

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION



The Architects Association of Khmer (AAK) is the professional organization dedicated to advancing architecture education and practice in Cambodia. It was originally established as the Cambodian Society of Architects (CSA) in 2006, and in 2022 it was renamed to the Architects Association of Khmer (AAK). AAK plays an important role in supporting its members, maintaining the code of professional conduct, and advocating for the advancement of the architectural profession in Cambodia.

CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS



CHAIRMAN
Ar. Sin Sochiet



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MEMBER
Ar. Meas Borarithy



MEMBER
Ar. Chhorn Setha

Executive Committee includes Directors of seven commissions: Administrative and Financial Accounting, Architecture Education, Continuing Professional Development, Architecture and Construction Research, International Relations and Cooperation, Media IT and Dissemination, Architectural Expo and Competition Organization.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

As of July 2025:

AAK LICENCED ARCHITECTS	AAK INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTS	AAK ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
114	3	435
AAK PROFESSIONAL COOPERATIVE	AAK ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS	AAK HONORARY MEMBERS
25	568	3

Total: 580 registered members, excluding student members.

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS



AAK currently operates as a single national chapter.

BUDGET OF THE ASSOCIATION

- The budget of AAK is derived from:
- Membership fees
 - Donations and contributions from individuals and entities
 - Income from legally recognized sources
 - Personal resources and properties

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Architects Association of Khmer (AAK) held its 2024 Annual General Meeting and Dinner Reception as the New Year approached. The event brought together the Board, members, and associates to celebrate the achievements of the past year, foster stronger relationships, and reaffirm their shared commitment to greater success in the years ahead.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE COUNTRY

AAK is officially registered as a non-political, non-profit, law-abiding association under the laws of the Kingdom of Cambodia. It operates under Prakas 275 PK-MOI and Prakas 1428 PK-MOI.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE ARCHITECTS IN THE COUNTRY

Architects in Cambodia are regulated by the Board of Architects Cambodia (BAC), the Professional Regulatory Authority under the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning, and Construction. Registration categories include Category 1, 2, and 3 Architects based on years of experience.

EDUCATION

Education
Architecture (4-5Y)

BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

ASEAN Architect (44)
(Follow AAC Guideline)

BAC Architect(114)
From Registered Architect

Registered Architect (2,020)
Architect (2Y)

REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR ARCHITECTS IN THE COUNTRY

The Board of Architects Cambodia (BAC) is the sole authority responsible for the registration and regulation of architects in Cambodia.



INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

AAK is proudly a full member of the Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA). It has participated in regional events and collaborated with international architectural bodies.



MAJOR PROGRAMS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE PAST YEARS

Recent major activities include:



CAMBODIA ARCHITECTURE GALLERY



DESIGN COMPETITION: 'BREATH OF THE CITY'



COASTAL DEVELOPMENT DESIGN COMPETITION



ASEAN 47TH COUNCIL MEETING (CO-HOSTED WITH BAC)



SEMINAR: 'GREEN BUILDING IN CAMBODIA'



SEMINAR: 'THE HYDRAULIC CITY OF ANGKOR'

ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITIONS/AWARDS

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KEY ISSUES FACING THE PROFESSION

- Outdated regulations that hinder collaboration between BAC and AAK, particularly in CPD implementation
- Weak enforcement of standards and building codes
- Limited international exposure for Cambodian architects



RESOURCES OF THE ASSOCIATION

AAK's resources include its membership network, organizational commissions, collaborations with BAC and government agencies, and support from local and international partners.

EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT ARCASIA RESOLUTIONS

- Inclusivity: Promoting equal opportunities for all architects in Cambodia, fostering collaboration across diverse backgrounds, and ensuring representation in national and regional platforms.

Sustainability: Integrating environmentally responsible design principles into programs, competitions, and advocacy efforts to address local and regional environmental challenges.

Knowledge Sharing: Strengthening collaboration and expertise exchange through seminars, joint projects, and active participation in ARCASIA and other international events.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

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| <p>2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AAK Congress - Cambodia Architecture Festival - Collaboration with BAC for ASEAN Architecture Congress in Cambodia - Two design competitions annually - Four seminars annually - Official launch of AAK website - Adjusting membership types | <p>2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing CPD program |
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OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR ARCASIA COUNCIL

- As a new member of ARCASIA, the Architects Association of Khmer (AAK) will focus on observing and understanding the Council's processes and initiatives during this initial period. This will allow us to identify the most effective ways to contribute. We are committed to increasing our participation and making meaningful contributions to ARCASIA's programs in the future.