

ARCASIA FORUM-17, 2013
KATHMANDU, NEPAL
DATE: OCT 5 TO OCT 10, 2013

STEERING COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

1. Till date ARCASIA Forum-17 steering committee has held 19 formal and numerous informal meetings starting from 25.12.2013 to 08.08.2013
2. Various committees were formed under Steering Committee chairmanship of Ar. Bishnu Panthee, namely:
 - 2.1. Finance – Chairman Ar. Bishnu Panthee (Ar. Swarup G. Koney & all Past Presidents of SONA)
 - 2.2. Program and Planning
 - 2.2.1. Thematic Committee – Chairman Dr. Prof. S.R.Tiwari
 - 2.2.2. Event Hosting and Ceremonies – Ar. Rajesh Thapa
 - 2.3. Secretariat – Chairman Ar. Gyanendra Devkota
 - 2.4. Production – Chairman Ar. Prajwal Hada
 - 2.5. Operations – Chairman Ar. Arun Dev Pant
 - 2.6. Awards
 - 2.6.1. AAA – Chairman Ar. Debesh Raj Bhattarai (Convener of AAA)
 - 2.6.2. Students’ – Chairman Ar. Devendra Nath Gongal
 - 2.7. Exhibits – Chairman Dr. Bharat Sharma
 - 2.8. Executive officer – Ar. Salena Sanghachhe
3. www.arcasianepal2013.com is ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013 official website.
4. ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013 logo and letter head has been finalized and has been using in correspondence.
5. ARCASIA account for both dollar and NRs. currency has been opened in Grand Bank Nepal Ltd.
6. ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013 detail schedule has been prepared and finalized.
7. ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013 detail budget has been prepared, estimated budget amount = NRs. 19,600,000.00 (US \$ 206,315.00)

8. **Prof. Charles Correa** (Indian architect and urban planner) accepted the invitation of SONA and kindly agreed to be a part of ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013 as the Keynote speaker for the Forum.

Education: Correa began his studies at Saint Xavier's College at the University of Bombay (now Mumbai), and he went on to study at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (1949–53) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Massachusetts (1953–55).

Correa Architectural Practice: In 1958 he established his own Bombay-based professional practice. Ar Correa's extraordinary and inspiring designs, has played a pivotal role in the creation of architecture for post-Independence India. Although Correa has primarily worked in India, his oeuvre has extended to international shores. His MIT Brain & Cognitive Sciences Complex (2000-05) in Boston in the US brought together separate institutions onto one site to facilitate cooperation and scientific exchange.

9. Thematic committee has shortlisted International Final paper presenters from 50 architects who answered its Call for Paper on the Forum theme – **Spirituality in Architecture and Image of the City**. Nepali paper abstracts are still undergoing review.

10. AAA2013 Members of master jury:

1. Ar. Tan Pei Ing from Malaysia (President of ARCASIA)
2. Ar. Debesh Raj Bhattarai from Nepal (Convenor ARCASIA AWARDS)
3. Prof. Dr. Prem Nath Maskey from Nepal (An eminent Non- Architect personality from the host country of Forum/Congress)
4. Prof. Li Xiaodong from China (Architect from ARCASIA Zones other than the country represented by the President of ARCASIA)
5. Ar. Rafiq Azam from Bangladesh (Architect from ARCASIA Zones other than the country represented by the President of ARCASIA)
6. Mr Kai-Uwe Bergmann from USA (An eminent Architect from any region other than the ARCASIA Region)

11. The award categories for international Level Students' Design Competition shall be:

- I. 1st Prize – US \$ 8,00 and Gold Medal (ARCASIA Board awards sponsor)
- II. 2nd Prize – US \$ 5,00
- III. 3rd Prize – US \$ 3,00

The 2nd and 3rd awards shall be sponsored by SONA.

12. Government of Nepal through Ministry of Urban Development and Department of Urban Development and Building Construction has agreed to officially support SONA to host ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013
13. Soaltee Hotel Crowne Plaza has been selected as Official Venue for ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013. Almost all the ARCASIA Forum-17 events shall be held in Soaltee Hotel and all the office bearers, official delegates and speakers shall be accommodated here.
14. Gandaki Travels and Tours has been appointed as Official Travel Partners for ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013. The Gandaki Travels shall see to all the travel arrangements, local and international as per need of all the delegates of the Forum.
15. Online registration has already opened. ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013 registration fees detail are:
 - I. International Delegate
 - Architect - \$300
 - Spouse - \$150
 - Student - \$225 (25% Discount)
 - Group – For every group of 10, one shall be free
 - II. National / Local Architects
 - Architect – NRs. 5,000/-
 - Student – NRs. 3,750/-
16. Only 3 architects have registered and paid the fee, 12 online registration but they have not paid the fees.
17. Official Sponsors who have committed for the sponsorship are:
 - 17.1. Ajiya Glass (Commitment – US\$ 25,000)
 - 17.2. Airtech (Agreement – NRs. 15,00,000)
 - 17.3. Berger (Agreement – NRs. 10,00,000)
 - 17.4. Nepatop (Agreement – NRs. 10,00,000)
 - 17.5. Heritage (Agreement – NRs. 5,00,000)
 - 17.6. Panchakanya (Commitment – NRs. 10,00,000)
 - 17.7. 21st Nepal (Commitment– NRs. 5,00,000)
18. Press meet and ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013 orientation program was organized at DUDBC with the kind support of DUDBC. All the architects, non architects, teaching faculty members were the invitees with the presence of media. The main objective was to make aware and give the information of Arcasia Forum 17.
19. Meeting with HODs of the Architectural Departments of all the Colleges was held to encourage greater participation in the ARCASIA Forum-17.

20. Ar. Deepak KC in coordination with Ar. Joseph from Hong Kong Institute of Architects is organizing a Half Day Symposium on Universal Access and Universal Toilet Design for Nepalese Architects and the Students at Radisson Hotel as Post ARCASIA Forum-17, 2013 event on 10th of October.

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