Message from 2020 AIA president
2020年AIAジャパン代表からのご挨拶

I’d like to extend my warm greetings on behalf of Japan Chapter, The American Institute of Architects - AIA. As of January 2020, about 94,000 AIA members consist of Architects licensed in the US, International Associates licensed in each nation outside the US, Associates becoming Architects, and Students. In its history of more than 160 years, AIA members have long devoted themselves for the better living environment to be realized both locally and globally. AIA has extended its activities worldwide as International Regions with 7 chapters outside the US, including UK, Continental Europe, The Middle East, China. Japan chapter marks 15 years anniversary this year.

A core mission of architect is to visualize, design, construct and maintain architecture so that the general public can be blessed with better living environment. We may take different approaches as the occasion demands in each nation, city or countryside. With dreaming everyone’s bright future, we’ll continue to get involved in the development of the social infrastructure as long as architecture can be of help.

Continuing education is the key for all architectural professionals even after permitted licenses. Japan chapter, as well as other chapters in the US and overseas, offers lecture series, symposium, educational tours and other events for our members. The lecturers are architects and architecture-related professionals who aggressively cross borders with English as a common language. Members can also attend the annual International Regions Conference, the annual Architecture Conference and a leadership training sessions hosted by AIA National where members can socialize with each other while obtaining the most up-to-date knowledge in architecture and society. I’d like to stress that we can continue our activities of continuing education, thanks to the support by our sponsors.

We welcome you anytime at Japan Chapter, AIA, and let’s continue learning architecture. Many of the lectures and symposiums are actually open to the public. You can check on our website for the upcoming events. As variety of attendees is valued, we’ll try to arrange our events not only in the evening on weekdays but also weekends. We are looking forward to seeing you both at the venues and online.

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