

The Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA), founded in 1957, is governed by a 20-member Council, with the current Council appointed in February 2025. Today, SLIA has a membership strength of 2,010.

Under the leadership of President Archt. Dilummini De Mel, the Institute has been actively broadening its regional and local presence. From February to August 2025, several key initiatives have already been achieved, with further plans underway to strengthen and expand the Institute's role.

01 THE KUALA LUMPUR ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL (KLAFF) 2025 & ARCHIDEX 2025



Upon the invitation of the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM), SLIA President Archt. Dilummini De Mel attended the Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival (KLAFF) 2025 and ARCHIDEX 2025, held from 23rd to 26th July 2025 in Kuala Lumpur.

02 SLIA AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AASA KATHMANDU

SLIA President Archt. Dilummini De Mel attended the official establishment of the Architects Association of South Asia (AASA) on 25th August 2025 in Kathmandu, hosted by the Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA). The event united regional leaders to foster collaboration, share expertise, and strengthen professional ties, with SLIA's participation underscoring its commitment to advancing architecture and regional cooperation.

03 SLIA CHAPTERS IN THE REGIONS

With the support of the Ministry and CIDA, SLIA will establish seven new provincial chapters in addition to the existing Kandy Chapter. This initiative aims to expand access to qualified architects, promote equitable distribution of services, and enhance the quality of the built environment across the island.

04 SLIA PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO IIA JODHPUR CENTRE STRENGTHENS REGIONAL COLLABORATION

On 5th April 2025, SLIA President Archt. Dilummini De Mel attended the IIA Jodhpur event in India, representing the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects. The visit fostered knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and stronger professional ties between the two institutions and the wider regional architectural community.

05 SLIA PARTICIPATION AT OPA CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME

The Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA), as a member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA), took part in the Career Guidance Programme on 31st July 2025, aimed at creating awareness among secondary school students about diverse career paths. SLIA showcased the vital role of architects in shaping the built environment and highlighted architecture as a career that combines creativity, technical expertise, and social responsibility, inspiring students to consider it as a future profession.



06 FORMATION OF ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH ASIA

On 25th August 2025, the Architects Association of South Asia was officially established to foster regional collaboration, sustainability, and innovation in architecture. SLIA President Ar. Dilummini De Mel played a key role in this historic initiative, uniting professionals across South Asia to shape the future of the profession.

