ACSR Final Report

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Bangkok
Thailand

ACSR Chair: Ar. Joseph Kwan, MH
## ACSR Report 2011 - 2014

**ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility**

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<td>August 2011</td>
<td><strong>ACSR Chair (Ar. Joseph Kwan - HKIA) was nominated</strong> at ARCASIA Council Meeting in Danang</td>
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| November 2011     | ➢ HKIA to be the Member Institute to provide the *Secretariat support* to the Chair during the tenure of his two year term  
                   ➢ HKIA set up Committee on Social Responsibility (SR) under its ARCASIA/CAA Committee                                      |
| December 2011     | ACSR Chair sent out *e-blast to all 18 ARCASIA Member Institutes* requesting responses on:  
                   ➢ Name(s) of Representative to ACSR (Annex A)  
                   ➢ Suggested topics relevant to their countries (Annex A)                                                                         |
| January 2012      | ➢ Preparation of Ppt. Presentation on Launching of ACSR                                                                                   |
| February 2012     | ➢ *Launching of ACSR at UAP Summit in Boracay*  
                   ➢ Report on the progress of ACSR to ARCASIA OBs                                                                                     |
| March – April 2012| ➢ Call for nomination of Representative to ACSR  
                   ➢ Issuance of Second Call to 18 Member Institutes to:  
                   i) announce the corresponding SR topics suggested by those Member Institutes  
                   ii) further encourage those Member Institutes which have yet to nominate any Representative and propose SR topics |
| May 2012          | ➢ Consolidation of SR topics  
                   ➢ Invite corresponding Member Institutes to further elaborate and share their view on their proposed topics at the ACSR Meeting in Bali on 31 October 2012 |
| June 2012         | ➢ Report on the progress of ACSR to ARCASIA OBs in Lahore                                                                                   |
| July 2012         | ➢ Meeting with Representatives from the corporate social responsibility units of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation and Urban Renewal Authority in Hong Kong |
| Sept – Oct 2012   | ➢ Prepare Meeting Agenda for the ACSR Meeting in Bali on 31 October 2012  
                   ➢ Send out reminders to 18 Member Institutes for the following:  
                   i. prepare PowerPoint presentation for sharing at the ACSR Meeting in Bali  
                   ii. seek confirmation of their attendance to the Meeting  
                   iii. provide name(s) of their Representative(s) to the Meeting                                                                   |
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<td>31 Oct 2012</td>
<td>Prepare a proposal for a Symposium on Inclusive Design and Active Aging to be held in Hong Kong in 2013.</td>
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<td>Nov 2012 – Jan 2013</td>
<td>Conduct and Report on the ACSR Meeting in Bali to ARCASIA OBs and to Council. Follow up with Member Institutes participated in the 1st ACSR Meeting in Bali on their presentations for inclusion in the E-Proceedings of the Meeting. Consider the alternative to hold a Symposium on Inclusive Design and Active Aging with HKIA in Hong Kong in 2013 OR to hold a half-full day Seminar on Social Responsibility and Architecture with SONA, focusing on the key issues of universal access, disaster prevention &amp; design, heritage &amp; conservation, and social housing during ARCASIA Forum in Nepal in October 2013.</td>
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<td>18 Jan 2013</td>
<td>Report on the progress of ACSR to ARCASIA OBs in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</td>
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<td>March 2013</td>
<td>Propose categories of <strong>awards on social responsible architecture and sustainability</strong> for the ARCASIA Architectural Awards.</td>
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<td>Jan – July 2013</td>
<td>Consolidate and edit the presentations materials submitted by Member Institutes participated in the 1st ACSR Meeting in Bali for the E-Proceedings to be uploaded onto the ARCASIA website under the homepage of ACSR.</td>
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<td>March – July 2013</td>
<td>Liaise with SONA to organize a <em>Universal Design Public Toilet for All Design Competition for Kathmandu, Nepal</em> and a half-day <em>post Forum-17 symposium on architecture and social responsibility in Kathmandu, Nepal</em>. Prepare a proposal for the above Programme.</td>
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<td>Aug – Sept 2013</td>
<td>Prepare Meeting Agenda for the 2nd ACSR Meeting in Kathmandu on 5 October 2012. Send out reminders to 18 Member Institutes for the following: i. seek confirmation of their attendance to the Meeting ii. provide name(s) of their Representative(s) to the Meeting iii. prepare Country Report for sharing at the 2nd ACSR Meeting in Kathmandu iv. prepare Report for follow-up actions for the 1st ACSR Meeting in Bali in 2012.</td>
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<td>Nov 2013</td>
<td>Develop a proposal to offer assistance in the efforts of rebuilding the areas affected by <em>Typhoon Haiyan in Philippines</em>.</td>
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<td>Nov 2013 – April 2014</td>
<td>Consolidating the presentations materials of the ACSR Post-Forum Symposium and the winning entries of the Universal Design Public Toilet for All Design Competition for uploading them onto the ARCASIA website.</td>
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<td>Nov 2013 – May 2014</td>
<td>Compile and edit the presentations materials submitted by Member Institutes participated in the 2nd ACSR Meeting in Kathmandu October 2013 for <em>uploading onto the ACSR webpage</em>.</td>
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<td>May - June 2014</td>
<td>Prepare Meeting Agenda for the 3rd ACSR Meeting in KL, Malaysia, on 24 June 2014</td>
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<td>Send out reminders to 19 Member Institutes for the following:</td>
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<td>Jan – June 2014</td>
<td>Coordinate with PAM to organize the <em>2nd Half-day Symposium on Social Responsibility and Architecture</em> on 29 June 2014 in KL during ACA16 and on the <em>Architectural Student Design Ideas Competition</em> on Socially Responsible Architecture</td>
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<td>Prepare a proposal and budget for the above events with Ar. Norwina Mohd Nawawi (PAM) Co-Chair of the Symposium and the Design Competition for approval by President Pei Ing.</td>
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<td>Promotion of the Symposium and the Design Competition to students of all ARCASIA recognized Schools of Architecture.</td>
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<td>Oct 2013 – June 2014</td>
<td>Prepare the first draft of <em>ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility</em> to be presented to ARCASIA Member Institutes for discussion at the 3rd ACSR Meeting, the ARCASIA Office Bearers Meeting and at the Council Meetings held during 24-26 June in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</td>
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<td>April – August 2014</td>
<td>To contribute to the ARCASIA Booth at <em>UIA Congress in Durban</em>, South Africa, during 3 – 7 August 2014.</td>
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<td>To assist UIA Region IV WP <em>Architecture for a Sustainable Future</em> on Seminar with the theme: <em>SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY of ARCHITECTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE</em> as Keynote Speaker on 4 August 2014.</td>
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<td>June – Dec 2014</td>
<td>To refine the <em>ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility</em> based on the comments received from the 3rd ACSR Meeting, ARCASIA</td>
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Office Bearers Meeting and Council Meetings held on 24-26 June in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The final draft is expected to be completed by HKIA Members in early 2015, then circulate to ARCASIA Member Institutes for comments and endorsement.

- President Pei Ing to launch the Charter at the ARCASIA Forum to be held in Thailand in 2015.
- Attended and participated as a Keynote Presentation at the *IAP International Forum on Social Responsibility* at Islamabad in November 2014
- Chaired *The ARCASIA Roundtable on Social Responsibility (SR)* at Islamabad in November 2014; drafted and adopted a *Resolution on Social Responsibility* to be conveyed to the ARCASIA Council at the Council Meeting to be held in Ayutthaya, Thailand in November 2015
- Provided a Lecture entitled: *Universal Accessibility - The New Design Paradigm for the 21st Century* to 4th & 5th year students and staff of *COMSATS Institute of Information Technology* in Islamabad
- Attended the *Handover Meeting in Bangkok* on 17 January 2015 to inform the Incoming ACSR Chair Ar. Rita Soh (SIA) on activities to be followed up in 2015-16

### Ongoing

**On Disaster Management and Mitigation:**

- Prepare a Directory of the Architects/Experts with experience relating to various aspects of natural disaster – design, pre and post-disaster, management and mitigation, supervision, training, etc.
- Compile a Resources Publication on all aspects of natural disaster, design for rural and urban context, fire, flooding, earthquakes, typhoons, etc. websites, International and Regional NGOs.
- Form *AEA – ARCASIA Emergency Architects* group/institute to provide aids and assistance to our region in the event of emergencies without seeking assistance from outside our region.
- Develop ARCASIA knowledge base and resource people within and for Asia. (JIA already has a Committee on Anti-Disaster Measures as reference)

### Ongoing

- Updating the ACSR Facebook
Proposed Initiatives of ACSR under ARCASIA

1. To include a SR Category in future ARCASIA Awards

2. To allocate a session for SR discussion in each ARCASIA Forum and Congress

3. To enhance discussion and sharing on SR topics in Student Jamboree

4. To organize SR related architectural design competitions for the profession and for students

5. To include SR related design courses into the Curriculum of Schools of Architecture through ACAE

6. To promote the introduction of SR related practices into professional practice of the industry through ACPP

7. To encourage the implementation of SR related designs to complement sustainable designs through ACGSA

8. To facilitate Architects and Practices to adopt ISO26000: Social Responsibility as a core value of their organization through their conception of social responsible and sustainable architecture
The 1st ARCASIA Roundtable on Social Responsibility
November 16, 2014, Ramada Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan

It is resolved by the participants that the following points need to be considered by all member Institutes of ARCASIA. This resolution will be conveyed to the ARCASIA Council in Ayuthia, Thailand in November 2015

1. The ARCASIA Social Responsibility charter needs to be signed and adopted by ALL member Institutes.
2. The urgent need to establish a disasters management network among the member countries is self evident, hence the “ARCASIA Emergency Architects Network” has been already setup. All member Institutes need to support this and forward relevant names of the experts to ARCASIA
3. ARCASIA to be used as a Resource Centre to share all information on the following:
   - Disaster Management
   - Universal Design Code
   - Affordable Social Housing
   - Conservation Techniques
4. To include programs on Social Responsibility as an integral part of future ARCASIA Forums and ACA
5. ACAE to formulate the principles of social responsibility and promote the inclusion of these as part of architectural education at schools through the member institutes
6. Commitment from member institutes to promote social responsibility as part of their CPD programs
7. ARCASIA to develop a template on universal design which could be adapted by member institutes
8. To promote BCI FairBuilding network, building for the poor, as already approved by the Council.
9. To promote the principles of conservation of natural and built heritage for adoption by the relevant authorities through the member institutes.

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ACSR Follow up Actions in 2015 Onwards

1. **ACSR Charter on Social Responsibility** to be completed and launched at ARCASIA Forum18 in Ayutthaya, Thailand in November 2015.

2. **ARCASIA Emergency Architects (AEA)** to continue with the compilation of a Directory on Experts with experience on disaster related designs and projects; and a Resources database on codes, design guidelines, research and literature on disasters.

3. AEA to collaborate with **Asia Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)** in Bangkok on post-disaster reconstruction and disaster management, and be ready to provide technical assistance to areas affected by disasters in the ARCASIA region.

4. To construct the **universally accessible public toilet in Kathmandu, Nepal** in association with IDEAS Project and SONA in 2015. Budget available from Malaysian Sponsors at US$12,000.00 (Ar. J. Kwan will continue to coordinate and liaise with all parties to implement this ARCASIA Project).

5. To assist all future Forum and ACA Organizing Committees to include social responsibility topics and issues within the main **Forum and ACA programmes**.

6. To continue to promote and highlight social responsibility topics through **architectural competitions** for students and the professional.

7. To continue to promote **Good Practice Designs** in social responsibility through **ARCASIA Awards**.

8. To collaborate with ACAE to formulate the principles of social responsibility and promote the inclusion of these **curriculum** as part of **architectural educations in Schools** through ARCASIA Member Institutes.

9. To encourage commitment from Member Institutes to promote socially responsible architecture in their **CPD Programmes**.

10. Work with other **ARCASIA Committees** to promote and encourage social responsibility; ACAE, ACPP, ACGSA, Young Architects.