

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BY AND BETWEEN

THE ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL ASIA (ARCASIA)

AND

ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTER (ADPC)

This Agreement made and entered into by and among:

The **ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL ASIA**, an organization of 19 Asian member Institutes of Architects and Presidents, represented by Sathirut Tandanand herein referred to as **ARCASIA**;

- And -

The **ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTER**, an NGO organization to assist Asian Countries in disaster risk reduction in 18 Asian Countries, with principal office address at SM Tower, 24th Floor, 979/69 Paholyothin Road, Samsen Nai, Phayathai, Bangkok 10400, Thailand, represented by Shane Wright, herein referred to as **ADPC**;

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the **ARCASIA** as an organization of National Institutes of Architects throughout the Asian region promotes the recognition of the architects' role in society, promotes the development and education of architects and the architectural profession, and promotes research and technical advancement in the field of build environment;

WHEREAS, the **ADPC** as a non-governmental organization deploys disaster risk management information and systems to reduce local, national and regional risk across Asia-Pacific, and works closely with local, national and regional governments, non-governmental organizations and other development partners;

WHEREAS, to enable architects to better serve the society, there is a need for **ARCASIA** and **ADPC** to agree and cooperate in order to improve professional services and expand knowledge in the creation of a built environment conducive to a higher quality of life especially in improving disaster risk management for cities and climate change, mainstreaming disaster risk management, systems and undertaking disaster risk assessments;

WHEREAS, there is a need by the two parties to promote mutual cooperation based on equal respect and mutual interest in order to observe the principles and etiquettes within the constraints of the by laws and regulations of their respective counterparts;

NOW, WHEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and mutual covenants stipulated herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Through various efforts, promote the mutual purposes and activities of the organizations, whenever possible;
2. Consistently maintain the following objectives, and together, strive in every possible way, to accomplish the following:
 - o Technical and cultural sharing;
 - o Capacity Building and Training;
 - o Exchange of Knowledge and Information;
 - o Mutual Collaboration and Support
 - o Pre- and post-disaster preparedness and mitigation
 - o Sharing of Best Practices

AND, FINALLY,

The ARCASIA and ADPC undertake to establish a closer cooperation between themselves, with the full knowledge and consent of the Executive Councils of both Organizations, and after their input and agreement, at all levels of proposed cooperation.

BE IT KNOWN THEREFORE THAT,

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of the signing.

SHANE WRIGHT
Executive Director
Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

AR. SATHIRUT TANDANAND
President
The Architects Regional Council Asia

Witnessed by:

Leila Puutio
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Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

AR. TAN PEI ING
Immediate Past President
The Architects Regional Council Asia

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