



Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA)

The Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA) is the national professional body that represents architects across Nepal. It was founded in 1990 by a group of architects from different sectors—academia, government, and private practice—with the aim of safeguarding and promoting the architectural profession in the country. Since then, SONA has played a vital role in ensuring that architecture in Nepal develops in harmony with the nation’s geography, culture, climate, and modern aspirations. Today, SONA has grown into an organization with over 1,800 members nationwide. It is led by an Executive Committee, elected for two years, and supported by nine thematic sub-committees that focus on areas such as education, sustainable architecture, heritage conservation, and women in architecture. Through this structure, SONA works to protect the rights and responsibilities of architects while encouraging high professional standards and ethics.

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Training #1
19 - 21 February, 2024
Pokhara, Gandaki Province



Training #2
21 - 23 April, 2024
Lalitpur, Bagmati Province



Training #3
8 - 10 May, 2024
Bhairahawa, Lumbini Province



Training #4
15 - 17 September, 2024
Kathmandu, Bagmati Province



Training #5
21 - 26 September, 2024
Kathmandu, Bagmati Province



Training #6
28 - 30 December, 2024
Chitwan, Bagmati Province



Training #7
14 - 16 February, 2025
Kathmandu, Bagmati Province



Training #8
15 - 17 March, 2025
Pokhara, Gandaki Province



Training #9
20 - 22 March, 2025
Bhairahawa, Lumbini Province

The Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA), in partnership with BUILDING Energy Efficiency in Nepal (BEEN)—a project funded by the European Union under the Switch Asia grant programme successfully conducted the session of 3 days each on nine different places of Nepal on Inclusive Energy Efficient Building Design. The programme covered key aspects of energy-efficient and inclusive design, with hands-on demonstrations of rat-trap bond masonry and insulation techniques for walls and roofs. Participants also analyzed buildings through simulations and case studies to explore effective measures, tools, and materials for enhancing efficiency



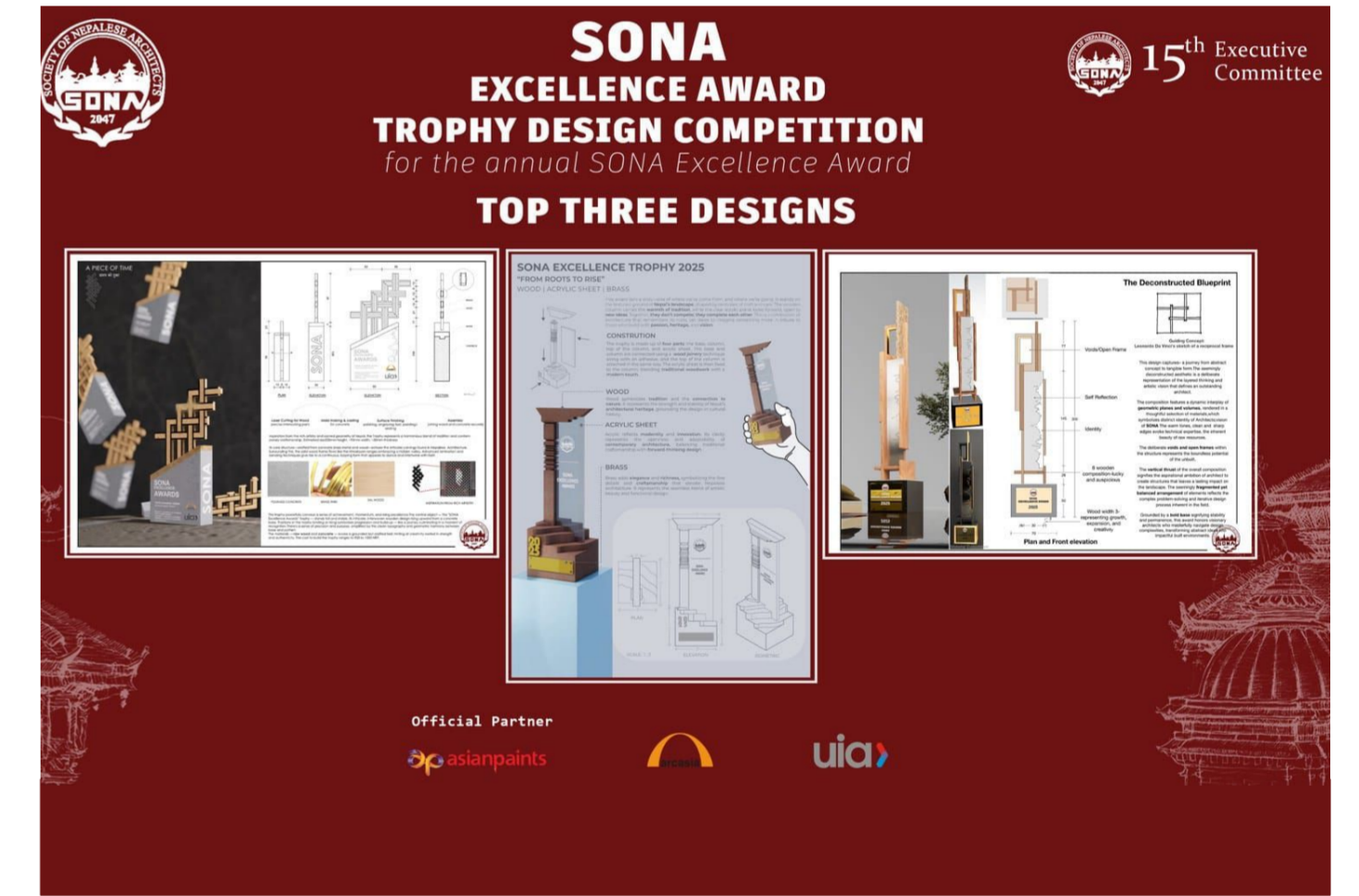
Team SONA from Nepal won the best performance for the second time in the row in ARCASIA Colombo Forum 22! Thanks to enthusiastic performance from the students and also our members!



Successful completion of the Green Building Guideline Nepal validation workshop on 2nd March 2025, developed by DUDBC with the World Bank and SONA.



On 30 May, 2025 and 3rd June, 2025, MoU was Signed between SONA & Khowpa Engineering College and ACME Engineering College respectively which aims to foster collaboration and advancing education standards.



SONA Excellence Award Trophy Design Competition: This trophy will be used for the annual SONA Excellence Award and for other events.

SOCIETY OF NEPALESE ARCHITECTS ARCHITECT SPEAKS

Inspire Inclusion - The Significance of Inclusive Design in Architecture in Nepal

KEYNOTE

MODERATOR

PANELIST

- AR. PODNAM SHAH, Principal Architect, Shah Consult International Pvt. Ltd.
- AR. KOMAL MAHATO, Architect
- AR. DRISTI MANANDHAR, Principle Architect, Studio Z&B
- AR. BHUBANESWARI PARAJULI, Architect Planner, BESI & ORR Advisor
- AR. SUYASH SINGH PRADHAN, Director/Architect, Square unit pvt. Ltd.
- AR. HEENA GWALI, Co-founder and architect, Studio suzair Nepal and International Designs Collective Nepal
- AR. SARMILAN MAHARJAN, Co-founder of Line Work Architects

PANEL DISCUSSION ON

"Multi-Disciplinary Nature of Building Projects in Nepal"

SESSION 1: Role of Government, Academia, the Multi-Disciplinary Building, Construction Process and Implementation

SESSION 2: Project Scope, Responsibility and Implementation

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Ar. Abhishek Mananda Bajracharya, SONA Deputy General Secretary, presenting his paper on Vehicles in the historic core areas of Kathmandu- A case of Kumari Jatra route, in Karachi, Pakistan on 2-4 May, 2025, organized by IAP Karachi Chapter.



Ar. Shristina Shrestha, represented ACSR workshop for Marginalized Community in Bangkok, Thailand, on 26-29 April, 2025 organized by ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility, hosted by The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA).



First Architectural conservation and Planning Studio Exhibition 2025 on 4th July, 2025 in Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk Campus organized by SONA in collaboration with all the Architectural Colleges of Nepal.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, SONA Committee on Nepali Women in Architecture organized an interesting panel session: "Inspire Inclusion- The Significance of Inclusive Design in Architecture in Nepal."

Panel Discussion on 'Multi-Disciplinary Nature of Building Projects in Nepal' on 6th June, 2025. This event was among the first where allied professionals gathered to discuss key issues.