

## **A Brief history and Recent Development**

### The Association of Siamese Architects (ASA)

ASA was established in 1933 with two fundamental objectives: to promote the architectural profession and to encourage sharing and exchanging information among members. To facilitate its operations, the organizational structure, as well as the bylaws, were simple.

Inactive during World War II, ASA revived in 1945. Though the Kingdom's name had changed to "Thailand", ASA retained its original name as a way of preserving a link to the founding principles.

From 1947, ASA concentrated on building an organization that served both the profession and society. Activities addressed the following areas:

- Professional practices
- Professional standards
- Professional ethics
- Code of conduct
- Cooperation among members in pursuing shared goals
- Promotion architectural research
- Professional advocacy

In 1954, ASA came under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty King Bhumipol Adulyadej.

#### ASA Objectives

- Promote the continuing enhancement of the architecture profession in ways that are friendly to the environment and that preserve Thai traditions, while maintaining professional independence.
- Promote harmony and unity among members to enhance the stature and efficacy of ASA with a common focus on activities that benefit the profession and society.
- Serve as a resource for professional and technical information and advice for the benefit of members and society.
- To encourage, support, and promote education, research, and development that ensures the field of architecture progresses with the times.
- Cooperate with government agencies, as well as domestic and international organizations and institutions, to create and understanding and appreciation of the principles, role, and scope of the architecture profession as a means for fostering credibility and trust.
- Promote, develop, and perform the architecture profession in accordance with the highest standards of service and ethics for the benefit of members and the public.
- Define and certify the standards and rules for the practice of architecture.

### Institute of Siamese Architects (ISA)

#### Under Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA)

In order to carry out long term activities without being disrupted by each ASA administration (elected every two years), ISA was established in April 2006. The Objectives are :

- To enhance the knowledge and skill of professional architects and registered architects to ensure their knowledge and professional capability are relevant to the needs of society. Towards this objective ISA encourage each professional and registered architect to advocate CPD as part of his or her life long learning .
- To develop relevant codes of practice for professional and registered architects to exercise acceptable standard for professional practice.

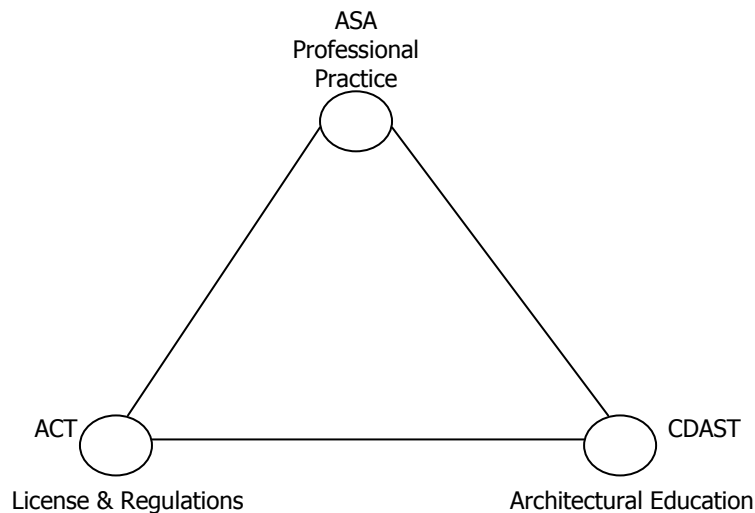


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- To initiate and to provide financial support for research projects which contribute to the development of profession as well as to disseminate these knowledge to member architects and general public.
- To establish professional information center whereas Laws and Regulation as well as relevant knowledge for professional practice are gathered ,processed into database for dissemination.
- To provide consultancy service for public concerning problems in professional practice.

ASA works to improve professional practice to its members by organizing training courses, seminars, developing professional handbooks and standards. ACT, the only organization among the three, is established by the government to ensure the quality of architects whose works are directly related to public safety. ACT is responsible for licensing of architect and accreditation of architectural schools. CDAST was established to focus on architectural education.

The three organizations, i.e., ASA, ACT and CDAST formed a triangular relationship. This enables us to work toward the common goal which is to enhance architectural education and practice to the highest standard for the benefit of society and their members.



### The Architect council of Thailand (ACT)

In December 1965, a law administered by the Ministry of Interior came into effect requiring that architects be licensed to practice the profession. To oversee the licensing and monitoring process, the law established the Thai Architects Professional Practices Board (TAPPB) with 2 of 13 members from the ASA.

In 2000, reflecting the evolution of the design professions in Thailand. The Architect Council of Thailand (ACT) was formed and encompasses four main design disciplines: architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, and urban. Members of the Board are formed by election every 4 years. The current president is Admiral Thanit Kittiampon. His period will end in 2010.

The Architect Council of Thailand (ACT) who is the regulator and controller of professional practice in Thailand has been developing CPD program for Thai Architects to help ensure that qualified professional maintain their competence as internationally practice. This drafting of regulation for this program is now underway and will hopefully be enacted early 2009.

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ACT objectives ;

- To promote education, research, practicing, harmony, conciliation, and welfare of architectural members.
- To purport to control the behavior of architects.
- To support and give advice to both its members and other organizations relating to architectural science.

**Council of Deans of Architectural School of Thailand (CDAST)**

In relation to architectural education, the establishment of Dean Council was conceived in 1994. At that time only 6 schools of architecture existed. The first national architectural school seminar in 1996 indicated the necessary of the establishment of Dean Council. Not until 2003 that the establishment of Council of Deans of Architectural School of Thailand (CDAST) was completed. Every year, each university takes turn to chair the council. Currently, Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi is the chair. At present there are 21 members in CDAST.

CDAST objectives ;

- To promote unity and seek cooperation among architectural schools including three other disciplines i.e., landscape, interior and urban planning.
- To be a center of architectural academic activities.
- To cooperate with other organizations on architectural research and development that benefit the architectural practice and society.

**ASA current programs and future plans**

**Continuing professional Development (CPD) Programs**

Within a framework of the future professional standards set out by The Architect council of Thailand, the licensing process will incorporate a requirement for licensed architects to continue their live-long education. Licensed architects will need to attend some ACT-approved academic or professional coursework in order to earn credits used for renewal of their professional licenses every five years. ASA now responds to this requirement through ISA, which will be responsible for setting out a study curriculum known as the ASA-CPD program.

Some of the CPD coursework which are already set out and trained in 2010-11 are as follows;

**2010**

- "Specification Version 2011" : October 30, 2010
- "Resort Design in Various Design" : November 13, 2010
- "UPDATE Building Regulation 2009-2010 Class 2" : December 18, 2010
- Special Lecture Sponsored by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and National Housing Authority (NHA) Sustainable Social Housing Initiative. (SUSHI)
  - 5-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP ON DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF GREEN BUILDINGS (First) 12-14 May, 10-11 June 2010
  - 5-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP ON DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF GREEN BUILDINGS (Second) 31 May, 1-2 & 10-11 June 2010
  - 2-day training workshop On SUSTAINABLE HOUSING 16-17 June 2010

**2011**

- "10 myths on Green Building" : January 22, 2011
- "Feasibility Study" : January 29-30, 2011
- "Lighting Reveals Architecture : Design and Case Studies" : February 26, 2011
- "Drafting Standard" : March 19, 2011
- "Drafting Standard" March 26-27, 2011
- "How Firms succeed" : April 2, 2011
- "OTTV & RTTV Workshop 1-54" : April 23, 2011

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- "Design for disaster" : June 4, 2011
- "Universal Design Workshop" : June 17-18, 2011
- "Building Fire Safety" : June 25, 2011
- "Crisis Management in the City" : July 2, 2011
- "ISA Building Material Lecture Series : Water proofing System(?)" : July 23, 2011
- "Specification" : August 6, 2011
- "Construction Management" Fast-food Version : August 27, 2011
- "ISA Building Material Lecture Series : Aluminum Composite" : September 10, 2011
- "Bangkok....Underwater" : September 17, 2011
- "Pre Fabrication" : September 24, 2011
- "OTTV & RTTV Workshop 2-54" : October 8, 2011
- "Lighting Design" : October 15, 2011
- "Open new Architectural firm" : October 29, 2011
- "ISA Building Material Lecture Series : Paint " : November 5, 2011
- "Catch up EIA" : November 12, 2011
- "Cost Estimation" : November 26, 2011
- "Design GURU2-54 Condominium" : December 17, 2011

Thai Green Building Institute (TGBI)

ASA has established a working group call "ASA Green Committee" to take responsibility about promoting green building design and construction programs like publications, seminar, lectures, and green building award for many years, In 2010, ASA, in cooperation with the Engineering Institute of Thailand under H.M. the King's Patronage(EIT) have established the first Thai Green Building Institute(TGBI) and developed the Thai's Rating of Energy and Environmental Sustainability for New construction and Major Renovation(TREES).

**Green Building Institute Activity Planning' 2011**

No.	Activities	2011									
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	Website										
2	Rating manual										
3	Building PT Building										
4	Visit Kbank Building										
5	Opening Ceremony of Green Building Institute (GBI)										
6	Training Course for Designers										

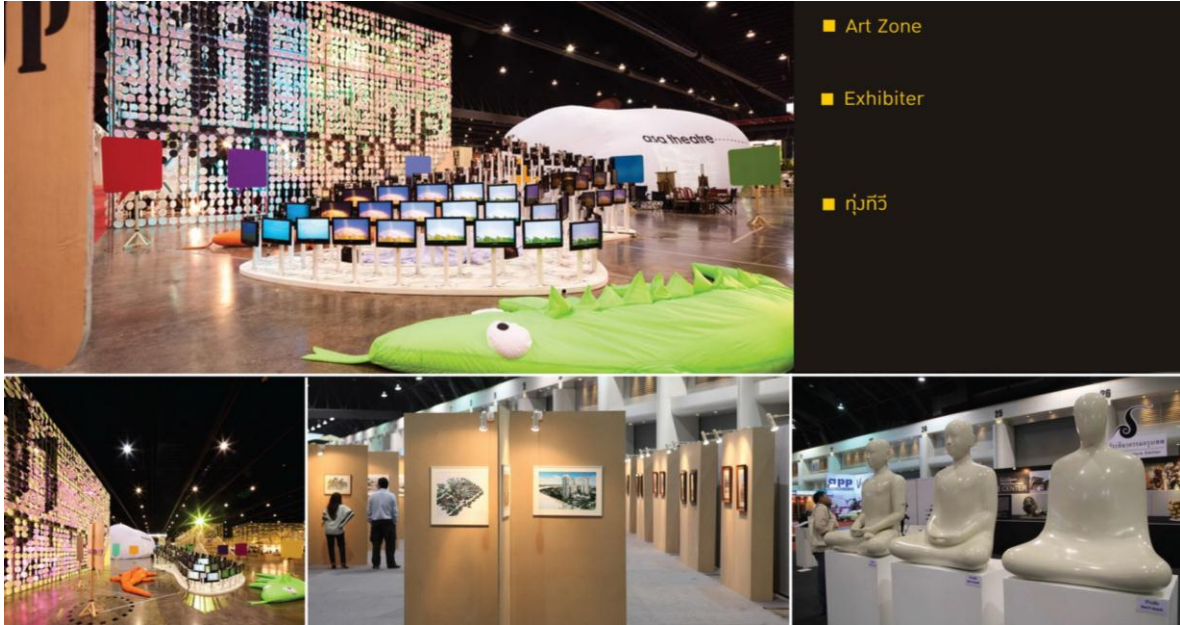
ASA Convention

One of the main event of ASA is the ASA Convention which takes place approximately by the end of April each year.

This event provides not only the main source of fund to ASA but more importantly give ASA the opportunity to demonstrate ASA vision regarding built environment to the society. The exhibition area is up to 60,000 square meters. The six day event can draw up to 300,000 visitors each year. Record of the past ASA conventions can be viewed through our web site.

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ASA Convention Feb 2011 : Bottom Up



Kind Heart House : Universal Design Exhibition

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Unlock Thai Identity : 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Exhibition



Student Workshop

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ASA Shop / ASA Club



Architects Exhibition

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ASA Theatre



ASA House Doctor



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Other Related Associations : TIDA, OKMD, DPT, ISIT



ASA Convention 2012 : "Water Brick"

The theme of the upcoming ASA convention is Water Brick. The objectives of the exhibition are;

- To raise awareness among Thai architects regarding WATER issues.
- To compile and synthesize information on WATER issues.
- To tie the information together for thorough understanding of the issues.
- To prepare "information model" for future information updating.

Other information can also be reviewed in ACAE Report Matrix format.

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