

**MINUTES OF THE ARCASIA COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - ACSR
ROUND TABLE
HELD AT THE L'HOTEL, HONG KONG
14TH SEPTEMBER 2019.**



Participants:

Ar Rita Soh
Ar Saifuddin Ahmad
Ar Pei Ing Tan
Ar Frankly Russell Dandeniya
Ar Felix Li
Ar Sudhir Balakrishnan Pillai
Ar Joseph Kwan
Ar Thomas Cheung
Ar Acharawan Chutarat
Ar Debjit Adhikari
Ar Manguesh Raghunath Prabhugaonker
Ar Daiji Chikuba
Ar Sung Min Kim
Ar Suraj Khanal
Ar Hannah Monzon
Ar Mumtazah Mustajab
Ar Thana Chirapiwat
Ar Farhana Sharmin Emu
Ar Prajwal Hada Pradhan
Ar Kosala Sanjeewa Weerasekara
Ar Nuno Soares
Ar Kentis Beh

Observers

Ar Marvin Chen
Ar Simon Hui
Ar Stephen Ho
Ar Tony Wong
Ar Simon Chan
Ar Anna Kwong
Ar Dicky Lo
Ar Queenie Wong

The meeting commenced with Ar. Felix Li President of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects extending a warm welcome to all participants on behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects.

Following his welcome, ARCASIA President Ar. Rita Soh also greeted all present and spoke of the importance of their individual contributions to their countries and collectively to ARCASIA. The President dwelt on the history and the motto of the organization and its ACSR activities.

ACSR Chair, Ar. Russell Dandeniya presented the theme of the Roundtable '**DESIGN FOR RESILIENCY - OUR SOCIAL CONSCIENCE**'.

After the morning Coffee Break, the delegates and observers moved to the Meeting Room to commence the business of the day.

Country presentations on the Theme followed and is listed in descending order:

AAM - Architects Association of Macau - Ar. Nuno Soares

Ar. Soares mentioned resilience as a teaching material for education. He said resilience in heritage as a subject for education circular.

Ar. Kentis Beh discussed about urban resilience and its trends and modern architects way forward and on urban development trends.

IAB - Institute of Architects Bangladesh - Ar. Farhana Emu

Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu presented a recent Aga Khan Award winning project from her home country, Bangladesh. It is a bamboo made floating school designed by Archt. Saif UI Haque. Her presentation also showed how different land types is responded with design solutions incorporating indigenous knowledge.

IIA - Indian Institute of Architect - Ar. Manguesh Prabhugaoner

He extensively discussed all related areas of resilience - resilient buildings, building typology in different climatic conditions; building materials and resilient concepts; construction technics in the regions of India. Also, preparedness for cyclones, floods, landslides and the humanity of architects and the enormous potential were discussed. A few examples of Indian architects undertaking projects and construction technics as a social responsible project were presented.

Ar. Sudhir Balakrishnan Pillai shared heritage resiliency and Indian examples extensively. He further elaborated the Jaipur Case Study as a good example for heritage preservation and adaptive reuse as a concept of resilience.

JIA - Japan Institution of Architects - Ar. Daiji Chikuba

Ar. Daiji Chikuba presented his own projects.

PAM - Malaysian Institute of Architects - Ar. Mumtazah Mustajab

She presented a cross section of activities carried out by PAM over the years with practical examples of their ACSR work.

SONA - The Society of Nepalese Architects - Ar. Suraj Khanal

Discussed extensively the experience gained through their own ACSR work from earthquakes, relief work, vernacular wisdom of resilience buildings and preserving of built heritage to represent its era and original usage, and he briefly presented the toilet project initiated through ACSR.

UAP - United Architects of the Philippines - Ar. Hannah Monzon

Ar. Monzon made a very sensitive presentation of man-made disasters where urban security as a resilience was discussed. ACSR should address the escape routes and means of withstanding this reconciliation process with lots of opportunities to actively participate for Architects' Social Responsibility Projects.

SLIA - Sri Lanka Institute of Architects - Ar. Kosala Weerasekera

Ar. Weeraskera presented cultural resilience of Sri Lanka and a few recent action projects carried out by SLIA as CSR work.

Garbage dumps as man-made disasters has been highlighted and resilience projects discussed to mitigate any further threats.

HKIA - The Hong Kong Institute of Architects - Ar. Thomas Cheung

Discussed the history of all disasters, disaster reduction methods and new challenges of Hong Kong. Urban fire in high rise buildings and a resilient action plan and landslides as natural disasters have been discussed.

Ar. Joseph Kwan presented the aims and objectives of ACSR's history, of ACSR Symposium and ACSR initiatives. ARCSIA emergency architects and ARCASIA charter of emergency responsibility. He shared almost all past ACSR disaster and ACSR action plans, including reasons for establishing emergency

architects globally. President and Chairman both appreciated the AEA - ARCASIA Emergency Architects as a self-sustaining entity of ACSR to address disaster resiliency in a proactive manner.

ASA - The Association of Siamese Architect under Royal Patronage - Ar. Thana Chirapiwat

Ar. Thana presented a holistic project of ASA's action plan - resilience cities and architecture in Thailand, resilience dimensions and key policies and trends, along with a model resilient city project was discussed.

With the presentation from ASA the discussion forum was concluded;

Ar. Pae Ing Tan past Chairperson of ARCASIA illuminated on history and focused on ACSR more towards the practical aspect of it.

She highlighted the resolution and few key important points to be added and the Resolution should properly edited and adopted in Forum Dhaka.

Ar. Rita Soh commented to formulate built heritage preserving action as similarly AEA Committee under the ACSR Committee to make actions more focused and in an active manner. These sub working committees to report on disaster management and preservation of heritage and resilience should extensively be discussed and shared among Asian architects. She requested to prepare an ACSR resource booklet for deliberation and adoption in Dhaka as an outcome of the deliberation of the Hong Kong Roundtable.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Zhu Jingxiang from Hong Kong provided the Keynote presentation at the end and he presented modular buildings under the theme "Prefabrication with Soul". He discussed about new innovative structural systems which could be used in different aspects of building designs. He shared knowledge of practical examples done with his research team and elaborated on the energy conservation by using several structural methods and also the process of those new construction methods.

SUMMING UP

Chair ASCR Ar. Russell Dandeniya summed up the meeting along with the remarks of the President, Past President and Past Chairman and read out the items for the Resolution. Ar. Pae Ing and President contributed to formulate the final resolution in order

The Draft Resolution was formulated which is to be adopted at the ARCASIA Council at Dhaka in November 2019.

Chairman further thanked great host and for the arrangements specifically to President and Council of HKIA and Ar. Thomas Cheung for all the support extended.

VOTE OF THANKS

Ar. Thomas Cheung delivered the Vote of Thanks.

Minute prepared by: Manisha