

INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS PAKISTAN 21st Asian Congress of Architects (ACA 21)

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute of Architects, Pakistan (IAP) was established in 1957 by a small group of architects who had been trained in the West and either worked for the government or were in private practice. IAP was formally registered in 1969 under the Societies Act, and subsequently registered in 1987 under the Companies Ordinance 1984 and with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) in 2021 with the following objectives amongst others:

- To organize the profession of architecture in Pakistan and to look after professional interests as well as those of the public, in general, concerned with the building profession.
- To promote the cause of Architecture in Pakistan and to assist in the setting up of schools of architecture throughout the country.
- To enforce a code of ethics and discipline among practicing architects and for this purpose to promote the passing of a statutory Registration Act for architects in Pakistan.
- To establish contact with other national and international professional bodies of architects throughout the world, and
- To conduct research and organize seminars, conferences, and exhibitions for promoting the cause of the architectural profession

Members of IAP have been instrumental in setting up and running many of the private architecture schools in the country. Apart from the majority of the full-time faculty who are members of IAP, a large number of senior members of IAP are associated with schools as visiting professors, thesis advisors, or jurors.

Through the consistent efforts and lobbying of IAP the professions of Architecture and Town Planning received the due recognition and protection with the establishment of a statutory registration body, Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP) in 1983.

IAP has conducted several architectural design competitions at local, national and international levels for the government and corporate clients. It continues to conduct competitions on its own or in collaboration with PCATP.

IAP is invited and is represented on several statutory bodies, commissions and committees related to the built environment, constituted by the Federal, Provincial and City Governments.

In 2007, the Institute took a significant step to reorganize itself and redefine the relationship between the National Council and the Chapter Executive Committees. By adopting the Charter of Chapters, the National Council of the IAP devolved to its Chapters the responsibility to manage its membership, organise events and generate funds for them. The National Council assumed for itself, a monitoring, coordinating, and policy-making role. The National Council represents the Institute at the Federal Government level and in national and international forums.

The National Council of IAP is currently processing major revisions of its Articles of Association and Members Code of Conduct to cater to the current and future demands of the profession in line with the IAP Founders' vision.

IAP NATION WIDE CHAPTERS



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

2717 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
106 FELLOW MEMBERS
3551 AFFILIATE / STUDENT MEMBERS

IAP IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:



IAP FELLOWSHIP INVESTITURE CEREMONY, ISLAMABAD FEB 9TH, 2025



IAP FELLOWSHIP INVESTITURE CEREMONY, KARACHI MAY 4TH, 2025



IAPEX 2025 "URBAN HORIZONS", RAWALPINDI ISLAMABD CHAPTER

IAPEX 2025, held at the Pak-China Friendship Centre from 7th to 9th February 2025, focused on the theme "Urban Horizons – Architecture and the Future of Urban Precincts," exploring sustainable urban development and innovative architectural solutions. The event saw a great turnout of professionals, industry partners, and the public. Chief Guest Dr. Shehzad Khan Bangash, Minister of Housing and Works, emphasized the importance of sustainable urban planning in Pakistan's future. The exhibition featured cutting-edge materials, sustainable solutions, and emerging trends in architecture. It also included live demonstrations, interactive sessions, and expert discussions, making IAPEX 2025 a key platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and artistic expression.



IAPEX 2025. KARACHI CHAPTER

IAPEX 2025 proved to be a landmark event in the architectural calendar, setting new standards in creativity, outreach, and presentation. Spread over four impactful days, the event drew an enthusiastic and diverse audience, with participation from across the country. Architects, designers, students, professionals, and the general public came together to experience a thoughtfully curated series of sessions, exhibitions, and interactions.



INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS PAKISTAN (IAP) LAUNCHES SOCIALLY RESPONSIVE TREE PLANTATION DRIVE AT SHALMAN PARK, HAYATABAD, PESHAWAR



MOU SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN IAP AND WWF-PAKISTAN, LAHORE



THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE IAP MULTAN CHAPTER



"SHIFT: FROM VOID TO VALUE - AN IMMERSIVE DESIGN THINKING CHARRETTE", KARACHI



IAP GREEN INITIATIVE, POLICY & SDG, ISLAMABAD

