ACYA, ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON YOUNG ARCHITECTS

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The first ARCASIA Handover Ceremony and OB & Committee Chairs meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 17 January 2015 hosted by the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA). The outgoing President Ar. Tan Pei Ing from Malaysia completed her tenure for 2013-2014 and handed over the administration to the new President Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand from Thailand for a two year term of 2015-2016. A very fruitful OB meeting and discussions were held amongst the new committee members.
It was an important occasion as two Pakistani architects and IAP Members, Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan Sherpao took over as ARCASIA Vice President Zone A while Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi took over as the first Chairman of ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA). They will both serve a two year term for 2015 & 2016. The other two Vice Presidents are Ar. Endy Subijono, Zone B from Indonesia and Ar. Jaeho Shim, Zone C from Korea. Ar. Rita Soh from Singapore took over as Chairman of Arcasia Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR); Ar. Nuno Soares from Macau took over as Chairman of Arcasia Committee on Architectural Education (ACAE), Ar. Qazi M. Arif from Bangladesh took over as Chairman of Arcasia committee on Green & Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA) and Ar. Shin, Chun Gya from Korea took over as Chairman of Arcasia Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP)
A number of points were discussed in the agenda defining the new projects planned for the next two years. Some of these are as follows:

1. Launch of ARCASIA Travel Prize Competition for young architects under 40 to be announced this month, January 2015.

2. Setting up Professional Practice Workshop for all architects, young and old, to have a better understanding of international standard practice with subjects ranging from "how to" set up an architectural practice, office management, as well as project management. The first workshop series will be held at ARCASIA Forum in Ayutthaya between 10-16 November 2015.
An MOU signing ceremony was also held with two corporate partners, BlueScope and Sika. BlueScope which will be providing sponsorship funding for ARCASIA Travel Prize to Japan, while Sika will be the "Platinum Partner" and provide financial support for the next two years. In addition, two partners will provide technical support for ARCASIA Technical Workshop which will also be launched during ARCASIA Forum in Ayutthaya.

The new President introduced his "Team ARCASIA" at the end and talked about the efforts we all need to make as architects and do as many activities and projects possible for the benefit of our member institutes and Asian architects.

A closing dinner was arranged the same night by ASA which was attended by the new & outgoing ARCASIA office bearers & committee chairs and office bearers of ASA.
Arcasia Teacher’s Training Workshop

Islamabad, Pakistan.
7th – 18th April’ 2015
The Institute of Architects, Pakistan is determined to improve architectural education in Pakistan. With the number of schools added each year, and lack of trained studio teachers, a series of international workshops have been conducted in the last three years, with Ar. Prof. Nuno Soares, and Ar. Prof. Thomas Daniell in July 2013 and October 2014 respectively, under the banner of IAP, BAE & ARCASIA which were both a huge success. The workshop was called “Designing the Studio”.

In 2013, 38 teachers from 18 accredited schools were trained while in 2014, 48 teachers from 22 accredited schools were trained.

Both these workshops were planned for duration of one week each.

This year IAP took another initiative and made the event even larger. This IAP-ARCASIA Teacher Training Workshop to train young teachers from Pakistan and ARCASIA countries was jointly hosted by ARCASIA Zone A & ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA). Ar. S. M. Jahangir Khan is also the Vice President of ARCASIA Zone A & Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi is currently the first Chairman of ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA). The Rawalpindi – Islamabad Chapter, Institute of Architects, Pakistan organized this mega event. A team of 15 Senior & young architects from IAP made it possible by sheer dedication and hard work.
Ar. Prof. Fabio Todeschini from South Africa was invited for a two week extensive workshop called “Urbanism & Architecture”. One teacher each from countrywide accredited schools was invited including ARCASIA member countries. A total of 16 Pakistani & 2 international teachers from Bangladesh & Sri Lanka participated.

The Venue for the first workshop was School of Art Design & Architecture (SADA), at NUST University, Islamabad while the second & the current workshop was organized at Comsats Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Islamabad.
IAP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, NC MEMBERS & PARTICIPANTS
TEACHER’S TRAINING
Arcasia Travel Prize
ARCASIA Travel Prize, based on tabulating the results of the judges from the ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA).

The awardees are:

ZONE A : Mr. Projwol Raj Batjracharya  
Traditional Newari Houses - Kathmandu, Nepal

ZONE B : Mr. Made Suprana Wibawa  
Jineng Roof - Bali, Indonesia

ZONE C : Ms. Hang Mei Mary Grace Chiu  
Steel Folded Rooftop Houses - Hong Kong
The American Institute of Architects (AIA) organized its annual Convention & Expo from 14-16 May 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. It was a great opportunity for ARCASIA & AIA working group to meet & work together on various projects therefore a special meeting between ARCASIA President Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand & his team & AIA President Ar. Elizabeth Chu Richter & her team was arranged on 16 May 2015 at Georgia World Congress Centre.

AIA officially invited ARCASIA Office bearers to attend this convention which was attended by President ARCASIA, Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand, Immediate Past President ARCASIA Ar. Tan Pei Ing and Chairman ACYA (ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects) Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi. President IAP Ar. S. M. Jahangir Khan who is also Vice President ARCASIA Zone also invited but was not able to attend due to prior commitments.
During the meeting President ARCASIA presented the Nepal Earthquake situation and assessment at the International Presidents' Forum as well as to AIA President Elizabeth Chu Richter and Directors at our AIA-ARCASIA Meeting.

Architects Foundation Director, Sherry-Lea Bloodworth Botop who runs the philanthropic arm of AIA was also present at the meeting. Architects Foundation reached out to ARCASIA with a proposal to help with the Earthquake Reconstruction in Nepal.

In the proposal, ARCASIA and Architects Foundation will act as facilitators to link SONA, All Hands Volunteers, and Small Works to work together for the reconstruction of homes in historical towns and villages.

The raising of funds will be through Architects Foundation network. No money will be coming from SONA nor the Government of Nepal.

The meeting was also attended by Robert Ivy, EVP/Chief Executive Officer George Kunihiro, Executive Region Director, AIA Strategic Council, Christine Bruckner, International Region President and Rachel Minnery, Director, Built Environment Policy Lindsey Mullarkey Specialist, Strategic Alliance + Initiatives. AIA representatives touched upon their disaster Assistance criteria that cover advocacy, training, education, policy, research and Network/ partnership.
The meeting also touched upon continuing professional Development Program for Young Architects, an Interface between ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects and AIA Emerging Architects Network, Architectural Education and Architecture Facility Training Program and especially Joint Emergency and Disaster Programs after the Nepal earthquake.

Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi met with Young Architects of the AIA Emerging Professionals including Ar. Erin Murphy, Sr. Director, Center for Emerging Professionals and they spoke in detail on various projects and exchange programs they can collaborate for the future. They also discussed how they can share information to improve cross cultural programs between young architects and students.
The convention came to a close on the eve of June 16’ 2015 with the Convocation dinner. This black tie event was attended by international delegates, AIA Fellows & Associates. The Chancellor and AIA President were the hosts of the evening and thanked everyone for coming from various parts of the world and across America to attend this annual convention. It was a grand evening, enjoyed by all.
Peach Tree Hotel
Welcome Dinner Night
Mr. Bill Clinton Addressing the convention
International Presidents Meeting
Meeting Ar. Erin Murphy, Sr. Director, Center for Emerging Professionals
Aga Khan Travel Exhibition

Islamabad, Pakistan.
11th June’ 2015
The Institute of Architects, Pakistan has been organizing various national and international events in the last many years and the 2013 Aga Khan Award for Architecture is a series of many such exhibitions organized by the Karachi, Lahore & Islamabad Chapters respectively. The Aga Khan Award for architecture is one of the most prestigious international architectural awards in the world and is organized every three years and projects that are completed six years prior to the awards time are eligible for judging.

The Rawalpindi- Islamabad Chapter of IAP organized the third exhibition titled "Architecture is Life" presenting twenty projects that were selected during the year 2011-2013.
After the exhibitions success in Karachi and Lahore it was opened for public viewing in Islamabad on June 11 & 12’ 2015 at the National Art Gallery. H.E Mr. Istvan Szabo the Hungarian Ambassador to Pakistan inaugurated the show. President IAP, Ar. Jahangir Khan Sherpao briefed the Chief Guest and walked him through the works on display.

A small ceremony was arranged by the IAP Team to conclude the opening ceremony. Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi, Chairman ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA) opened the evening and expressed his views and the efforts made by IAP in the promotion of architecture both in Pakistan and internationally. He spoke on the background of this travel exhibition and briefed the audience of the history of the Aga Khan Awards for Architecture.
Arcasia Roundtable Summit on Post-Disaster Reconstruction in Nepal
ADDRESS OF INTERNATIONAL DIGNITARIES:

AR. ESA MOHAMMAD, UIA PRESIDENT

UIA insuring habitability in the region despite the severe climate change and its devastating catastrophes.

AR. SATHIRUT NUI TANDANAND, ARCASIA PRESIDENT

Assistance from AIA - "ARCASIA was able to reach out to international agencies when we had a meeting with AIA- they were very much interested to help."

AR. KISHORE THAPPA – SONA PRESIDENT, SOCIETY OF NEPALESE ARCHITECTS

Regarded negligence and insensitive measures of design as the real cause of massive destruction. Stated that the country is in the state of modernization, at such a stage we aimed too high without complying to municipal building codes which resulted in unfortunate happenings.

SONA is proud enough to provide support to Nepalese government for designing the reconstruction design proposals whose building with commence right after monsoon in October.

Brought into light the aspect of relocation for rehabilitation which has socio-cultural and political issues- several villages had to be relocated due to land sliding. Expect international community to lend support and help in relocation and preservation of national heritage.
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
DAY 1 - PRESENTATIONS

Delegates shared personal experiences when calamity hit their respective countries.

Brought light to the pre-disaster negligence and post-disaster efforts done by communities at group level as well as national level.

The role of architects in preventing such disasters done through generic designs and relief efforts for national and international calamities.

Fostering pride and ownership in the local community.

Great emphasis on incorporating local craft and indigenous materials in all design and construction techniques to avoid catastrophes and bounce back to normalization once disaster strikes.
Present:

- **President:** Ar. Sathirut Tandanand
- **Hon. Sec:** Ar. Luke Yeung
- **Hon. Tres:** Ar. Supaporn Vithayathawornwong
- **VP Zone A:** Ar. Jahangir S.M. Khan
- **VP Zone B:** Ar. Endy Subijono
- **ACGSA:** Ar. Qazi M Arif
- **ACAE:** Ar. Nuno Soares
- **ACSR:** Ar. Rita Soh
- **ACYA:** Ar. Fawad Suhail Abassi
- **Fellowship:** Ar. Lee Chor Wah
- **Past President:** Ar. Tan Pei Ing
- **Advisor:** Ar. Yolanda Reyes
- **PAM President:** Ar. Mohd Zulhemlee An
- **UIA President:** Ar. Esa Mohamed
- **Dr. Tan Loke Mun**
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18TH ARCASIA FORUM & 36TH ARCASIA COUNCIL MEETING
ACYA recommendations and suggestions

- To have an inventory of great young architects, from each member country. Perhaps from each 5 each nation of nation. It is not an award just sharing of projects between the countries. Not limited to ‘built’ projects can be future projects. Can be professional or graduate architects – at the discretion of each institute.

- To conduct event specifically for young architects by young architects, such as:
  - Pecha Kucha Presentation from each (Pecha Kucha is a specific presentation format which every speaker is limited to only 20 slides that will automatically play every 20 seconds)
  - Talks pairing countries with interesting dynamic and cross border issues

- To participate more prominently in the congress or forum, such as:
  - To create an ACYA pavilion similar to young architects at the AIA convention and congress
To create Student Thesis exhibitions from all members countries

To support program called Asia Young Designer Award. It is had 2307 entries last year from Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Pakistan, China, Indonesia, Japan Hong Kong, Philippines, Bangladesh and Papua New Guinea. This year they are adding Sri Lanka, Taiwan and India. Originally called Nippon Young Designer Award which has been running since 2009. They have agreed to drop the word ‘Nippon’ from the title for the coming years in view of ARCASIA support.

To create programs to teach business, accounting and management basics as many young architects are ill equipped in their practice.

To collect state of practice data on all architects in all countries to see the actual scenario when it comes to young architects. A centralized database on demographics of young architects and their constitution and make up within each individual institute.

To look into publishing a projects compilation or news on young architects in the form of thematic pdf newsletters which later would be able to be compiled into proper e book or even physical publication.

To facilitate cross-border internship program that stay within the legal boundaries of employment laws. Example: architectural holiday camps.

To continue and improve the Arcasia Travel Prize