungarian Architects (AHA) Mr. Andras Krizsan took place in Budapest with Hon. Secretary Ramiz Baig and myself, where the AHA President was also very keen to undertake joint events with ARCASIA and suggested to start with sending an International exhibition to ARCASIA Institutes and vice versa.

Right after our Roundtable in Hungary, I went to RIBA London as honoured by the President RIBA Ar. Jane Duncan to receive the RIBA Presidential Medal at an impressive ceremony at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London. This was followed by a 'Election Court' Livery Dinner Jointly Hosted by the worshipful company of Chartered Architects at the RIBA. On the sidelines of the RIBA events, President RIBA convened an International Presidents Breakfast Meeting which was most useful to attempt a synergy in our various International Organisations' efforts towards attempting to meet the MDGs Millennium Development Goals as a profession. The AIA American Institute of Architects also honored me with an Honorary AIA Membership and The American Institute of Architects Presidential Medal that was received on my behalf by ARCASIA Past President Ar. Tan Pei Ing in Orlando USA, for which I am very grateful to her and Ar. Rita Soh, who were both my guests invited to accompany me by AIA.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

This was closely followed by ACAE holding the ARCASIA Roundtable on Architectural Education in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 17th July 2017, that was held right after the ACAE Architectural Studio Teacher Training by ARCASIA Vice President Zone-C and Master Teacher Trainer Ar. Nuno Soares. We are grateful to President Ar. Ahmed Djuhara of IAI Institute of Architects Indonesia and his amazing team of young professionals for the amazing hospitality during our short visit to Indonesia.

We left for our OB Meeting in Kuala Lumpur the day after arriving just in time for the opening ceremony of PAM's Beautiful New Building. I am extremely grateful to the kind and gracious honour shown to me by PAM President Ar. Ezumi Harzani Ismail during the Inauguration of their Building by the Selangor Ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who not only accepted an ARCASIA memento from me but also very graciously signed the PAM Building Souvenir for me. It was a big honour to be invited to dine with His Highness for me as well as for Ar. Rita Soh who was there.

Our successful Office Bearers Meeting was in parallel to the PAM Kuala Lumpur Architectural Festival at KLCC Malaysia. IAI President Ar. Ahmad Djuhara was our invited guest in our OB meeting.

We went to the UIA2017 Congress was held in Seoul, South Korea from 3rd to 10th September 2017. Architects Regional Council Asia, ARCASIA, was a visible presence during the congress due to the successful staging of a seminar jointly hosted with the Architects Council Europe (ACE): "A look into the future of education from Asian and European perspectives". This was another instance of ARCASIA's recent initiative towards cross regional cooperation.

The seminar was chaired by myself and President ACE, Luciano Lazzari. The event was moderated by Hon. Secretary Ramiz. Notable speakers along with the chairmen included, President UIA - Ar. Esa Muhammad, Livio Sacchi from CNAPPC, Arturo Lavalle and Valina Geropanta from Guglielmo Marconi University Italy, Ar. Nuno Soares - ARCASIA Vice President Zone C and Ar. Mikako Oshima representing Arcasia Committee on Young Architects. ARCASIA also had a booth display in the exhibition hall showcasing ARCASIA Award for Architecture winning entries as well as ARCASIA promotional video and materials.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

Our Focus this first year was on ARCASIA reaching outwards to other zones of the world interactively in the areas of Architectural Education, Teacher Training, Urbanism, Heritage, Social Responsibility, Professional Practice, Cross-Border Practice and many others as we see appropriate for collaboration. Our Committee for Young Architects, led by SIA's Ar. Tan Szue Hann, was also asked to be involved in all of these to be able to hone ARCASIA leadership for the next generation in all areas.

Year 2

After a reasonably busy schedule of ARCASIA events till the UIA in Seoul Korea September 2017, we had a month to prepare for our 4th OB Meeting on November 2nd 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal. This was held alongside the 38th ARCASIA Council Meeting on November 3rd and 4th. The 38th ARCASIA Council meeting was held in Nepal since it couldn't be held during the Jaipur congress, due to logistic visa issues. IIA President and his young and extremely enthusiastic IIA team more than made up for it by the good arrangements in Kathmandu, Nepal. We are very grateful to the Society of Nepalese Architects for their cooperation for making this happen in the best possible way. We had full representation from all member institutes except Mongolia. The Council elected Ar. Rita Soh as our President-Elect from SIA. Elections also took place for the positions of Committee Chairpersons electing Ar. Gyanendra Singh Shekawat from IIA as ACAE Chairman, Ar. Dilip Chandra Chatterjee from IIA as ACPP Chairman, Ar. Achawan Chutarut from ASA as Chairperson ACGSA, Ar. Russell Dandeniya of SLIA as Chairman ACSR and Ar. Ahmad Ridha Abdul Razak of PAM was elected Chairman ACYA. I congratulated our President Elect Ar. Rita Soh and all the elected Committee Chairpersons. An ARCASIA Heritage Program was agreed upon to be hosted next council meeting. Congratulations are due to IAB for successfully securing the next ARCASIA Forum in Dhaka.

This was followed by the very well attended and conducted ACYA ARCASIA Committee of Young Architects 'Stormathon' in Chiang Mai, Thailand. It was extremely well structured due to the combined efforts of ACYA Chairman Tan Szue Hann and Ar. Ridha. I am also grateful to ASA President Ajaphol for his support to this event.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

We were hosted by the ASC and the Tongji University in Shanghai for our 5th OB Office Bearers Meeting in Shanghai. We are grateful to them for their kind support and amazing hospitality to all of us while we were there in China for 3 days. The OB meeting and visit to Shanghai was from 18th - 20th January 2018.

The ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice held a successful Professional Practice Forum with IIA in Kolkata, India, from February 9th-11th 2018. This was followed by the 2nd ARCASIA International Teacher Training Workshop on URBANISM in Colombo, Sri Lanka 12th-22nd February 2018. The week-long workshop was well attended by young teachers from 6 countries and conducted by South Africa based Italian Professor Fabio Todeschini. Professor Fabio Todeschini had earlier conducted a similar two week long International ARCASIA workshop in Islamabad, Pakistan. It saddens me to inform everyone that he has recently passed away in his sleep and ARCASIA has lost a very dear friend. (May he rest in peace.)

The ACSR ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility held a roundtable on Social Responsibility in Colombo Sri Lanka on 23rd February 2018. I am very grateful to SLIA and President D.H. Wijawardene of SLIA for hosting this and our URBANISM Teacher Training graciously alongside their SLIA Annual Events where he introduced us to the Honorable President of Sri Lanka as well.

We had the 6th ARCASIA OB Office Bearers meeting in Tokyo 28th-30th March 2018, and are grateful to JIA President Masaharu Rokushika for his kind hospitality. Ar. Sumito Takashina and his team briefed the OB on the preparations for ACA from 10th to 15th September 2018. He was assisted by Masako Yasuda and Kay Miyashita and we are grateful to all of them for their hard work to make the ACA a success. We were also given a tour of both campuses of Meiji University where both the ACA and the Students Jamboree will take place. We had a short meeting of Introduction to the Meiji University President who was thanked by us for letting us have use of the amazing facilities of both his campuses for our event concurrently.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

On my way back from Japan, I joined the ARCASIA-ADPC Post-Disaster Emergency Training in Yogyakarta, Indonesia that took Place 5th-9th April 2018. I am much grateful to Bill Ho of ADPC Asian Disaster Preparedness Center in Bangkok and his team of trainers that collaborated with us to train Architects from Indonesia and other ARCASIA Institutes. This was the first of such initial trainings and will be followed up by the training of trainers in all 3 ARCASIA Zones helping create trained necessary human resource for the AEA ARCASIA Emergency Architects that is in the final process of being formed in Hong Kong.

This event in Indonesia was followed by the ACGSA Roundtable at Semarang, Indonesia, from 7th-9th April 2018 which concluded successfully with a signed resolution. The ACPP Roundtable followed this in Bandung, Indonesia, followed by the ACPP-IAI Professional Practice Forum 9-11th April 2018. I am very grateful to and impressed by IAI President Djuhara and his amazing team's organisation of all these events spread in 3 cities and zones of Indonesia.

The ARCASIA+V4AF events continued from April 23rd-30th 2018 including MOU Signing Formally in Budapest Castle, then Visit to Bratislava Castle and meeting with the Slovakian Institute President in Bratislava. We continued to Prague, Czech Republic where we visited the Castle and were invited to attend the INSPIRELLI Awards Ceremony at the Technical University Campus on 27th April 2018, followed by our ARCASIA+ V4AF HERITAGE Roundtable II the next day in Prague. The Roundtable was conducted in an informal setting but very well attended from both sides and led to a signed resolution by all attendees. The last leg of this visit took us to Krakow in Poland where we visited the Castle there. On the way to Krakow we had a serendipitous opportunity for a short stop in Brno, Czech Republic to visit Mies Van Der Rohe's Villa Tugendhat that everyone enjoyed.

The AIA Australian Institute of Architects invited me as President ARCASIA to attend their National Conference and event at Gold Coast Australia. They very graciously surprised me with an Honorary Membership to the Australian Institute of Architects. I thank the Australian Institute of Architects President and Past President Richard Kirk for their Kind and Gracious Hospitality.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

The AIA American Institute of Architects very kindly Invited me and two guests for the AIA National Conference in New York 20th to 23rd June 2018. I requested Past President and Advisor Datuk Tan Pei Ing and our ARCASIA President Elect Rita Soh to represent ARCASIA at AIA. I am very grateful to AIA for the kind and gracious hospitality extended to all three ARCASIA representatives at their event.

The AAA (ARCASIA Awards for Architecture) Final Jury took place in Tokyo on June 30th 2018. I am extremely grateful to Past President George Kunihiro and also to Ms. Kay Miyashita and Ms. Masako Yasuda for all the hard work that went into organising this Jury meeting to decide the AAA Award winners in Tokyo. I am also very grateful to the AAA Jury members for making time and care in their diligent and careful judging of the AAA awards.

The ARCASIA 7th OB Meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, hosted by PAM on July 5th 2018. They also very kindly hosted the ACAE ARCASIA Committee on Architectural Education where due to the absence of ACAE Chairman John Joseph it was VP ARCASIA Zone C and Past ACAE Chairman Ar. Nuno Soares who stepped up on the President's request, and presented the various projects of ACAE. The initiative of Pilot Project of 2nd Year Architecture Studio Teacher Exchange was explained by the President ARCASIA that would be attempted concurrently as ACAE agreed to go ahead and deliberate till they met again in Japan to establish its TORs for further follow up of this exchange, both within ARCASIA and also with other zones of the world. This Exchange aims to be a vessel of learning and experiencing for both teachers to see how another university teaches the same subject as well as a cultural immersion and create inter university relationships as well across zones. I am pleased to add that as the pilot teacher exchange project is in various stages of progress successfully with many international schools one programme between Tongji University Shanghai China and COMSATS university Islamabad and Lahore that has since led to a successful teacher exchange, as well as Students Interaction in Shanghai and a signing of MOU for a Mutual cooperation for an Architectural Masters degree programme.



PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

The very successful ACA-18 in Tokyo Japan took place on 10th-14th September 2018 at both the Meiji University campuses. For the 39th ARCASIA Council meeting which is an integral part of the ACA18 as well as the highlight of our calendar year, we had participation from 20 out of the 21 member countries, making it a very successful and fruitful meeting.

ASC invited me to represent ARCASIA to be part of a President's Roundtable alongside their URBANISM Workshop in Zhengzhou China 18-21st September 2018.

ARCASIA + Marco Polo University Rome held a very successful E-Learning Workshop in Rome Italy from 8-12 September 2018. After this a very well attended International ARCASIA + V4AF Heritage Roundtable III took place on 26th-28th October 2018 in Lahore Pakistan. Thereafter, there was a follow-up on our ARCASIA-ADPC Post-Disaster International Training of Trainers in Islamabad Pakistan on November 2018.

We had started an ARCASIA URBANISM Dialogue on "Mega Cities: Intersections and Diversions. An Asian-African Dialogue" as discussed earlier starting with Cairo in January 2019, The first one of these at Cairo was hosted by the American University of Cairo ARCASIA+AUA URBANISM Roundtable on 8th January 2019. ARCASIA Institutes will bring their Urbanism narrative to discuss with AUA's African and ACE's & RIBA's European Narrative on Urbanism to begin this Roundtable dialogue. However this got delayed due to visa issues to first week of February 2019, after my presidential handover end January 2019 to President Ar. Rita Soh. President Soh very kindly and graciously asked me to continue working on this initiative with her and we have since had, after Cairo, the "Capital Cities: New Cities/ Visionary Masterplans" in Islamabad in August 2019, and the Third One one planned in Shanghai in 2020.



AR. S. M. JAHANGIR KHAN

PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

I was honoured and presented with a 100 year Gold Medal by the President of the Egyptian Society of Architects Seif Al Naga at the end of this URBANISM dialogue at the AUC American University of Cairo at Cairo Egypt.

I have handed over the ARCASIA Presidential Collar to President Ar. Rita Soh to lead ARCASIA in continuation of all our wonderful earlier and ongoing initiatives. It has been an honour and a privilege to lead ARCASIA the past two years in a flurry of initiatives, Interactions and activities to an international profile and role much beyond the regional organisation that we are.

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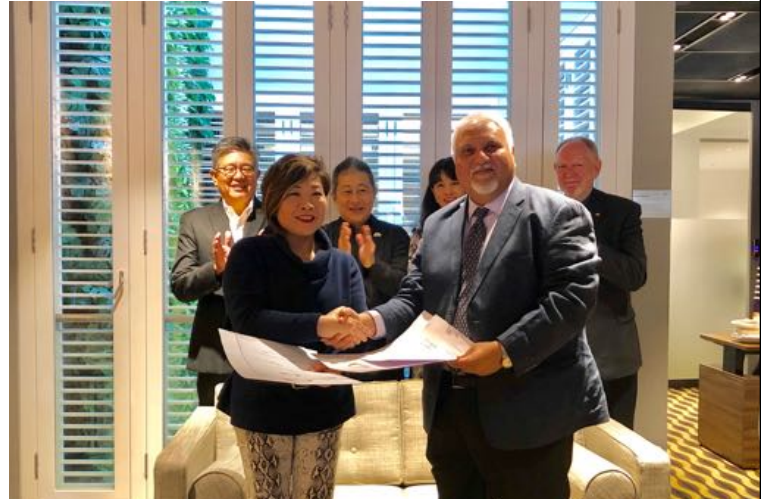












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It must be an act of Providence that I am still around to respond to the invitation to write a message upon the 50th year since ARCASIA was initiated; I was then naively only 39 years old. Coincidentally, I had been persuaded to get down to memoirs about my earlier involvements with professional affairs in the SIA and the CAA since 1963 and especially the Asian Regional group, which led to the inception of ARCASIA in 1969 - with the dedicated collaboration of contemporaries in SIA and the other regional institutes, notably Kington Loo from PAM (earlier FMSA). Our mission then was to establish the integrity and relevant standards for each national body in a true Commonwealth (plus ASEAN) alliance - free from reactionary (imperialistic?) practices. Although we may have "Asiexited" from CAA, there are many lessons from the past to be revisited.

I was the chairman of the CBAE (Commonwealth Board of Architectural Education) from 1977 to 1981, a controversial period of the CAA to be recounted. I may have other memories about ARCASIA and its genesis, and happenings up to 1995 to revisit in a fuller account. Indeed the history of ARCASIA needed more adequate research as previous publications have not been quite accurate.



FIRST FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF ARCASIA 1969-73

While international organisations may have interesting activities, the critical challenges remain for each national body to review its status and role to be relevant in the context of bad buildings and unbridled commercialisation and extravagance in urbanisation, where the deteriorating socio-economic environment worsens. Have we forgotten about slums and ugly precincts in almost all cities? And what about education where some schools are indulging in dream cut-and-paste worlds quite divorced from reality and often derivative in fashionable gimmickry and branded "Starchitecture". What has happened to the ABAE (ARCASIA Board for Architectural Education)?

If my candid prognosis is shared, perhaps ARCASIA could consider addressing the worst in so-called Architecture and Planning (and development control) rather than only the "best". Also to ensure that each institute is free from bickering cliques that may reflect the sad state of political machinations in some countries. Perhaps here I may have produced an unpalatable message, but I believe there is a growing awareness of the serious problems facing the profession in many countries. The real mission and relevance for ARCASIA would be to contribute to the solutions and to cooperate meaningfully.

For the celebratory gathering in Dhaka I note the amazing panoply of events which indicate the positive energies available, and as guest I send my felicitations, and personal thanks to our Bangladesh hosts.



AR. RONALD POON



On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of ARCASIA, I would like to recall part of my Opening Speech to the 3rd ARCASIA Forum meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1982.

“As I was walking down the never-ending airport corridor in Hong Kong at 7 a.m. last Wednesday to board the plane for this meeting, I started to think aloud about why architects like us leave our families and work behind to attend this sort of meetings halfway round the world and maintain honorary positions in international professional institutions such as ours. Surely to many people and our wives in particular, this sort of pursuit in the abstract world of international cross-fertilisation, regional professionalism etc. is bordering on insanity and yet many of us are addicted to be involved in such pursuits. Though, I must admit, it is rather an acquired taste; very much the same as being addicted to the durian fruit, I suppose. Incidentally, I am not particularly fond of the fruit, but I was told that once you like it, you cannot do without it and when you eat it, you are either envied by those who like it or not appreciated by those who don’t. Either way, you lose.



CHAIRMAN, ARCASIA, 1981-82

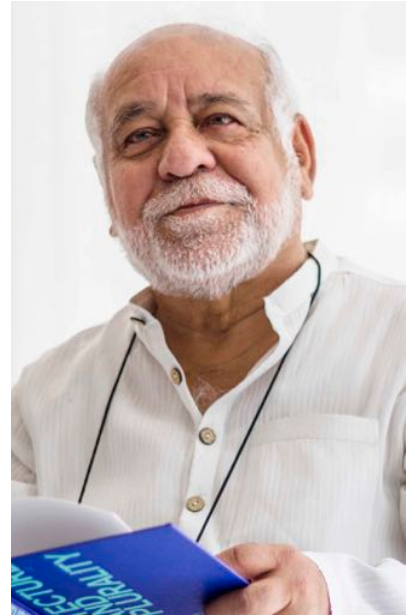
Nevertheless, we keep on hearing the same old names being mentioned in the ARCASIA circle, such as Arunwongse, Loo, Albakri, Lim, Sim, Hong, Selvaratnam, Prescott, Adithiya, Bhalla, Prawirohardjo, Sudin, Lai, Szeto, Mendoza, Tiotuyco, etc. The fact that their names keep on reappearing can only confirm that the philosophy and work of ARCASIA is worthy of their continuous pursuit and association, not to mention that without fail all these men (and I regret not yet a woman though Mrs. Lari of Pakistan nearly made it to our Hong Kong meeting last year) are also highly successful in their profession. This fact alone will put to shame the constant challenges and ridicule that we receive from amongst our local institute membership that involvement in ARCASIA or all other international bodies is a waste of time and effort.

All of us can survive, of course, on just rice and water. In our part of the world, we call this combination plain congee, but sooner or later you would need a little spice, a drop of French Maggie or Worcester sauce, or even a piece or two of beef and so on. As modern design philosophy continues to be evolved and as modern technology advances in ever increasing scale and complexity and as foreign consultants keep on coming, we need the spices and meat of our profession i.e. the international cross-fertilisation to keep us properly fed to face the challenges of our profession."

I have attended all Arcasia meetings since 1979 and I shall do so in November this year. It will be my 30th time.

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AR. SYED AKEEL BILGRAMI



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Congratulations ARCASIA!

In cricket parlance, ARCASIA has played a solid innings and remains unbeaten at 50! Well done ARCASIA!

The game of cricket was first played in Britain in the late 1800s, and over the next century, it was gradually exported to all its colonies across the oceans, the natives having enthusiastically embraced the game's finer points and adopted the strange terminology that goes with it. Field positions designated as "silly mid-off", "silly mid-on", "slip", "third man", "square leg", "fine leg", "extra cover", "mid-on" and "forward short leg" may sound bizarre to one not familiar with the game, but have been very much part of the vocabulary of the Brits and the colonised natives.

The Commonwealth of Nations comprising Great Britain and all its former Colonies was formed under the Royal Patronage of the British Monarch after most of these countries were granted independence in the years following the end of the Second World War. A conglomerate of newly independent nations spread over five continents, the only common thread that tied these countries was the legacy of colonialism and the fact that all spoke English and all played cricket!



CHAIRMAN, ARCASIA, 1991-92

After the founding of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) it soon became clear that the extreme diversity of history, ethnicity and culture represented by the members did not help, but on the contrary, was more of a hindrance in achieving the objectives of the Association. Soon enough, in 1967, architects from six CAA member countries from Asia, i.e. Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan, got together to discuss the possibility of forming their own association. After two years of deliberations (that usually took place on the sidelines of the CAA meetings) the first formative meeting of ARCASIA took place in 1969 and eleven years later ARCASIA held its first Council Meeting in Bangkok in 1980. By this time, the Philippines, Thailand, Bangladesh and Indonesia had formally joined ARCASIA. The first ARCASIA Board of Architectural Education (ABAE) was also constituted at this meeting. (ABAE was subsequently renamed ARCASIA Committee for Architectural Education (ACAE))

Today, 39 years after the first formal Council Meeting, one can look back with great satisfaction and pride at how ARCASIA has matured over the years to become the world's most active, dynamic and reputable regional organisation of architects. I salute the Founding Fathers, particularly the two Founding Chairmen Lim Chong Keat of Singapore and Kington Loo of Malaysia, who had laid a very strong foundation for the succeeding Chairmen/Presidents to build upon.

What has truly sustained ARCASIA through the years has been the consistent, strong bond of friendship and empathy amongst its members, a willingness in all to share information and ideas, a deep concern for the well-being and welfare of fellow members, and, the warmest hospitality and care each member-institute offers when hosting events. This is THE ASIAN SPIRIT!



TAN SRI AR. ESA BIN MOHAMED



I wish to congratulate the ARCASIA Council for its 50th Anniversary celebration in Dhaka, Bangladesh. I thank the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) for hosting the ARCASIA Forum 20, the 40th Council meeting as well as the 50th Anniversary celebration.

ARCASIA should be proud to have made global impacts with all its achievements in enhancing the architect's profession. It has evolved from a grouping of six Asian member institutes of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) to become an influential and powerful regional organisation of architects from 21 Asian countries. I commend the founders for having the foresight to establish ARCASIA in parallel with the CAA, as not all Asian countries are members of the Commonwealth. Furthermore, ARCASIA architects are serving in countries with an estimated total population of over 4 billion, which is more than half of the world's population of 7.6 billion and a total GDP of USD 26.6 trillion.

The world is focusing on Asia as the growing market for architects and development due to its rapid urbanisation. But caution has to be in place to avoid environmental degradation and poor settlements. Given that the world is moving towards urbanisation rapidly, architects have to be proactive and innovative to formulate new urban solutions. From the current 55%, it is estimated that more than 68% of the world's population is going to live in cities by 2050 and will creep up to 85% by the turn of the century. They will pose incredible challenges to the national governments to manage and provide sufficient infrastructure, utilities, employment and housing. While the UN-Habitat has formulated and accepted by its member nations the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), its implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) is still not prolific and further exacerbated by the effects of climate change.



TAN SRI AR. ESA BIN MOHAMED

CHAIRMAN, ARCASIA, 1995-96
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, UIA

As architects, we are faced with a dilemma to prosper our business in architecture and to be responsible to our communities where we serve. It is incumbent upon us to develop creative and technological solutions for our survival in the future. Innovative designs inspire wellbeing to the end users. Conversely, insensitive designs will give rise to adverse environmental and community impacts that threaten our future.

ARCASIA, apart from promoting the arts and sciences of architecture, has been active in engaging the communities to formulate solutions on responsible architecture with greater humanistic emphasis. Its active engagement with students and young architects since its beginning is lauded to pave innovative directions of the profession for the future. These contributions by ARCASIA have been noticed and I believe our national governments welcome them too. It is in a good position to influence the policy makers to develop better cities, buildings and environment.

I am also pleased to note the strong cooperation between ARCASIA with other international organisations and particularly the International Union of Architects (UIA). The openness of ARCASIA to share its members' knowledge and experience among the world's fraternities shall certainly enrich its members and architects globally.

I wish the very best for ARCASIA and its future undertakings.



DATUK AR. P. KASI



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I am very pleased to write this message for the 50th Anniversary, of ARCASIA, which has grown by leaps and bounds both visually and in activities since its inception.



CHAIRMAN, ARCASIA, 1999-2000

The Profession of Architects has been represented in Malaysia for almost 100 years and we will be celebrating our centenary in 2020 next year. With this long history, PAM has also been active in International Affairs for a long time, and has been privileged to have been a founding member and strong proponent of ARCASIA. I had the honour as the ARCASIA Chairman 20 years ago to have been part of a meeting hosted by PAM and initiated by the late Dato' Kington Loo, the Second Past Chairman of the Foundation Council of ARCASIA and Past President of PAM, with several of the founding Architects who had the foresight to start the regionalisation of the Asian Members of the CAA which led to the formation of ARCASIA 50 years ago.

Among them were Datuk Lim Chong Keat, the first Past Chairman of the Foundation Council of ARCASIA and the former President of the Singapore Institute of Architects, Zaheer-ud Deen Khwaja from Pakistan and the late Datuk Hisham Albakri from Malaysia. They recounted how the Asian Architects had felt side lined while attending the CAA Conference in New Delhi in 1967 and had therefore mooted the idea of forming an Asian organisation for Architects and the challenges faced in the formation which finally took root with 5 founding members when the constitutions of ARCASIA and ABAE were signed in Jakarta in 1979. We are grateful to all the leaders of the member institutes that had the foresight to initiate ARCASIA.

Having been involved in ARCASIA since 35 years ago as the PAM representative at ACAE, and later in 1986, becoming the Hon. Treasurer of ARCASIA and subsequently having held numerous positions in ARCASIA culminating in becoming Chairman of ARCASIA and having passionately attended ARCASIA annual meetings and events for 18 consecutive years, I have had the advantage of having had an intimate knowledge of the workings of ARCASIA and have seen its usefulness to Member Institutes and the Profession in general. ARCASIA has been in the limelight and is recognised for its vibrancy at many world platforms including UIA and among the 5 other Regional Architectural Organisations worldwide.



CHAIRMAN, ARCASIA, 1999-2000

Having conceptualised and led the organisation of the inaugural and very successful first ARCASIA Students Jamboree in Malaysia in 1986 and later as ACAE Chairman setting up the framework for future Jamborees, I am very happy that it has blossomed in its own right as a major event for the last 33 years bringing together Students and Schools of Architecture in ARCASIA and providing linkages and travel opportunities. With more students opting to study Architecture, the student's events of ARCASIA would increasingly play a larger part in uniting Architects of the future in this region.

Bangladesh hosting the 50th Anniversary celebrations is very meaningful for me, as I had the honour of visiting Dhaka in November 1999, as ARCASIA Chairman at the invitation of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh, to assist them in their endeavours to have an Architects Act in Bangladesh. With ARCASIA's support and advice to include self help initiatives, I am happy to note that the Architect's position in Bangladesh has improved substantially since then and they are making an impact, in many areas including having their new buildings published in International media.

I am proud that ARCASIA has continued to demonstrate a depth of leadership that has taken ARCASIA to greater heights to enable us to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. Asia is being more recognised as the engine for economic growth for the world and a matured ARCASIA can continue to assist and unite and bring together Architects in Asia to provide leadership and best practices to the Building and Construction Industry for the benefit of humanity. I wish ARCASIA all the best to achieve even greater heights in the next 50 years to enable us to celebrate our Centenary.



AR. SYED ZAIGHAM S JAFFERY

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50 years!



Until now, I seem to have ignored the creeping wrinkles on my features, but now I can use them to prove that indeed it has been that long! Time has marched on... Furtive though its steps were, it seems only yesterday that I was with the IAP's ARCASIA Delegation in Manila (1984), and its memories are from yesterday!

I got involved deeper and deeper with ARCASIA and IAP, collecting the beads of regional wisdom and pearls of memories, which now form the garland that sustains me now!

It all seems so real and unreal simultaneously. From being Director of the ARCASIA Think Tank (Chairman Ken Yeang) to leading the IAP Delegation, and then progressing to become Hon. Secretary (Chairman Akeel) Deputy Chairman Zone A (Chairman Chito), authoring the ARCASIA Awards for Architectural Excellence, being its first Convener, and later its Juror and its Advisor for around a decade, spanning the terms of several Chairmen. I was then elected Chairman ARCASIA (2001-2002). It happened yesterday it seems, so close, so natural, not too distant in the annals of my grey cells... still dust-free they bring joy in dark hours of lonely stormy nights.



I became ARCASIA and ARCASIA it seems directed my thoughts and actions. ARCASIA had me, I had ARCASIA. The endless hours spent seemed to require many more than were available in the daily cycle. Then, for almost ten long years, I became its Advisor and that of its longest running continuous Awards programme from Chairperson Yoli's term. I have lived through it all and survived, and reveled with joy in the selflessness of the many who were and still are the life blood of ARCASIA, its continuous strength.

It was only around 19 years ago when, as Chairman, I requested Rita Soh to chair the ARCASIA Web (and Internet) service (Singapore, 2001). She accepted the offer, as she did my midnight chocolate offered many years before! Today, she heads ARCASIA, a well-deserved honour. It rekindles my faith that there are still Arcasians who will guide ARCASIA in the years to come. As members walk through its sacred corridors to participate and continue to give it strength, breathe new life into ARCASIA, assume new responsibilities, consolidate its past successes, I am sure of one thing: ARCASIA shall remain a beacon of light among the comity of international organisations dealing with the architectural profession in Asia and the world.

I rejoice the ARCASIA Spirit (Chairman Ippe's famous words) shall live and prosper. By and large we still kindle the embers of dedication to make us relevant, useful and adequate to meet the challenges of the current and future masses of our member countries. Another 50 years and then another, will soon go by... the future is ours and we are its future. Many of us may not be there, but Insha-Allah, ARCASIA will be there!

Long Live ARCASIA! Long Live Arcasians!



AR. KUN CHANG YI



ARCASIA is stood now among extraordinary architects in Asia region consisting of 21 member institutes who have devoted their creativity to serve society and to improve our community better place to live.

Its effort has extended in success 50 years by both strong teamwork to pursue the goal through harmony of member institutes and powerful stewardship driven by enthusiastic leaders in dynamic ways.

It is an ideal time to ponder the past 50 years, envision the future and assess the present. Throughout our passion, our curiosity and our desire to make our globe to be sustained one step longer, we have contributed our profession for various subjects in order to reflect our impact as a regional leader organisation in achieving the human's agenda of healthy, sustainable, resilient and equitable world.



CHAIRMAN, ARCASIA, 2007-08

ARCASIA looks to nature, culture, art, and history to hold the balance and identify its role to suitable the coming 50 years. We look within ourselves, and we get the lessons learned through eyes of the leaders who has experienced before us. We need inspiration with the young as well, who is leader of the next decade, in sharing our enthusiasm to make our dream come to true with member institutes.

We need to sharpen our technology and spread broad our knowledge to guide the direction to be more valued and influential our profession. Otherwise we need to learn from one another members and to explore this rapidly transforming environment.

I wish, most of all, to share, learn, improve, and inspire to build up life-long friendships as a pioneer of our profession with all member institutes.



AR. SATHIRUT NUI TANDANAND



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My heartiest congratulations to ARCASIA on the 50th Anniversary Celebration. ARCASIA has grown from strength to strength with every passing year. This is due to the fact that all Past Chairmen, Presidents, Past and Present, all Office Bearers and Committee Chairpersons gave their unselfish efforts to uplift our common cause, to improve the architecture profession in Asia. They all deserve a great round of applause.



AR. SATHIRUT NUI TANDANAND

PRESIDENT, ARCASIA, 2015-16

Every Member Institute also deserves recognition for their contributions to help ARCASIA elevate to greater heights. All of our programmes need the Institute's support in order to be successful, and they all have given full collaboration without hesitation. With this acknowledgement, I must also congratulate all 21 Member Institutes for their unwavering support throughout the 50 years.

I am very proud of ARCASIA and the recognition of being the most active and vibrant Architecture Regional Institute in the world. I wish for ARCASIA to have a great 50th Anniversary Celebration and may she have another 50 years and more.

Long live ARCASIA.



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On behalf of the Architects Association of Macao (AAM), I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Architects Regional Council of ASIA (ARCASIA).

In 1991, AAM, as observer, was invited to attend the ARCASIA Council annual meeting in Agra, India, at the same time, an application for membership from AAM was submitted to ARCASIA.

In 1992, AAM was admitted as member of ARCASIA during a meeting held in Beijing, China. Over the past 20 years, AAM has played an active role in ARCASIA, such as participating positively in its activities and delegating our members to contribute to the Council and its various Committees.

The ARCASIA Council, the committees and delegates from member countries have been welcome to Macao time after time, and participated in relative conferences and events, e.g., the 11th Asian Congress of Architects and the 25th ARCASIA Council Meeting in November 2004, the "Roundtable on Architectural Education in Asia" jointly organized by AAM and the ARCASIA Committee of Architectural Education in September 2016, and so on.



AR. BEN LEONG CHONG IN

PRESIDENT, AAM
ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION OF MACAO

The Macao architects not only have benefited a lot from the communication and interaction with the huge community of Asian architects, but also have established a strong friendship with each other.

Looking to the future, AAM and Macao architects will maintain our enthusiasm and continuously participate in the activities and affairs of ARCASIA. We hope to enhance the co-operation, working together to promote the development of the profession of architects.

I hereby wish ARCASIA a greater achievement that leads the common progress of Asian architects.



AR. AJAPHOL DUSITNANOND

PRESIDENT, ASA
THE ASSOCIATION OF SIAMESE ARCHITECTS
UNDER ROYAL PATRONAGE

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The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA) has been a supportive and active member of Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) since 1972. For the past 47 years, ASA has hosted successful ARCASIA Forums, Roundtables and Professional Training programmes, as well as sent its representatives to be posted in ARCASIA Committees and ARCASIA Office Bearers.

In recent years, ARCASIA has been strongly growing with the number of members, sub-committees and various programmes. ASA hopes that these programmes will not only benefits architects or architectural students but also general public and local communities, and hopes that these programmes continue with new ones to developed and implemented in the future.

ASA wishes to congratulate Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) on your 50th Anniversary. We highly commend your success to elevate the architectural profession in Asia as well as to better serve community through the various programmes that have been established by ARCASIA. ASA wishes ARCASIA all the success and continuing cooperation between member institutions.

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AR. FELIX LI KWOK HING



As one of the six founding members of ARCASIA, HKIA are excited to celebrate ARCASIA's Golden Jubilee. It is my great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations on behalf of HKIA to ARCASIA for the 50 glorious years of success.

Recalling the past 5 decades, ARCASIA connected 21 Asian member organisations to share the intelligence and experience from architects' view, to scrutinise for the benefit of all in the region. HKIA was pleased to be one of the contributors in these discussions at the ARCASIA Council, the five committees and the fellowship; and especially, HKIA was proud to assist Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR) to draft the first-ever ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility, which was launched and signed by 19 Member Organisations at the time during the Council Meeting held at Ayutthaya, Thailand, in November 2015.

Confidence on pursuing architectural excellence was built under the illustrious leadership of all Past Chairmen/Presidents and Councils, all along to the incumbent President Ar. Rita SOH and her council members. ARCASIA united all the member organisations to achieve her core objectives by fostering friendly, intellectual, artistic, educational and scientific ties. The strong bonding between ARCASIA member organisations is unique and remarkable in the Asian construction industry. With such a close friendship, HKIA was provided a wider platform to share views and experience of the institute and our members with fellow ARCASIA friends to uphold the professional standards.



AR. FELIX LI KWOK HING

PRESIDENT, HKIA
THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

As stated in the lyrics of ARCASIA Song, all architects of ARCASIA are “tasked to improve the beauty of our native lands, design the structures for the benefit of man”. Aligning with this vision, HKIA hopes “sustainability” and “social responsibility” would always be considered and prioritised in all ARCASIA discussion and initiatives in the future.

Sustainability and social responsibility have always been hot topics on the table. It is not only about adopting some one-off green architectural designs but also evaluating if the initiatives or policies are sustainable in the long run such that mutual respect between human and nature, and among various cultures, could be maintained. By keeping such belief in mind, HKIA is confident that ARCASIA could take the lead to influence and collaborate with other professions in the region to build a more livable community.

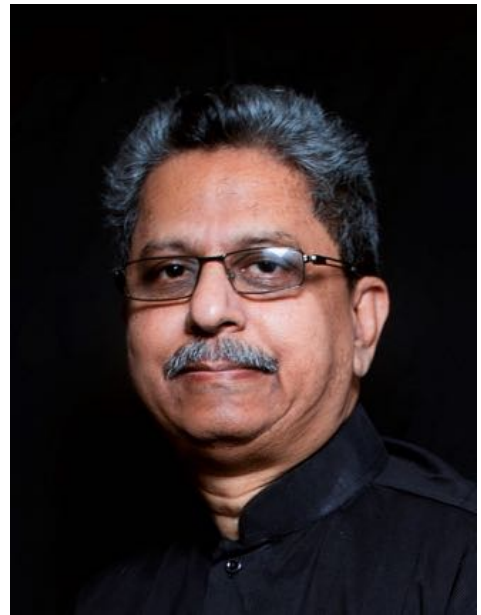
Indubitably, ARCASIA’s continuous effort on exploring opportunities for the younger generation of our profession has been helpful for them to pursue their dreams and to achieve more in their architectural path. HKIA is grateful to see a closer collaboration between member organisations and ARCASIA through forums, exhibitions, both idea and design-and-built competitions.

After all, it is undoubted that ARCASIA has become a symbolic international organisation for architects in half a century. HKIA believes ARCASIA and all her member organisations will chart the way forward for the next 50 prosperous years ahead. We wish ARCASIA every success in her efforts to scale new heights.



AR. JALAL AHMED

PRESIDENT, IAB
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
BANGLADESH



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The Institute of Architect Bangladesh remembers with deep respect those dedicated and visionary Asian architects who 50 years ago conceived and created this Architects Regional Council Asia, popularly known as ARCASIA. Over the last 50 years, ARCASIA has grown into a strong body and voice of the architects of our region to promote and enhance professionalism, sustainability & excellence in design, quality of architectural education, social responsibility, fellowship and youth leadership development in the field of architecture.

Members of the IAB feel privileged and honoured to be the host of this rare occasion of golden jubilee celebration of ARCASIA, and to warmly welcome our architect friends from the Asian countries to witness this memorable celebration.

Long live the ARCASIA fraternity.

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AR. MUHAMMAD ARIF CHANGEZI



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On behalf of Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP), I extend our heartiest congratulations to ARCASIA for completing the 50 glorious years of success and friendship based on Asian tradition, earning a global recognition for being one of the most effective regional organisations of architects' institutes today. I must say, ARCASIA has achieved tremendous growth over the last many years and have built eminent good will and friendship in the wonderful community of 21 member institutes of Asian architects as a result of close interaction, exchange of ideas, knowledge and experiences with each other in the wake of a fast-changing built environment around us in our respective countries, and the resultant challenges faced by the profession of architecture.

It is encouraging to note that ARCASIA successfully introduced many new initiatives to promote and recognise architecture education, better professional practices, green & sustainable design, advocating socially responsive and resilient architecture and nurturing of young architects since its inception.



IAP, as the founding member of ARCASIA takes pride in being part of this great 21 member organisation of Asian architects and have contributed both manpower resources and assisted with its growth and development since its inception 50 years ago. IAP also takes pride that three of the past Presidents of ARCAISA have been from IAP, together with contributions in the capacity of Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Vice President of Zone A, and key members of its various committees. For the past 50 years, IAP has worked for and supported ARCASIA in all its endeavours, activities and will continue to do so in the years ahead with gusto and enthusiasm. The initiation of the rules & regulations, the first convenorship of ARCASIA's longest running programme - the ARCASIA Awards for Architectural Excellence - was developed by IAP in collaboration with other founding member institutes and it now continues yearly, acknowledging the best of Architecture in Asia. Needless to say, ARCASIA is in our life blood and the life blood of ARCASIA is, among other members, in IAP. The faces will keep on changing but IAP will remain committed to play its proactive role and contribute significantly with utmost sincerity in the future too.

IAP will also continue to proactively synergise different endeavors of ARCASIA in collaboration with other member institutes, advocate and energise cooperation in various fields concerning built environment of our respective countries. This will not only help harness the architectural complementarity among member institutes to deliver greater mutual benefits but also open up new avenues for expanding further cooperation among member institutes and deepening it further in future.

I wish the 50th anniversary celebrations of ARCASIA a great success!



AR. MASAHARU ROKUSHIKA

PRESIDENT, JIA
JAPAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of ARCASIA. It was great that JIA had an opportunity to host ACA 18 at Tokyo in 2018.

We find that many of the challenges that we are faced with today are common throughout the world, while some are peculiar from one place to another. Therefore, it could be certainly meaningful to discuss and find solutions to the common challenges, while it could be excitingly fruitful to share the peculiar challenges with others to find very fresh views and ideas.

As architects who live in the same generation on this globe, we are here to share the challenges of today's society and endeavour together to find better solutions with a better built environment that we design. Especially ARCASIA, a group of Asian architects with a variety of backgrounds, but with one accord that architects should respond to the challenges of the society with better built environment, should definitely lead the world movement of architects in order to contribute to sustainable development of the world.

The role of ARCASIA is ever growing larger and larger.

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AR. SEOK JUNG HOON

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Celebrating the golden jubilee of ARCASIA, the Korea Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA) would like to convey gratitude for all of the ones who have devoted to contribute on the remarkable achievement and architectural elaboration to found ARCASIA. Joining ARCASIA was the first step for KIRA to seek for opportunities to expand our horizon on international level in 1985. With numerous participations and valuable information being shared within the ARCASIA family, it was possible to develop global-leveled instincts which allowed the propagation of all this knowledge and influencing each and every member of KIRA.

I believe this was the explicit foundation for architectural industry in Korea to be able to step up and compete in world market. Also, it is a substantial opportunity to understand the upmost situations and counter plans of each country and to soak in the various ideas as holding discussions on the development direction of architecture and issues regarding architectural education, professional practice, sustainability and social responsibility.



AR. SEOK JUNG HOON

PRESIDENT, KIRA
KOREA INSTITUTE OF REGISTERED ARCHITECTS

With all respected roles and responsibilities, we are proud to have such an extraordinary experience by hosting the general assembly successfully in Seoul in 1999 and in Busan in 2008. Through this, we were able to provide a better understanding of Korea and Korean architecture to architects all around Asia, and this has caused us to make a remarkable progress on professional practice level to the global standard.

Based on the experience and participation KIRA have committed in ARCASIA, we were able to expand our regional spectrum by not only developing close relationships with some of Asian institutions but also with the USA and Europe. Furthermore, we were able to join UIA in 2001 and even host UIA Seoul Convention in 2017 which holds a record number of participants with high quality programmes. Korea Institute of Registered Architects will not stop support and respect the development of architecture in Asia, and we will give our full support to pursue more essential roles within ARCASIA.



AR. LILLIAN TAY



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The Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) congratulates ARCASIA on its 50th year anniversary.

On this celebratory occasion, we honour the founding members on establishing a collaborative professional platform of knowledge sharing for a community of Asian architects, and that tradition which had seen ARCASIA flourish into a bustling community of 21 member countries. Today, this band of civic society fraternity is pushing the advancement in scientific achievement of building technology and the advocacy of community works, for the betterment of humanity.



AR. LILLIAN TAY

PRESIDENT, PAM
PERTUBUHAN AKITEK MALAYSIA

In the era of the Digital Economy, ARCASIA represents a wider-growing presence of influential professionals across countries with diversified economies, frontiers, developing and developed / mature economies. If we were to further expand in the future, having achieved growth and being the world's largest market, we cannot be complacent in addressing current global emerging trends, such as Climate Change, Industry 4.0 Transformation, Urban Migration & Population Growth, Housing, Food Security, Sustainable Growth, Disaster & Rescue and many other volatility that may come. The Architect today has more on his or her plate, it is with unity and a common shared resource, where we may pull our resources to steer ahead.

Therefore, the members of ARCASIA must again employ perseverance, innovation and be visionary; to rally and take up the challenge for continued, sustainable and shared growth in the future. Collectively as a bloc, we must ensure that development in Asia prioritises integration of community identity, culture and heritage as the core value of the Asian community remains locked in sight.

We would like to call upon the entire fraternity of ARCASIA to mark the Golden Jubilee by celebrating the Architect's continued dedication towards pushing humanity to the forefront!



YANG BERHORMAT AR. YANTY RAHMAN

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Warm greetings to all!



Fifty years is a long time for an organisation to endure and I applaud ARCASIA in remaining strong throughout the years as we all know that endurance is not easy and to create a meaningful endurance is even challenging. For an organisation to endure over 50 golden years and be as relevant as today, it was at its founding that is quite a feat. To be more relevant and more valuable today is an honour that goes to few.

We are indeed proud of what we have achieved - what it took to create the vision, the persistence necessary to achieve it; the challenges, the endless diverse experiences, the accomplishments, big and small. PUJA joined ARCASIA three years ago, but the milestones that it has achieved were vast and in fact, the family of professionals in Brunei Darussalam are growing. Brunei has advanced and gained numerous benefit through joining hands with ARCASIA.

ARCASIA serves as an annex for the regional programme and relations of every member's institution. Through the annual conference, meetings, forum, roundtable discussions and other events held, we often contemplate and share mutual directions and representation to matters that affect the architectural profession in the Asian region where we hope to develop and rise together.



YANG BERHORMAT AR. YANTY RAHMAN

PRESIDENT, PUJA
PERTUBUHAN UKUR JURUTERA & ARKITEK, BRUNEI

I truly believe that institutions through ARCASIA will remain focused on achieving our objectives, which are to unite and harmonise National Institutes of Architects on a democratic basis throughout the Asian region, to foster friendly, intellectual, artistic, educational and scientific ties; to foster and maintain professional contacts, mutual co-operation and assistance among member institutes; to represent architects of the member institutes at national and international levels; to promote the recognition of the architect's role in society; to promote the development and education of architects and the architectural profession in their service to society; and to promote research and technical advancement in the field of the built environment.

This 50th Anniversary is our opportunity for recollections of the years gone by, and positive reflections for the year ahead. These past years have been blissful and successful in so many ways. It has been defined by a kaleidoscope of joyful memories, supportive friendships and enduring relationships. There have also been some paths that may have been slightly more difficult to achieve together. Yet, in spite of the peculiar stumbling blocks along the way, we have travelled through yet another year together, supporting, encouraging and enduring.

And as we take the time to express our gratitude for the milestones we achieved throughout these fantastic years, we turn expectantly to the year that lies ahead. We look forward to another wonderful year - a time to build and strengthen established relationships even further; a time to create and cherish even more shared memories and a time filled with dreams that are brought ever closer and milestones - whatever they may be - achieved.

As we celebrate our anniversary, I value even more the people that we are able to share this occasion with. It does not matter where we go in life or what we achieve, or what we do - what matters most is who we have beside us along the way! Thank you - one and all - for being beside PUJA these past three years and may you be ever near in the years ahead.



AR. SEAH CHEE HUANG



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On behalf of Singapore Institute of Architects, I'd like to congratulate ARCASIA as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary in Dhaka.

Our institute is proud to have one of our own past presidents Ar. Rita Soh, as President of the current Council of the ARCASIA Office Bearers and Committee Chairpersons. SIA is equally proud to have had another of our distinguished Past President and Fellow (Life) Member, Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat, the founding President of ARCASIA 50 years ago, laying the robust foundation for this strategic regional alliance.

Through the past half-century, SIA has been playing an active role in ARCASIA. We have participated in driving thought leadership in design and professional practice alongside other national partners across the region. The institute regularly hosted our ARCASIA friends to our SIA Dinner, Design Awards night, as well as Archifest Conferences (now SIA Conference). Our representation in the various ARCASIA committees has also aided continuous sharing of our experience and knowledge in Sustainable Design, Professional Practice, as well as Sustainability. SIA's strength in framework-setting and continued collaborative dialogue with the Singapore government agencies has been helpful in promoting similar strategies referenced across the region. SIA believes that such an open exchange of the best architectural and urban practices has continued to deepen ARCASIA's mission in enhancing the profession throughout Asia.



AR. SEAH CHEE HUANG

PRESIDENT, SIA
SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Closer to home, SIA has also been an active participant in the strategic Four Nations collaborative, leading closer regional discourse in architectural practice with Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia. My Council has been championing the Industry Transformation Map, in looking at how Architecture can be the key vehicle to transform the built environment in Singapore and hopefully, the region. This includes implementing the seven EDGs (Environmental Design Goals) as part of our Sustainability thrust in alignment with the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, our continued digitisation endeavour also embraces BIM (Building Information Modelling) as the primary platform of collaborative information exchange for more productive and innovative designs.

In leadership, SIA continues to support ARCASIA in the representation of its committees. In recent years, besides Ar. Rita Soh's keen engagement in the ARCASIA Fellowship and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) committees, SIA had Ar. Theodore Chan as Vice-President (Zone B) and Ar. Tan Szue Hann as Chairman of the ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA). Our support for ARCASIA remains strong as we continue learn from each other and share unique lessons from our own city state's progress. Most importantly, SIA truly values, and will always hold dearly, the camaraderie and precious friendships forged over the years through this regional-based gathering.

Once again, I congratulate ARCASIA for an eventful 50 years, and pledge our solidarity for another 50 years (and more!) to come.



AR. ANJU MALLA



SONA hosted ARCASIA in 2013 when Datuk Tan Pei Ing was the president. We had 4 Nepali Architects presenting papers on the theme "Spirituality in Architecture". It has since opened up an immense diaspora for our members to explore beyond boundaries. Ar Sworup Gurung Koney was the then President of SONA and it was during his tenure that we became a member country of ARCASIA.

The sentiments and help that poured in, post Gorkha earthquake, from ARCASIA member countries was out of this world. It has helped increase the strong bonding and interdependence that can be relied upon at times of natural disasters which is very gratifying.

The universal toilet design competition held during Kathmandu forum is finally getting built here in Kathmandu and will probably be the first of a kind, of a winning design taking form in real life. A milestone achievement for which we are working on with full dedication.

The council meeting in 2017 after the Jaipur Forum was held in Kathmandu during the 12th executive committee of SONA with Ar. Suman Nandan Vaidya as president. Since then we had many of our members involved in various ARCASIA trainings, workshops and conferences.

Recently, with an increasing number of participants at the JIA forum in 2018 and 4 students participating in the student's jamboree as well, the forum has instigated more members to experience the event, to learn from it, alongside enjoying the magnanimity of the occasion.

The aspirations and expectations of being an ARCASIA member country has been a topic of serious discussion on home ground.



PRESIDENT, SONA
SOCIETY OF NEPALESE ARCHITECTS

Some points to ponder:

- Teachers training workshops can help elevate the performance of our academicians at various levels. We need to train and prepare our younger generation to be capable enough to compete with the world out there.
- Student Design Competition has helped students to develop themselves at par with their contemporaries round the globe. It has elevated their confidence level. We hope to get more students participating in the future.
- Professional Practice training workshops and exchange of ideas can do wonders on varying trending topics with respect to the SDGs. A session on practicing trends of countries that are on the frontline of it all could benefit us who are still in the budding phase.
- Cross country internship opportunities for young graduates could help build up a stronger fraternity for the development at the local level. Similarly, student and teachers exchange programmes would expose both to the wider horizon.

With President Ar. Rita Soh in the lead today, we at SONA are indeed grateful for all the exchanges that have happened to date, and look forward to developing a deeper bonding with all member countries and fellow architects in the years ahead. The experience of cross-country culture and exposure to social issues relevant to the changing trends in Architecture along with retaining the architectural identity at the local level should be a prerogative of us Architects round the globe and ARCASIA family surely will pave the way to achieve it all.

SONA extends the warmest of greetings and Good Wishes for the grand success of ARCASIA

Forum 20 in Dhaka.

Hearty Congratulations and Good Wishes for the golden Jubilee of ARCASIA.

United we can achieve.



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The profession of architecture is fortunate to see ARCASIA reach the great milestone of fifty years in existence. This proves the profound value of the vision—and determination—of the six founding countries, who in 1969 formed the first ARCASIA meetings and council.

The organisation has grown now to a membership of more than twenty countries, with a strong record of important, meaningful events and initiatives. The UIA is grateful to ARCASIA for its sustained collegiality, solidarity, and sharing over the years. Our organisations have cooperated many times, and we look forward to many more.



It has also been our good fortune to see ARCASIA officeholders become officeholders in the UIA. As one of the world's most active regional architecture organisations, ARCASIA has helped to set the pace for our profession globally, working in such vital areas as environmental responsibility, human equity and diversity, architecture policies, and professional advocacy.

The members of the International Union of Architects, representing the world's 3.2 million architects, join me in expressing thanks to the Institute of Architects of Bangladesh for hosting FORUM 20, a great event, and extending warmest wishes and congratulations to ARCASIA for this Golden Jubilee.



VICTOR LEONEL

PRESIDENT, AUA
AFRICAN UNION OF ARCHITECTS

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Dear President Rita Soh,

I received and thank you for the invitation regarding the 50th anniversary of ARCASIA. I apologise for not being able to attend for reasons related to the entry visa. However, I would like to congratulate ARCASIA on this date.

I would like to inform that Arch Mona Rady from Egypt will represent me in the event.

Without another matter of the moment, I am grateful.

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WILLIAM J. BATES



Dear President Ar. Rita Soh, Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, and Distinguished Guests,

Congratulations on ARCASIA Forum 20, the 40th ARCASIA Council Meeting, and, importantly, the 50th Anniversary Celebration. While I regret that I am unable to be with you in Dhaka, I wanted to commend you all on the important work you do as a federation and at your national institutes.

This year's theme, "Architecture in a Changing Landscape," strikes at the heart of some of our profession's greatest challenges. Throughout history we have adapted to changes in our societies and in technology, but now we also face unprecedented changes to our physical landscape. And this is why forums like this are critical.



WILLIAM J. BATES

PRESIDENT
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The exchange of ideas that you are participating in has the potential to be part of the solution. By bringing together each of our unique perspectives and our shared passion for the built environment, we have the opportunity to improve the way we work and shape our communities for the better.

I wish you well as you all a successful Forum and Council Meeting!

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DR. CHRISTINE E BUCKNER



To the leadership and members of ARCASIA,

It is an honour and privilege, as Director and Past President of the American Institute of Architects International Region, to wish you all exceptional success on the celebration of the 50-year anniversary of ARCASIA at FORUM 20 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

We are all aware of the incredible impact our built environment has on human and planetary stewardship and that only through cooperation and collaboration can we shepherd in a healthy and sustainable future.

In founding the International Region of the AIA, the collaboration and friendship of ARCASIA colleagues serves as a personal role-model towards creating an international community.

A community of architects with diverse backgrounds and expertise, open to sharing best practices and working together on the model of an extended family, toward a bright future for our shared, built environment.



DR. CHRISTINE E. BUCKNER

DIRECTOR AND PAST PRESIDENT
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS INTERNATIONAL REGION

At its core, the AIA International Region is a best practice leadership platform designed to share global and local best practices and to create opportunities to collaborate globally. We are honored to stand side-by-side with our colleagues at ARCASIA and to extend our most sincere congratulations on your 50th anniversary.

We look forward to many more years of collaboration and to continuing to define and refine best practices towards building a bright, sustainable global future together.

All the very best.

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DLA ERNŐ KÁLMÁN



ARCASIA V4AF collaboration

The Visegrad 4 Architectural Cooperation Organization was founded by the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia in 2008 by the Central European regional organisation to showcase examples of large villas and sacred exhibits that are parallel to Asian masterpieces, such as the buildings of László Hudec in Shanghai. The purpose of the series of planned events is to highlight these parallels. To this end, the founders of Visegrad 4 Architectural Cooperation are establishing the Visegrad 4 Architectural Foundation (V4AF) with the support of the International Visegrad Fund.

I have been meeting with ARCASIA representatives since 2008, Pei Ing Tan, and since 2009 we have been working with the UIA Vision and Strategic Planning Committee.

The future of the architectural profession is based on regional cooperation. This requires an understanding of the issues and issues facing the profession. We need to work together and develop strategies and action plans to address issues through consultation to strengthen the profession.



PRESIDENT V4AF (VISEGRAD 4 ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION)

During the term of the President and former President of ARCASIA, we worked with Ar. Tan Pei Ing, Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand and Ar. Jahangir Khan, and now Ar. Rita Soh to develop mutual understanding to achieve common goals in the built environment. Through their initiative and great efforts, ARCASIA and the Central European architectural organisation, the V4AF began to work closely together. We are currently jointly planning the 4th Round Table on Cultural Heritage Management. As a result of their initiative and foresight, the memorandum was signed between ARCASIA and V4AF in 2018. ARCASIA has established similar relationships with several regional organisations, eg. with ACE and AUA.

Common programmes so far:

- ARCASIA-V4AF Roundtable on Heritage Conservation-Renovation "Adaptive reuse of heritage structures" July 1, Budapest, Hungary 2017
- ARCASIA - V4AF 2nd Roundtable on Heritage Conservation-Renovation
- "Adaptive reuse of heritage structures" The Royal Castle reuse of heritage structures
- Place: 23rd-30th of April, Prague-Bratislava-Budapest-Krakow
- V4AF + ARCASIA MOU signing and 2nd Roundtable on Heritage-Conservation-Renovation
- The Royal Castle in V4 Countries - 25th of April 2018
- ACA18 Tokyo from 10th and 14th of September, 2018 at Meiji University - Prof. Masami Kobayashi
- ARCASIA + V4AF III Heritage Roundtable, Lahore, Pakistan 26th - 28th October, 2018
- Mega-Cities: Intersections and Diversions An Asian-African Dialogue, The American University in Cairo February 3rd - 4th, 2019
- ARCASIA Forum and Roundtable "Capital Cities: New Cities / Visionary Masterplans" in Islamabad now at COMSATS
- University hosted by the IAP Institute of Architects Pakistan
- XII Architect Regatta in lake of Balaton, special guest president of United Architects Of The Philippines (UAP) - UAP National President Arch. Benjamin K. Panganiban, Jr. and his wife Mrs. Fe Meredith P. Pangan



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My role in Architecture is both in the realm of academia and practice where the academia is the main focus. Full time academics needs a good involvement in research as well as teaching. I am working as an Associate Professor in the Southeast University, Bangladesh. Nowadays, in Bangladesh, teaching is a widely practiced sector for architects as there are more than 25 schools for architecture in the country. Out of them eleven have IAB-accredited Architecture programmes. Most of the faculty members are young architects with competitive academic records. Academia is the preference for many fresh graduates.

In ARCASIA, I am the country representative in the ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA). I have represented IAB in ACYA since 2017. Before that, I have participated in the ARCASIA Teachers Training Workshop in Pakistan in the year 2015. I have started my journey in ARCASIA since I am an undergraduate student in 2004 by participating the ARCASIA Students Jamboree in Hong Kong. After that I have participated many Forums and Conferences of ARCASIA. It is said that once someone joins ARCASIA, it is difficult for him to quit. As IAB is host for the ARCASIA Forum 20 this year, I am a part of the organising committee in several capacities, and along with many other architects we are involved in the greatest show for the architects of this region.



YOUNG ARCHITECT FROM IAB | BANGLADESH
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOUTHEAST UNIVERSITY

ARCASIA is a platform for good networking and exposure of young promising architects. ARCASIA has the scope to showcasing the architecture of own country as well as its heritage. Many projects from Bangladesh were awarded through ARCASIA. Many Bangladeshi architects have received recognition and honour. There are cross-border training programmes attended by many architects from Bangladesh. These all are the mechanisms of building human resources, promoting heritage and culture, and above all, making architects smart and competitive in the present.

ARCASIA is not only a platform for friendship and networking. It may be used as a platform for cross-border practice and development of human resource in future. There are many young architecture graduates every year. In the paradigm of postmodern technology, no country is self-sufficient in any sector of development. Young architects need to be sound in many technical aspects, not only in design and drafting. The exchange of knowledge is possible via the platform of ARCASIA. It is also necessary to undergo formal training on global level. ARCASIA can select specialists in different development sectors, and send them to member countries round the year, and member countries can organise training for her architects. Thus ARCASIA can contribute to build a smart society who will make the nation smart. Cross-border internship, students and teachers exchange programmes, young architects job placement at a global level, etc. shall be the fruitful nation building schemes that ARCASIA can perform.



AR. ANTONY MORAIS



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I share the privilege along with the large fraternity of Architects in India, in being able to contribute towards shaping up the built environment of a developing nation. My role in Architecture is to explore and create possibilities of taking design to the wide array of people beyond the diverse culture and rich traditions scattered across the country.

My role in ARCASIA, as a Member representative of India to the Young Architects Committee, has been to utilise the opportunity to share the work, knowledge, resources, work culture, technology and best practices with the rest of the member countries.



YOUNG ARCHITECT FROM IIA | INDIA

ARCASIA has opened up several possibilities to our Home Institute in being a facilitator to discuss in detail the various aspects and challenges faced in the Architecture profession across the member Countries. It has opened up avenues to take a holistic approach on the prevailing and emerging trends in Architecture along with the rest of the world.

It is heartwarming to see that more Countries are going to be part of ARCASIA in the near future. The increasing bond that ARCASIA has been creating between the Member countries, will help all of us in embracing together the future trends in Architecture, both locally and globally. The future of ARCASIA is bright as ever and will bring us all much closer in Architecture and more.



AR. RIDHA RAZAK



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What is your role in architecture?

Today, the demands of the world are very much different from back then. The evolution of technology has tremendously changed how things are run and organised. People are becoming smarter and more knowledgeable as information and data are within reach with the click of few buttons. Therefore Architects must start to enhance their skills not only in our own field, but also equip ourselves with other skills that can be adaptable to current market demands.

I consider myself as a multitasking entrepreneur Architect. Currently running my Architectural firm, Architectural training company and also consultancy on community engagement, I think that the future of Architects lies with the need of Architects to be trained as entrepreneur and problem solvers for the masses. This is crucial as Architects cannot be staying in their own world while the world is moving very fast. Architects must be progressive by adapting to digital technology, latest business development education, marketing & branding, and be well updated with the current trends to stay relevant in the eyes of the public. With the borderless world of technology, Architects must be able to start thinking global rather than be stuck within their local context that limits their capabilities to compete with other profession.



YOUNG ARCHITECT FROM PAM | MALAYSIA
CHAIRMAN, ACYA, 2019-2020

In short, Architects must start to step up from the comfort zone and rise higher than it is to become a relevant stakeholder in their own nations political and economic building.

What is your role in ARCASIA?

I am currently the chairman of ARCASIA Committee on Young Architect 2019-2020.

What has ARCASIA done for your home institute of architects?

To me ARCASIA has done a lot to my home institute. For a start, many Architect leaders that have become Chairmen or Presidents in ARCASIA were from Malaysia, such as Ar Kington Loo, Tan Sri Ar Esa Muhammad, Ar Ken Yeang , Ar P Kasi and Ar Tan Pei Ing, who have inspired many young Architects in Malaysia. These Architects have showed us that Architects can make a difference not only in our home turf, but also share and bring back lessons from others in order to upgrade the local profession.

4. How do you see the future of ARCASIA?

The future of ARCASIA is very bright with the current leadership that is very much open to current trends and youth opportunities. One thing that has to be paid attention to is that being in a society is not about personal glory but about working together as a team to continuously enhance our profession in our region. As I have constantly remind the ACYA Committee, we are at the ARCASIA platform not as an individual nations, but as 1 nation ...the ARCASIA Nation.



AR. BISMA ASKARI



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What is your role in architecture?

Architecture, over the years, has progressed, transformed and grown into a profession, where the role and scope of architects has gone beyond just designing buildings and has become a broader-spectrum service industry, catering to a wider range of demands. The ever-evolving architectural demands, requires today's architects to be multifaceted designers, who are willing to step up above and beyond their pure definition of an architect.

Heading one of the design departments at one of the oldest and most prestigious firms in Pakistan has made me understand the importance of being a multitasking architect, in a leadership role; training and mentoring my team members, juniors, peers and anyone who comes my way for guidance. This mentorship role, over the years has led me to teach and adopt an advisory role for students at different universities, while still playing an active role in IAP and other professional bodies related to architecture and design. Another aspect of architecture that I have come to experience with time, is giving back to society, working on social projects for the betterment of people, which has me working on social projects professionally and personally.



YOUNG ARCHITECT FROM IAP | PAKISTAN
SECRETARY, ACYA, 2019-2020

What is your role in ARCASIA?

I was selected and appointed by the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP), as the official representative for the ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA) 2018-2020. Alongside this, during my initial ACYA committee meeting, I volunteered to shoulder an additional responsibility of Secretary, ACYA.

What has ARCASIA done for your home institute of architects?

The relationship between Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) and ARCASIA, dates back to its inception in 1967; as one of the six founding member institutes. During this time both ARCASIA and IAP have played an integral role in each other's establishment, learning, growth and advancement; with many IAP architects rising to esteemed positions of within ARCASIA and its various committees over this period.

ARCASIA has provided endless opportunities for architects to evolve and come forward as leaders, mentors, educators and trendsetters; sharing knowledge and learning from other's experiences while diversifying into different aspects of architecture and design. The architect's role and value, the recognition of the profession and its maturing, within my home country, has flourished immensely due to the presence of ARCASIA and the internal and external exposure that it has brought with it to IAP.

ARCASIA's existence has helped garner a sense of community, fraternity, camaraderie and ownership of the profession not only in home institutes but within the Asian region as a whole.

How do you see the future of ARCASIA?

With the growing participants, coalescing of member institutes for the mutual growth of the architectural profession within the region, increased youth representation shouldering responsibilities, senior architects and members paving the way, the future of ARCASIA will definitely be bigger and brighter in the years to come. What ARCASIA and all the country members need to remember is that, in the years to come, the field of architecture will diversify beyond the pure definition and we as a community will need to provide the necessary platforms to promote architectural practice diversity and the ever-evolving image of the profession.

AR. RAMIZ BAIG



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It gives me immense joy on the completion of 50 years of ARCASIA! Architects Regional Council Asia has been the leading regional organisation since its inception bringing together architects from now 21 countries.

ARCASIA has had a very active past few years. ARCASIA is growing and getting better interconnected with each passing year. To be able to visit each member country regularly, one learns to love the differences and appreciate the oneness amongst all of us, which is something that gets highlighted through the camaraderie seen at ARCASIA events. There has been excitement in the architectural fraternity in Pakistan since the Presidency of ARCASIA returned here for 2017-18 after almost 15 years. There was indeed excitement at the personal level as well, as I served ARCASIA as the Honorary Secretary for that term. I took pride in the opportunity to work ably with the President S.M. Jahangir Khan and the ARCASIA council comprising of the institutes Presidents becoming the bridge that was liaising between the 21 member countries.

I was only the third Pakistani architect to serve as Honorary Secretary ARCASIA. Past ARCASIA Chairman Ar. Zaigham Jaffery had held this position previously; theirs truly were very big shoes to fill!



YOUNG ARCHITECT FROM IAP | PAKISTAN
HONORARY SECRETARY, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

When Ar. S. M. Jahangir Khan won the election for President-elect in 2015, he was also the President IAP and at that time I was the Honorary Secretary IAP. We had a good understanding and I believed in his vision for the upcoming ARCASIA term. It was a wonderful opportunity he gave me with this regional assignment which brought forward various learning experiences and opportunities to play a role for the architectural community in a larger context.

One of the key focus of the term was on cross regional connections and I believe this is where his presidency stood out. We successfully held ARCASIA sub-events during the UIA Congress in Seoul. Not only did we sign an MOU with the central European architect's organisation V4AF, but also jointly held three successful roundtables and seminar events with them. The first two were held in Europe and the last one was held in Pakistan. We started a dialogue on Urbanism with African Union of Architects which took shape of a seminar followed by a round table held in collaboration with the American University of Cairo. Carrying on the cross regional collaborations the President himself attended key events organized by RIBA, AEA and the Australian Institute of Architects whereas I got to represent him at the presidential forum organised by the American Institute of Architects.

The above commitments were above the beyond the regular ARCASIA calendar of the biannual Forum and the ACA as well as the various ARCASIA Committee roundtables. It has truly been an exciting and event packed 2-year term and I would like to congratulate President S.M. Jahangir Khan for a highly successful Presidency.

As the Honorary Secretary I have the privilege to liaise with our 21 members institutes and it is really been a pleasure working with them. I would like to thank them for their co-operation in making my work in this tenure happen smoothly. I have been tasked by the Council in its last meeting in Tokyo to begin work on updating the ARCASIA history book along with the past presidents from 2011 onwards; we look to compile it as a continuation of the first book in an online e-format with the potential of printing it later.



YOUNG ARCHITECT FROM IAP | PAKISTAN
HONORARY SECRETARY, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

It was a trip chaperoning my 3rd year architecture class to the student jamboree as part of ACA in Lahore 2010 where I had my first exposure to ARCASIA. The experience was a true eye-opener with so many international architects attending as well as full participation from the locals. It truly showcased for me what ARCASIA was all about. Our Country's Prime Minister, the Provincial Governor and Chief Minister all graced the occasion cementing for me the value what ARCASIA can be as a platform.

Representing IAP as an official delegate to the ACSR committee meeting during ACA16 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia became my first experience in an ARCASIA committee. Truly learnt the value of not reinventing the wheel as so many issues faced in our country were already tackled successfully in other regions and the drive to do something for universal accessibility really came from this meeting resulting in my convening a nationwide universally accessible toilet competition in Pakistan.

Due to a family emergency I had to fly back from the forum in Ayutthaya in Thailand 2015 where I was to once again represent IAP at the ACSR Committee meeting. My next opportunity came in Hong Kong where not only was I invited as a speaker at the congress but also represented IAP at the newly formed ACYA. It has been encouraging to see more and more young architects present at the ARCASIA platform, highlighting the issues they face as well as showcasing their talents region wide.

It's fantastic to see ARCASIA focusing on young architects in recent years with not only the establishment of the ACYA but with architects under 40 encouraged to participate in other committees as well. The last ARCASIA OB and CC 2017-18 was a great example of the serious roles young architects can play in ARCASIA as apart from myself as Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer Ar. Sannah Ejaz, Vice President Zone C Ar. Nuno Soares and of course the ACYA chair Ar. Tan Szue Hann were all under 40.



YOUNG ARCHITECT FROM IAP | PAKISTAN
HONORARY SECRETARY, ARCASIA, 2017-2018

It was personally extremely exciting for me to be invited as a speaker to the Asian Congress of Architects, ACA17 in Hong Kong. It had been a couple of years then since I had been spearheading the universal accessibility drive back home in Pakistan via the IAP platform thus it was the right time to get our work documented and shared with an international audience. The challenges faced and lessons learnt were different in our context as compared to Hong Kong and Singapore who had successfully gone through the drive.

ARCASIA student design completions are a wonderful opportunity for the students to benchmark themselves against the best in the region. It inculcates the habit of sharing and learning with a wider audience and of course healthy competition. I had the privilege to be the juror for 2 rounds of this competition in 2015 and 2016 and had the opportunity to be convener and organise the competition for the 2017 cycle.

Sports is another binding factor and it's heartening to see such initiatives taking shape on the ARCASIA platform. Cricket is HUGE in Zone A almost is an understatement and same can be said about football in the other 2 zones.

In these last few years there were other ways where I remained involved which included moderating student technical sessions at the Student Jamboree in Bali during the ACA15 in 2012 as well as convening an ARCASIA teacher training workshop in Karachi, Pakistan in 2016. What one fondly remembers are the connections and friendships made with others, this becomes so evident during other international architecture conventions where the ARCASIA lot tend meet and greet as friends and put forward a united front! I hope to continue my association with ARCASIA in the future even though I already feel I have made a lifelong worth of friendships and memories. I have travelled across half the ARCASIA countries so here's hoping to doubling the experiences in the future, God willing!



AR. MARIA ALORA P. ANGELES



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What is your role in architecture?

My role in architecture as an architect is to promote social awareness and responsibility in promoting the architecture profession, encourage environmental sustainability to lessen or at least not add an impact to the current climate change condition, maximising the use of natural resources and to recycle.

What is your role in ARCASIA?

As Chair of Committee on Young Architect in my home institute, I represent the whole young architects in my country in the activities held by ARCASIA. It includes the dissemination of data and concerns and promoting the activities of ARCASIA to my home institute and vice versa.



YOUNG ARCHITECT FROM UAP | PHILIPPINES

What has ARCASIA done for your home institute of architects?

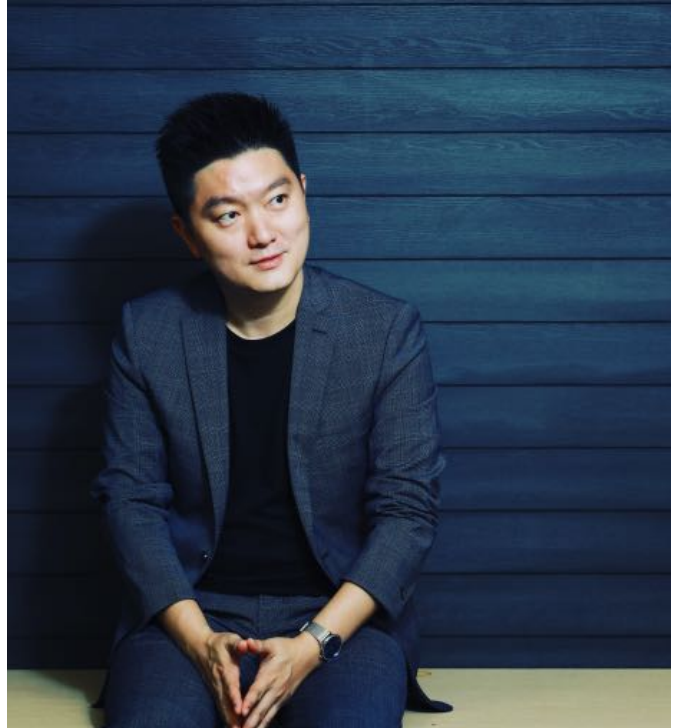
ARCASIA consolidated different concerns in different commissions coming up with condensed, informative and relevant information about Asian architects. Such as in certain field of concern for example, Professional Practice, they have identified the demography of each country, different concerns and similarities among countries in the Asian region which is easier to compare and make us as a basis in tackling professional practices. In Young Architects, each institutes presents young architects concerns and activities which they consolidate with other institutes, it also encourage collaborations. In the field of Green Architecture and Academic Education, each home institute's data becomes relevant as each is shared and compared within the Asian region and seeks to improve the practice in each institute.

How do you see the future of ARCASIA?

In the future of ARCASIA, it will be on unified, able and proactive institute as all home institute will align towards having a unified approach in architecture in the Asian region. It will be able to uplift the academic education and the practices of the region. It will eventually spearhead the spirit of the Asian architecture to be globally at par with other international countries. Moving towards this, it will eventually create closer bonding relationship among home institute and foster goodwill and friendship.



AR. TAN SZUE HANN



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Architecture for our planet

From a bright-eyed, bushy-tailed architecture student to a young Architect, I have seen - within the span of a decade - the conversation of architecture evolve from traditionalism to futurism, from the vernacular to the global, and from regional culturalism to a global concern for the planet. This has been especially apparent in ARCASIA, with the relatively new ACGSA (ARCASIA Committee for Green and Sustainable Architecture) and ACYA (ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects) set-ups, which indicate that at least one eye is being cast on sustainability and the future of our profession.



CHAIRMAN, SUSTAINABILITY. SIA | SINGAPORE
CHAIRMAN, ACYA, 2017-18

My professional work in architecture has been focused on sustainability, and I have, from time to time, taken on adjunct professorship roles at the Architecture and Sustainable Design schools at the Singapore University of Technology and Design and the National University of Singapore. With architecture being a high contributor to the world's energy problems, the conversations are rife and the time is right for Architects to (try to) save the world. These pursuits have also led me to chair the Sustainability committee at the SIA, and represent SIA in the ACGSA. Architects should talk about climate change, biodiversity and other environmental issues, and find ways of mitigating it - simply because it is our job as shapers of the built environment.

ARCASIA and me

In 2006, I was fortunate to be a student representative at the ARCASIA Student Jamboree in Beijing, as the President of the TAS (The Architecture Society) at the National University of Singapore. I saw, firsthand, the fervour of ARCASIA and the cross-discussions that young architects had with the more experienced architects, and I had thought, then - wouldn't it be great if I had the opportunity to also serve on ARCASIA in the future.

Fast forward 10 years, on the recommendation of Ar. Rita Soh (President of ARCASIA, 2019-2020), I became Chairman Elect of ACYA, before chairing the committee from 2017-18, leading a group of energetic young architects (by definition, below the age of 40, but by spirit, certainly younger than that!) and now serve Immediate Past Chair for the same committee, as an advisor for my successor, Ar. Ridha Razak. My term in 2017 saw the first Stormathon ("brainstorm-a-thon", a term coined by my ACYA predecessor Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi) being conducted in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on the gracious hosting of ASA (the Association of Siamese Architects). It sparked off conversations focusing on a few choice issues that young Architects were - and to some extent, still are - facing, namely the prestige of the profession, how it can become more relevant to our global environmental concerns, as well as how it can adopt ever-evolving digital and intelligent technologies.



CHAIRMAN, SUSTAINABILITY. SIA | SINGAPORE
CHAIRMAN, ACYA, 2017-18

The second year saw the Young Architects forum being an integral part of the Pecha Kucha programme at ACA (Asian Congress of Architects) 18 Tokyo, where I presented a portfolio of architectural work in Singapore - pecha kucha-style, i.e. 20 slides x 20 seconds each. This was held at the wonderful National Art Centre in Tokyo, designed by Kurokawa, and organised by Japan's Ar. Shinichi Saito, and represented the first major design event where the Young Architects received significant attention and focus. Also sharing on their respective cities were Pakistan's Ar. Fawad, Indonesia's Ar. Denny Setiawan and Hong Kong's Ar. Simon Cheung. This event was a culmination of what ACYA means - celebrating architecture, cities, youth and a cross-border, cross-cultural spirit across ARCASIA nations.

Out of the formal events, friendships were made and forged, and I had also been invited to speak at BINUS University in Jakarta, where Ar. Denny lectures. These exchange programmes continue to this day.

The UN SDGs (Sustainable Design Goals) played a role in underpinning these discussions, and it became apparent that ACYA members are concerned with what Architects can do in the sea of issues that the planet faces. This has been continued by Ridha, whose professional work in creating awareness in the NUA (New Urban Agenda) has led to fervent conversations in the ARCASIA realm as well.

In two years, we have grown from a gathering of hopeful younglings to a defined committee, who have successfully defined the role of the young Asian Architect in a time of environmental plight.



Investing in youth for future leadership

What has therefore become very obvious to me is that ARCASIA represents a platform where young architects can have a strong voice on issues affecting the profession, and that voice can then be turned into positive action through active participation. The youth of ARCASIA will then grow into respective roles in various committees, as India's Ar. Gyanendra Shekawat with ACAE (Architectural Education), Thailand's Ar. Rattapong "Art" Angkasi with ACSR (Corporate Social Responsibility), Pakistan's Ar. Ramiz Baig who went on to become the Council's Honorary Secretary, and myself who now leads Singapore's efforts in ACGSA. Concomitantly, it primes young architects to also step up for leadership roles in their respective home institutes of architecture.

What, then, would the ARCASIA of the future be?

The future of ARCASIA would contain elements of the old – precious lessons learned, and it would continually renew itself in adapting to new global, environmental and even geopolitical challenges. It will not only be relevant to the world, but as Asia, we will lead the world towards a new urban order.





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