

# ARCASIA Documentary Video

## **The ARCASIA Documentary Video**

The intention of the documentary is to promote ARCASIA to the members and public.

The 1st ARCASIA Documentary Video was prepared in 2012 by Ar. Kalim A. Siddiqui, the then Zone A Vice President and presented to the Council in Bali. An improved version was subsequently posted on the ARCASIA website .

In 2013, we decided to do a much more exciting video and we managed to produce the 2nd ARCASIA Documentary Video, which was presented to the Council in Kathmandu last year. The documentary was prepared with limited high quality material and based on the raw-files made available on the 1st video documentary.

Improvement and updating were done after the council meeting in Kathmandu taking into consideration of the comments made and to include BIA as the 19<sup>th</sup> member Institute.

We explored appointing the company which prepared SIA's "I am Architect" Video but the cost is too high (i.e. S\$ 35,000-00 = USD 29,000), around 10 times more than the cost we paid for the production of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Documentary (around USD 3,000).

We also approached Ar. Akeel's ex-students currently working in Malaysia and the cost quoted is also high (i.e. around USD8,500). We were also advised that there is insufficient high quality material.

In conclusion : The current will serve its purpose for the time being. Another one will be prepared when there are adequate video footage and pictures from recent ARCASIA events and when the budget permits.

We have send out the script for the documentary to all the member institutes so that they could translate in their respective language

Shaping the world we live in.

Creating quality sustainable built environments. ARCASIA aims to make a difference in BUILDING Asia. ARCASIA was first formed in December 1967 in New Delhi.

In response to the urgent need for an entity that would strongly represent the architectural profession in Asia, a group of individuals resolved to establish a regional organization which would actively foster unity, on a democratic basis, amongst the National Institutes of Architects in the Asian Region, to promote an atmosphere of friendly, intellectual, artistic, educational and scientific ties.

ARCASIA was formed through their perseverance and determination to transform this vision into reality.

Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Sri Lanka were the six founding members of ARCASIA. Today, ARCASIA consists of 18 strong and active architectural institutes from member countries all across Asia. The ARCASIA council consists of the Presidents or Chairmen of National Institutes of Architects in the Asian Region.

ARCASIA focuses its work through six key objectives, which are: To unite National Institutes of Architects throughout Asia;

To foster and maintain professional contacts, mutual co-operation and assistance among member institutes;

To represent architects of member institutes;

To promote the development and education of architects and the architectural profession; To promote research and technical advancement;

And to promote the recognition of the architect's role in society through various platforms.

The council of ARCASIA is ably managed by the office bearers, which is headed by the President; with three Vice Presidents governing their respective zones.

Supporting them in their roles are the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Immediate Past President and Advisor(s).

To achieve ARCASIA's objectives, five committees were formed: the Committee on Architectural Education, Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture, Committee on Professional Practice, Committee on Social Responsibility and Fellowship Committee.

ARCASIA organizes two prominent events held on alternate years. One of them is the Asian Congress of Architects (ACA).

At ACA, speakers who are recognized authorities and experts in their chosen field of specialization present on topics of varied subjects related to architecture.

This major regional conference is held every two years, coinciding with the Council meeting.

The ARCASIA Forum is the other event organized by ARCASIA.

This forum is a platform for ongoing discussions about current architectural ideas, where prominent architects and scholars gather to share their ideas and broaden understandings on matters concerning architecture and the built environment within the Asian region.

ARCASIA also holds an annual ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA). The awards are presented at AAA Award Ceremonies held in conjunction with both the ACA and ARCASIA Forum.

Another event held in conjunction with ACA is the Students Jamboree, where architectural students from member countries of ARCASIA gather under the auspices of the ARCASIA Committee for Architectural Education.

ACA also organizes an ARCASIA Student Design Competition that culminates at the ARCASIA Student Jamboree

While both ACA and ARCASIA Forum are formal conferences for the exchange of contemporary ideas, the Friendship Night is remembered as a convivial occasion that combines cultural and fellowship activities.

Together, we can make a difference.