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1. 0 Brief History of Architecture Education in Korea

Korea adopted modern architecture education just after the 1945 Liberation. The first architectural engineering course was offered in 1946 at the Seoul Technical College, the former body of School of Engineering, Seoul National University. Until the 1950s, only nine universities have established architectural engineering courses in the school. Since the initiation of the national economic development plan in 1962. There has been a dramatic economic growth during the 1970s and 1980s. The number of universities with architecture engineering departments has increased up to 60 over the same period. Now in Korea, there are 115 universities with architecture departments, with approximately 21,440 students.

Traditionally, architecture departments in Korea have belonged to School of Engineering in most cases with four-year Bachelor of Science Program. However, from the year 2000, Korean universities began to adopt 5 year Bachelor of Architecture program and 4 year Bachelor of Science in Architecture + 2 year Master of Architecture program depending on the situation of each school. As of now, many schools have already changed their program and many other schools are preparing new educational programs.

2. 0 Role of the KIRA in Architecture Education

Regarding the architecture education, the KIRA concentrates its efforts on the continuing education of the members. The Institute is also putting much efforts on enhancing the public's understanding for their living environment as well as the role of the architect profession.

2. 1 Institute - Voluntary learned society or does it have statutory power?

KIRA is Voluntary learned society

2. 2 Institute's role in accreditation of :

- local architectural qualification no relevance
- foreign architectural qualification no relevance
- professional examinations

KIRA, mandated by MLTM(Ministry of Land, Transport and Marine Affairs), controls the procedure of the professional examination.

2.3 Is there a separate statutory for accreditation of architectural qualifications and conducting professional examinations?

If so, how does the Institute interface with the statutory body? no relevance

2. 4 Does the Institute have a student's body or chapter? no relevance

2. 5 Liaison with local architectural schools. no relevance

3. 0 Current Office Bearer

- President : Han, Myung Soo
- Term : March 2007 ~ February 2009

- Administration Committee
- Chairman : Kim, Hyung Soo
- Term : March 2007 ~ February 2008

4.0 Funding

Total budget of the Architectural Education in 2008 : approximately USD 42,000

5.0 Major Programs Related to Architecture Education

5.1 Opening Architecture School for Public

Architecture courses are intended to provide the public basic architectural knowledge to help them understand the administration procedures including building code and building construction process.

- Period : upon occasion
- Place : KIRA main conference room
- Lecture Subjects :
 - Social role of architects
 - Aesthetics of architecture
 - Architectural administration
 - Fundamental Architectural Design
 - Terra architecture
 - Housing
 - Steel house
 - Building safety
 - Building material & construction for Residence
 - Excursion - Traditional Residence
 - Rebuilding & remodeling
 - Fundamental of architectural structure

5. 2 Public information

no relevance

5. 3 Seminars

no relevance

6.0 Regular Students' Competitions / Student's Jamborees or other program for students held / sponsored / or endorsed by the Member Institute

KIRA, the Ministry of Land, Transport and Marine Affairs and the Korea Economic Daily sponsor the National Architecture Culture Award annually. The award has two fields of constructed buildings and architectural Design. Students can participate in the architectural Design projects only. On the theme of "Convergency", the un-built architecture category is open to all entries by the entire architectural community including students and non professionals. In 2008, the first prize winner of the award in the architectural Design project part was a student name Lee, Su Young of Pukyong National University with a project titled 'Rhizome'.

7.0 Elaborate / mention any regular liaison programs for local schools of Architecture or Teaching faculty

no relevance

8.0 List of Publications or Conference Proceedings brought out by the Institute on Architecture Education / Accreditation / Professional Examination

- 8. 1** The KIRA editorial committee publishes monthly journal "ARCHITECT" and maintains its own website (www.kira.or.kr). Articles of the journal and the website are symposium proceedings, project critics, updated code and ordinances, architectural history and news of country and overseas.

9. 0 Key Issues on Architecture Education

Many Korean Universities have made plans to convert their 4 year architecture education program into 5 year programs in order to meet UIA Accords. As of now, approximately 74 Universities have changed their architecture education program to 5 year programs. The remaining Universities are still under process of deliberation change.

Korean Architectural Accrediting Board (KAAB) has established to accredit the architectural education programs under Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs in 2005.

KABB will implement its role in accordance with its performance criteria compliance with international standards to evaluate 5 years of undergraduate and Master's architectural education programs.

the first accreditation survey performed by the combined domestic and foreign team to three pre-qualified programs among 73 programs which has adopted 5 years program in 2006.

KABB has an action plan to complete accreditation survey to the requested programs not later than 2011.

10. 0 Any other Issue

There are 74 universities which have 5 year undergraduate program of architectural education, and among them 11 universities have been accredited.

During the first half of 2008, one university was newly accredited, and we have 2 universities for the second half of 2008 to perform evaluation for accreditation. 7 universities are waiting for this evaluation process to be done in 2009.

KIRA makes every endeavor for preparing Student Jamboree of ACA-13 for more understanding and communication between Asian architecture students for over years in collaboration with universities especially Pukyong National University which provides studios.

11. 0 Plans for the Future

Along with adapting our education system to that of the international standard, we plan to provide educational programs for Korean architects to respect diverse regional as well as national cultures and to practice their profession to make a contribution in transforming the world into a better and more pleasant place to live in.