Arcasia Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR)

1st Meeting of Arcasia Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR)

Date: 31st October, 2012
Venue: The Mansion Resort, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia

Meeting Attendance

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1. **Agenda**

Aims & Objectives

1. To discuss the Importance of Social Responsibility
2. To discuss the Role of ARCASIA Architects in SR related issues
3. To investigate the integration of Programmes with other ARCASIA Committees
4. To prepare an Action Plan to promote SR in ARCASIA Countries for 2013-14

Session 1: 0900 to 1200

- Chairman’s Welcome with Presentation on Social Responsibility
- HKIA Report on SR Related Events in Hong Kong
- JIA Report on SR Related Events in Japan
- VAA Report on SR Related Events in Vietnam
- IAP Report on SR Related Events in Pakistan
- ASA Report on SR Related Events in Thailand
- SONA Report on SR Related Events in Nepal
- Country Reports and Sharing of SR Related Events in the Respective Countries
- Discussion Session

Session 2: 1300 to 1600

- Summary of Session 1
- Discussion Session – Preparation of an Action Plan for 2013-14
- Refinement of Action Plan for 2013-14
- Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair to ACSR

2. **Meeting Minutes/Report**

1. **Calling Meeting to Order**

   Chairman Ar. Joseph Kwan called the meeting to order.

2. **Welcome and Introduction by the Members Present and Apologies**

   It was noted that 24 Member Representatives from 15 Member Institutes (except China, Macau and Mongolia) were present (refer to group photograph) and the Chair welcomed the Member Representatives present and requested them to introduce themselves to the Committee.

3. **Chairman’s Welcoming Speech and Introduction**

   Chairman, Ar. Joseph Kwan gave his Chairman’s speech and introduced the concept of “Architecture and Social Responsibility” to other Member Representatives.
4. Presentation on ACSR Topics by Member Institutes

All Member Institutes present gave their powerpoint presentation on Social Responsibility topics as relating to their own country/institute. Feedbacks and views amongst different countries/institutes were shared during the meeting.

The following SR related topics were discussed during the meeting:

- Universal Design and Design for All
- Climate Change
- Sustainable Design Approaches
- Programme towards Disaster Risk Reduction
- Role of Architects in Community based Developments
- Certification System for Rating Barrier-free Design
- Legislation of Building Maintenance Act
- Sustainable Regeneration of Existing Housing and Community
- Heritage and Conservation
- Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Risk Reduction and Post-construction

5. Preparation of Action Plan for 2013-14

The following initiatives were discussed to formulate the Action Plan:

- To include a SR Category in future ARCASIA Awards
- To allocate a session for SR discussion in each ARCASIA Forum and Congress
- To enhance discussion and sharing on SR topics in Student Jamboree
- To organize SR related architectural design competitions for the profession and for students
- To include SR related design courses into the Curriculum of Schools of Architecture through ACAE
- To promote the introduction of SR related good practices into professional practice of the industry through ACPP
- To encourage the implementation of SR related designs to complement sustainable designs through ACGSA

The proposed Action Plan for 2013 includes:

- To prepare an ARCASIA document of the currently available papers and reports on disaster related design, prevention, preparedness, reduction, management and reconstruction (Action led by: IIA – IAP, JIA, PAM, VAA)
- To conduct a pilot scheme on flood prevention designs and to assess the prototype and proposed details of the design (Action led by: IAP – IAB)
- To establish Emergency Architects ARCASIA (EAA) to provide advice and assistance to affected areas in the Asia Pacific (Action led by: HKIA – All)
- To provide advice and capacity building workshops to promote architecture for humanity, architect for all (aged & disabled) (Action led by HKIA – ASA, IAB, PAM, SIA, UAP)
- To promote the practice of building inspection schemes by Architects to ensure structural safety and to prevent building collapse caused by illegal alterations and change of use (Action led by KIRA – HKIA, PAM, SIA, ASC)
- To promote planning with the local community to re-regenerate the sense of community through re-vitalizing their cultural heritage (Action led by ASA – AAM, SONA, SLIA)
- To prepare an ARCASIA document as a design guide using heritage and traditional architecture as design reference (Action led by KIRA – ASC, ALACE, IAI, AAM, UMA)
- To hold regular ACSR Meetings in Zone A, B and C. (Action led by HKIA – All)

6. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair to ACSR

During the meeting, Ar. Rita Soh of SIA was nominated and elected as the Vice-Chair of ACSR and will become the Chair for the next term from 2015-16.

7. Meetings of the Committee

It was decided to recommend to ARCASIA Council to arrange for more frequent and regular ACSR meetings, say quarterly in a year.

8. Any Other Business

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked Host Institute, IAI for their hospitality and for organizing all the meeting arrangements.

The Chairman also thanked all Member Institute Representatives for their attendance and for their contributions to this first ACSR Meeting. He encouraged all Member Institutes to take an active role in promoting Social Responsibility and for the profession to create Responsible Architecture.

All attending Member Institute Representatives were invited for a group photograph to commemorate this historical occasion on the inauguration of the First Meeting of Arcasia Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR) in Bali.
9. Date of Next Meeting

The date and venue of the next ACSR Meeting will be October 2013 during ARCASIA Forum at Katmandu, Nepal.

(Post-Meeting Note: During the ARCASIA Council Meeting, Ar. CHO, in-Souk of KIRA proposed the setting up of a new ARCASIA committee on heritage and conservation; however, Council expressed the view that as heritage and conservation is already a sub-set under Social Responsibility, the thematic topic of Ar. CHO, in-Souk will be incorporated under the ACSR. ACSR Chair welcomes Ar. CHO, in-Souk to the Committee and invited her to lead the task force on heritage and conservation.)

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