



Institute of Architects PUJA Brunei

COUNTRY REPORT

The 44th Arcasia Council Meeting
and Arcasia Forum 22
Colombo, Sri Lanka
15th - 16th Jan 2025

Our History

PUJA (Brunei) was conceived during the first meeting of local Architects, Engineers and Quantity Surveyors, both from the government and private sectors at the Royal Customs Conference Room on 17th June 1982.

An application made to the Registrar of Societies, Brunei to form PUJA (Brunei) was approved on 31st January 1984.

PUJA (Brunei) held its first general meeting on 9th December 1984, which was attended by twenty-eight (28) Architects, Engineers and Quantity Surveyors to discuss and adopt the Constitution and to elect the Council for 1985-1986 terms.

PUJA Objectives

The objectives of Pertubuhan Ukur, Jurutera dan Arkitek, Negara Brunei Darussalam (PUJA), as described in its constitution, among others include the promotion, fostering and advancement of the science and art of professions of surveyors, engineers and architects in line with the aims and objectives of His Majesty The Sultan And Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam.

Office Bearers 2024-2025

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Institute of Architects - IAPB committee

Each respective Discipline operates autonomously as their own institute with Members according to their discipline. Architects operate under IAPB with a nominated Chair and formally appointed President of the Institute.



Chair cum. President

Advisor

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Head of Membership & Discipline,

Head Green & Sustainable Arch.

Ar. Hj. Amiruddin Abdul Aziz

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Institute Membership (Architects)

Fellows	4
Corporate	56
Associate	9
Graduate	12
Student	163

Registered Practicing Architects 41

Annual General Meeting

AGM shall be held in the month of February each year with Mid term Agenda (year 1) and Full Term Agenda and Voting Process (Year 2)

Legal Status

In Brunei, the practice of architecture is regulated by the Architects, Professional Engineers, and Quantity Surveyors Order- APEQS 2011. This legislation stipulates that only registered architects with a valid practicing certificate can legally prepare architectural plans, drawings, or designs for construction, enlargement, or alteration of buildings. Unauthorized use of the title "Architect" or similar derivatives is prohibited, enforcing a clear distinction between qualified professionals and others.

Registration Authority for Architects in the country

The Authority for Registration falls under the Board of Architects, Professional Engineers and Quantity Surveyors (BAPEQS) This statutory body oversees the registration, licensing, and regulation of architects, professional engineers, and quantity surveyors in the country, under the Architects, Professional Engineers,

and Quantity Surveyors Order 2011. Only Registered architects may use the Prefix “Ar.”

Budget of Institute

Revenue derived from:

- Annual Membership subscriptions
- Arranged CPD seminars
- Events and Activities
- Sponsorships

International Affiliations

IAPB (PUJA) joined the Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) as the 21st institute member.

Future plans for IAPB

- Engagement on the SDGs to meet the Sustainable Communities and other targets
- Local Architectural Competition/Awards to be organised
- Further Engagements / MOU with other institutes to promote and Learn from best practices
- Seek Opportunities to work with local and international social organisations for mutual benefits
- Organise and Arrange for Facilitating Part 3 exams and working closely with Board for new registration of practicing architects

Key Issues for Architects in Brunei

- Primarily the decline of the construction industry in line with the national decline in economy reduces activity and affects the livelihood of Architects and Professionals .

- National Government practice of awarding D&B contracts almost exclusively with specific interpretation also has resulted in negative results for Projects and Architects / Professionals involved.
- Education standards and Accreditation of University programs still need to be achieved. Currently only one university - University Technology Brunei- UTB has an architecture degree program with Diploma level program in one vocational School - Politeknik Brunei
- Low membership numbers - Difficulty attracting young architects and graduates to bolster numbers, volunteers among members are few for committee workgroups

Thank you



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