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AAM - INTRODUCTION

Architects Association of Macau (AAM) was established in 1987 and is an international recognized association of Professional Architects and active members of international organizations.

AAM's Mission

AAM is an international recognized association of professional architects with the aim of providing outstanding professional services to serve our city. Our objective is to promote general advancement of architecture through continuous education and raise the standards of Architecture and professional services offered by members of AAM.

MEMBER OF:



SIGNATURE EVENTS:

- World Architecture Day
- Macau Architecture Award
- Young Architects Competition
- Architectural Design Competition
- Go To School Program /
- Student Shadow Program
- CPD Workshops & Seminars
- Architectural Student Summer Camp
- Fellowship members Sharing sessions

AAM Since: 1980	MACAU : 32.9 KM2	POPULATION 660+K
MACAU REGISTERED ARCHITECTS TOTAL:		433
CURRENT REGISTERED ARCHITECT (2025) :		190+
APPROVED INTERNSHIP ARCHITECTURAL GRADUATE		70
INTERNSHIP QUALIFY FOR EXAM		62
AAM Members: 419		
Active Members 2025: 130+		



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ZONE C : TOPIC

IS THERE **A CHIEF ARCHITECT POSTION** IN YOUR COUNTRY'S **GOVERNMENT CIVIL ADMINISTRATION**?

- IF THERE IS - IS THERE **EFFECTIVE AND BENEFICIAL** TO THE PROFESSION?
- IF NOT - DO YOU THINK **IT IS NEEDED**?

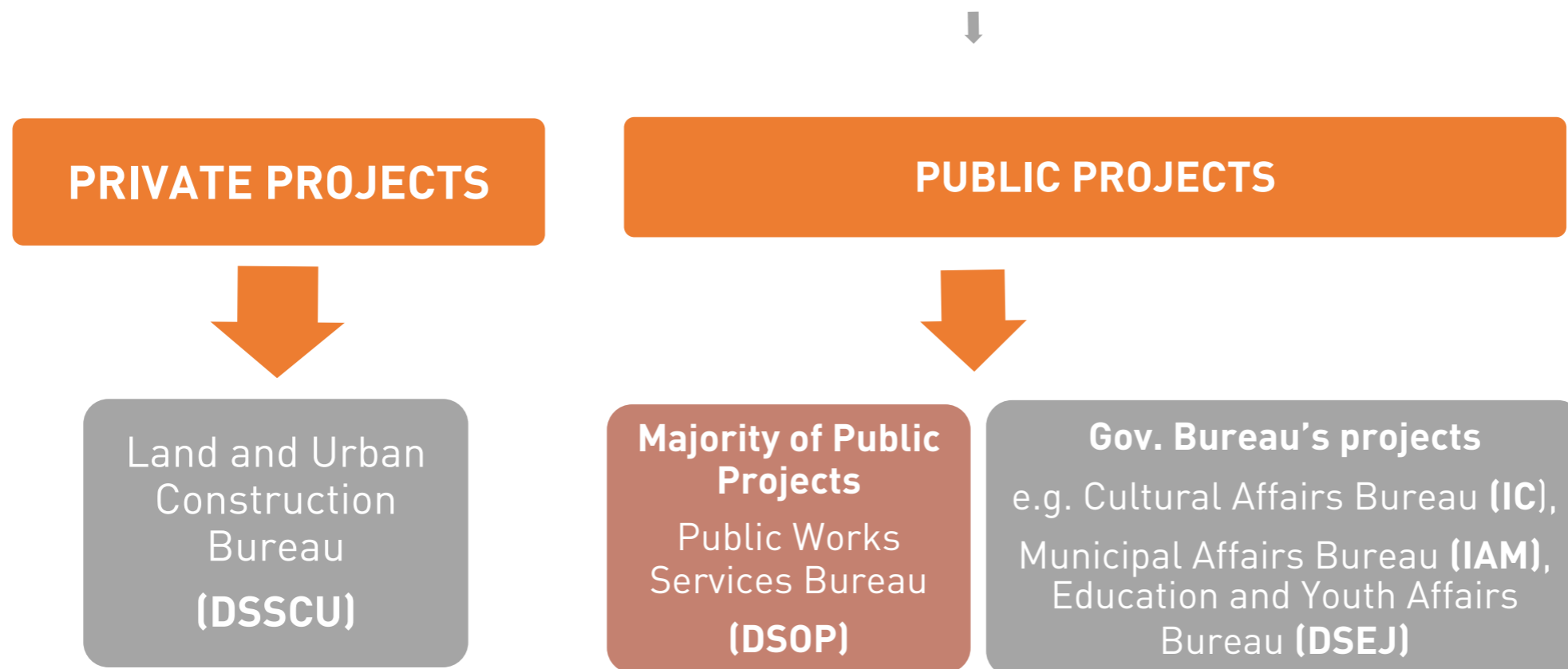
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CURRENT SITUTAION IN MACAU the administration is managed:

Architects may serve as officials,

but **no designated “Chief Architect” national-level position** exists.



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POLICY & AUTHORITY STRUCTURE

- **Architecture-related design guidelines** is **fragmented**;
- Covered by **multiple technical bureaus**.

Example: Heritage Preservation, Streetscape



Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has **internal guidelines** to access each developments if it **complies** with their guidelines.

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CHALLENGE

- Lack of **one unified professional architectural voice** in policy-making and authority;
- Urban planning, heritage conservation, sustainability policies not managed **holistically**;
- **Limited direct influence** of architects as a profession on long-term development visions. High Level Policy vs Implementation

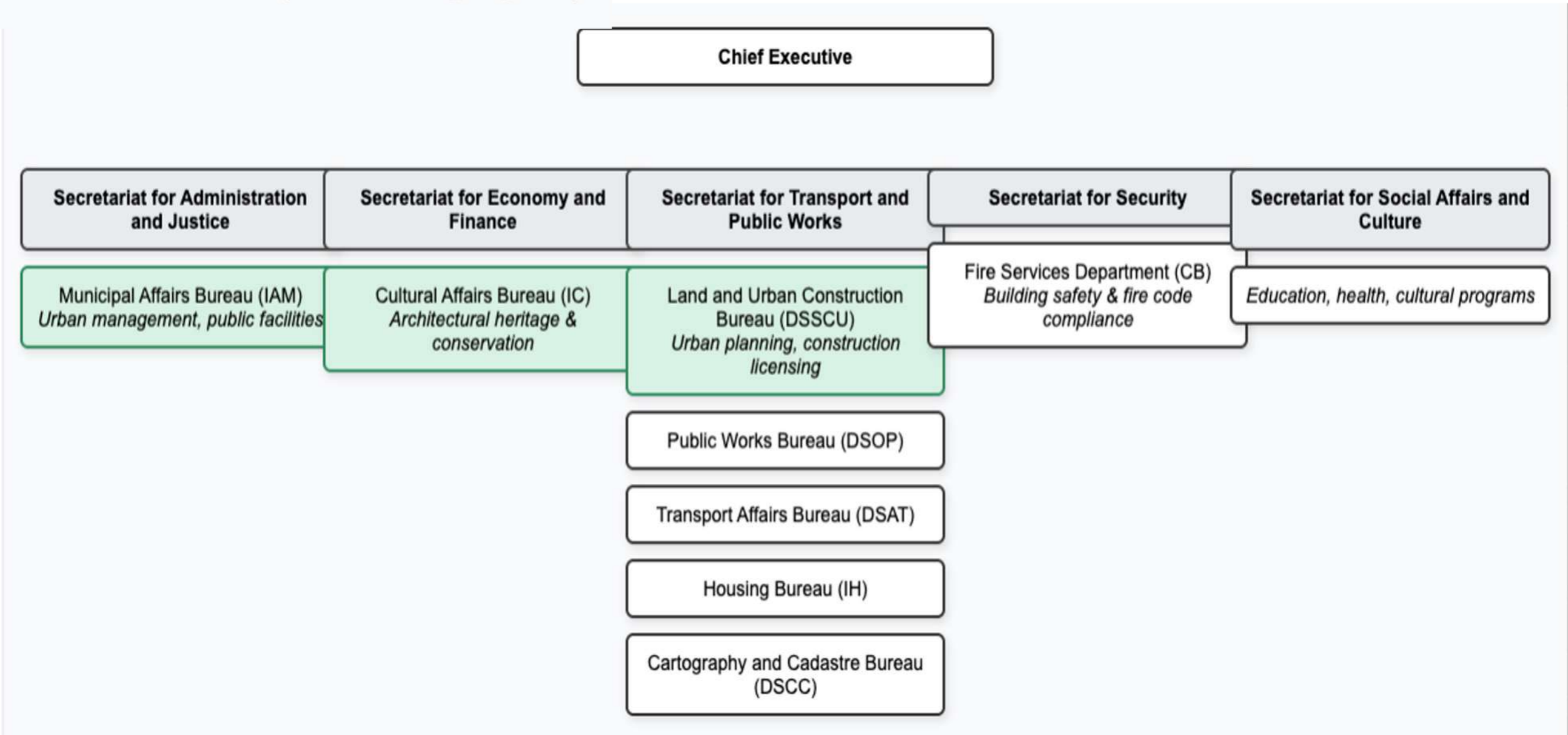
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Macau already has **multiple departments** handling urban planning, heritage, housing, and public works.

Macau SAR Government Structure
(Architecture-Related Departments Highlighted)



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CONSEQUENCES

IMPLICATIONS OF NOT HAVING A CHIEF ARCHITECT

Policy

- **prioritize technical/commercial solutions** over architectural quality. E.g. Lack of land for Macau.

Missed Opportunity to integrate

- sustainability, design excellence, and public interest at the policy level.

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IS IT NEEDED?

YES

POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF CA FOR MACAU

within
government

**CENTRALIZED
ARCHITECTURE
LEADERSHIP**

**STRONGER
ADVOCACY**

Architecture design
quality, public spaces,
sustainability, urban
planning

Between government,
professions and citizens

**FACILITATES
COMMUNICATION**

**EXHANCES
REGIONAL/
INTERNATIONAL
COLLABORATION**

Continuity and
knowledge transfer

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For Macau, Challenges remain @

- Bureaucratic overlap,
- City scale;
- Change of sufficient authority structure and resources to truly be effective.

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THOUGHTS

- ❑ Macau currently **does not** have a Chief Architect role
- ❑ AAM believes that such a role could add significant value to both the profession and the community.

While Macau does **not yet have a Chief Architect** in its government administration, we see this as **a valuable opportunity for the future :**

- not only to support the profession of architecture, but more importantly,
- to ensure that our cities **continue to grow** towards architectural excellence:

Sustainable, culturally rich, and people-centric direction.



We look forward to **learning from colleagues across Asia** on this matter.

THANK YOU

