Dear Memberships, Colleagues, and Friends,

After serving over four years with AIA Japan (AIAJ) as a board member, secretary, and vice-president, I feel extremely honored to be writing this message as the 2021 president of AIAJ.

As one of the international chapters, we have seen much growth over those years: we have become a General Incorporated Association (Ippan Shadan Hojin) in 2017, new branding was launched in 2018, and the Three-Year Strategic Plan was established in the following year. A variety of online lectures and events were also held despite the challenges of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

It was our dedicated officers, boards, and committees consisting of passionate volunteers for promoting architects in Japan who set a new vision for further growth and fought for the new challenges to serve the memberships, friends, and general public on a greater scale. Many significant things have been thankfully accomplished not only domestically but also internationally. Now AIAJ is a very strong and active chapter along with seven International chapters: Canada, Continental Europe, Hong Kong, Middle East, Shanghai, and UK.

As the 2021 president, I will continue to adapt our strategic plan and take steps forward to ensure our memberships to get more benefits and new activities to participate in, enhancing personal growth and helping improve their career development. This year is the final stage of the 2019-2021 Three-Year Strategic Plan. We will complement the existing committees by launching new committees, councils, and councils in order to strengthen our foundation in cooperation with AIA National and International Regions as well as to cultivate our own initiative:

1. Managing Groups
   - Executive Committee
   - Accreditation / Strategic Planning Committee
   - Membership Committee

2. Advisory Groups
   - Honorable and Fellow Council (Advisory and Nomination)
   - Legal Counsel

3. Supporting Groups
   - Public Relationship Committee
   - Sponsorship Committee
   - CES Committee

4. Core Activity Groups
   - Architecture Tour Committee
   - Design Awards Committee

5. Strategic Task Groups
   - Int’l Assoc. and Assoc. Committee
   - EP / AXP Advisor Committee
   - Program / Event Committee
   - Regional Representative Committee

The new organization makes it possible for every member to play an active role, and further we can be more sensitive to the individual’s and Japan chapter’s needs for promotion of our profession in this community. Additionally, we will build and develop relationships with organizations such as the Japan Institute of architects (JIA), the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), Urban Land Institute (UII), other AIA chapters in the U.S and the International Region, and more if possible!

I will also assure that we pursue our commitment to Climate Action so that the general public can be alert to future environmental changes and understand the significance of our role as advisor for sustainable and resilient design to solve environmental issues in Japan.

Together with officers, board members, volunteer memberships, and friends, we can make a difference in significant ways.

In closing, I am deeply grateful to our past leaders and volunteers for their devotion to AIA Japan. It is their hard work: immense alignment behind the strategy, which has paved the way to achieve our goal. I also truly appreciate our memberships' and general public's understanding and constant support. I look forward to another successful year, working together to deliver on our promises.

Sincerely,

Segene Park, AIA
2021 President of AIA Japan
Our Vision

Raise Sustainability Awareness
Show our commitment to Climate Action so that the general public is aware and understands the future environmental changes.

Ensure Professional Development
To ensure the best quality for educational opportunities for AIA members, architecture industry professionals, and the general public.

Support Emerging Professionals
Support of emerging professionals early in their career, help on research, identify and unpack career opportunities.

Elevate Public Awareness
To let AIA members and the general public in Japan know what we do and how we can assist the community.
2021 Major Milestone

Q1
Program and Event Planning
- Meetings with External Organizations and International Region
- Committee meetings

Q2
AIAJ Programs start
- Continuing Education (CES)
- Emerging Professional (EP)

Q3
AIAJ Events start
- Architecture Tours
- Networking Events

Q4
Year-End Event
- AIAJ Design Awards Ceremony
- Bonenkai

AIA National Events
- AIA National Conference

AIA IR Event
2021 Lecture Series & Events

March
• James Scott Brew, AIA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CPHC, LEED AP, WELL AP, a senior sustainability & wellness architect, building scientist and “student of story” with NIKKEN SEKKEI (Tokyo) [Lecture, Thu, 29th]

April
• Yumiko Yamada, AI AJ Program & Event Committee Chair / Partner at SANAA (Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa / SANAA) [Casual Event, Live only, Sat, 3rd]
  • Stephen Tanno Director of Pre-Construction Services of Scheco International [Lecture, Thu, 22nd]
  • Norihasa Kawashima, Professor at Meiji University [AIA IR Conference, Lecture, Mon, 26th]
• Luke Leung, Director of Firm Wide Sustainability Engineering Studio at SOM [AIA IR Conference, Lecture, Tue, 27th]

MAY
• Marcus Kim, Technical Solutions Executive at Autodesk / the author of the Mastering Autodesk Revit for Architecture series (2017, 2018, and 2020) [Lecture, Sat, 15th]
  • William F Baker, Consulting Partner/Structure Engineer at SOM [Lecture, Sat, 29th]

June
• Towers All Around Me: Florence Chan, Director at KPF Hong Kong/AIA HK VP, Takeyuki Katsuya, Director at Nikken Sekkei, and one more panelist will be announced later [Casual Panel Discussion, Live only, Sat, 12th]
• Colin Koop, Design Partner at SOM [Lecture, Sat, 19th]
• George Kunihiro, FAIA, Professor of Architecture at the Kokushikan University/Visiting Professor, Tsinghua University/Former President of AIAJ, ARCASIA, Vice Chairman of MAAN [Lecture, Sat, 26th]

July
• James Lambiasi, Principal and co-founder of James Lambiasi Architect/Former President of AIAJ/the Narrator of NHK World’s Series on Japanese Architecture: [Casual Event, Live only, Fri, 16th]

Aug
• Tiny Parks in the City: Miho Mazereeuw, Associate Professor of Architecture and Urbanism at MIT USA, Takako Tajima, Founder Tajima Open Design Office, Adjunct Assistant Professor at USC USA, and one more panelist will be announced later [Casual Panel Discussion, Date TBD]
  • Geeta Mehta, AIA: Founder and President at Asia Initiatives/Former President of AI AJ/Professor at Columbia University [EDI Session, Sat, 28th]

Sept
• Kazuhiro Sakurai, CEO at Asahi Shuzo & Jun Mitsui, CEO at Jun Mitsui & Associates Inc. Architects [Key Event, Sat 11th]
• Leon Rost, Partner at Big [Lecture, Thu, 16th]
• Junko Anazawa, Founder at Atelier Fuuchi [Lecture, Thu, 30]
• Tokyo from Afar: Florian Idenburg, Co-Founder at SO-IL, USA, and Jonas Elding, Co-Founder at Elding Oscarson, Sweden [Casual Panel Discussion, Live only, Date TBD]

Oct
• Shruti Kasarekar, Associate Director, a senior member of the Atelier Ten Energy Analysis Practice [Lecture, Thu, 21st]
• Kyoto Visit: Shinya Yamada Regional Representative Committee Chair/Principal at Yamada Architecture [Casual Event, Live only, Date TBD]
• The Kadokawa Musashino Museum virtual tour/Suguru Watanabe, Partner at Kengo Kuma & Associates [Key Event, Date TBD]

Nov
• Kazuyo Sejima, Founder at SANAA for AIA IR Hybrid Conference (If the conference canceled Yoshitaka Tanase, Partner at SANAA will give a virtual or physical tour in Japan) [Key Event, Sat, 13th]
• Shohei Shigematsu, a partner at OMA [Lecture, Sat, 20th]

Dec
• AIAJ Year End/Design Awards: [Key Event, 11th]
Managing Groups
Executive Committee

Managing directors consists of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer responsible for overseeing the operation.
Executive Committee 2021

Selected 2021 activities.

AIAJ President featured as one of the panelists

AIAJ & JIA Annual Meeting

AIAJ & ULJ First Meeting

AIAJ President featured as one of the speakers
Accreditation / Strategic Planning Committee

Ensures the efficient management of strategic guidance and developing the overall program for the subsequent year.

3-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2021
Contributing to the advancement of members and the general public

VISION
AIA Japan is a place for architects and emerging architecture professional advancement as well as for raising the awareness of the role architects among the general public in Japan.

- Elevate Public Awareness
- Support Professional Development
- Advocate for the Profession
- Ensure Financial Stability

- Raise Sustainability Awareness
  - Show our commitment to Climate Action so that the general public is aware and understands the future environmental changes.

- Ensure Professional Development
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Membership Committee

Track basic membership information, manage member records and store, communicate with members and prospects.

Information Announcement

Title: NCARB & You: Practicing architecture in the U.S.
AIA OK and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) invite you to join a free panel event to learn about becoming a licensed architect in the U.S.

Methods to accomplish this:
- Track basic membership information
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File Management

Record

Zoom Admin

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Advisor Groups
Honorable and Fellow Council
A group of AIAJ past-presidents convened for advice or consultation/ finding board and committee member candidates, and recommend to the board.
Legal Counsel

A group of AIAJ members convened for advice or instruction. The committee members will ensure the validity and legality of the chapter.

Policy Updates, Board of Directors’ Annual Registration, and Advice to the Officers, Boards, and Committees

- Whistleblower Protection Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Records Retention and Destruction Policy
- Antitrust Policy
- Harassment Policy
- Audit Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Financial Transactions Handling Policy
- Statement on Tax Filing
- AIA Statement on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Strategic Plan 2019-2021

MOU Between ULI Japan & AIA Japan
Supporting Groups
Public Relation Committee

Elevate public awareness and managing communication between an organization and the public.

- Sponsoring
- Participating In Events
- Creating Brochure
- Announcement / Website
Public Relation Committee
Elevate public awareness and managing communication between an organization and the public.
Sponsorship Committee
Find sponsors and maintain the relationships with sponsors.
Develop the program, review the lecture contents, and coordinate with AIA National.
CES Committee 2021
AIA Japan invited renowned speakers from many different countries.

Speakers as of September

More speakers will be featured in October - December
Core Activity Groups

2018 - 2020
Architecture Tour Committee
Organize the architecture tours, guided by AIAJ members.

Architecture Tour of Hotel New Grand
Architecture Walking Tour “Historic Houses On The Bluff at Yamate, Yokohama”
JMA’s Coca Cola HQ Bldg.

Contact Akira Nakamura at akira_nakamura@kbks.jp for the details.
Design Award Committee

Organize the jury session and prepare the award ceremony.
Design Award Jury Panel

2021

2020 AIA JAPAN DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS

2019 AIA JAPAN DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS

2018 AIA JAPAN DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS

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2012 AIA JAPAN DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS

2011 AIA JAPAN / NORTHWEST REGION DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS

2010 AIA JAPAN DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS

2009 AIA JAPAN DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS

2008 AIA JAPAN DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS

2007 AIA JAPAN DESIGN AWARDS JURY MEMBERS
Int’l Associate and Associate Committee

The bridge between the professionals in U.S. and Japan. Make both U.S. and Japan professionals to understand the difference in architectural practice and culture. Make sure non-U.S. licensed architects and associate members understand and are aware of the highest standards of AIA code of ethics, and the purpose of the AIA.

Webinar or Website Information for the AIA Code of Ethics and U.S. Practice

Webinar or Website Information for the Architectural Practice & Culture in Japan
EP / AXP Advisor Committee

Support emerging professionals, coordinate with IR EP committee and national.

Coordination with International Region EP Committee

NCARB & You: Practicing architecture in the U.S.

AIA UK and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) invite you to join a two-part event on the process to obtain a license to practice architecture in a U.S. jurisdiction.

Did you study architecture or are you already licensed to practice architecture outside the U.S.? This presentation reviews the steps necessary to become an architect in the U.S. and get the most out of your career in architecture.

U.S. Licensee Overview

January 21, at 6:30 pm GMT
- Architecture Practice in the U.S.
- Organizations supporting the licensure process
- Path to licensure and alternative options for foreign applicants
- How to prepare successfully through the Architectural Experience Program (AXP)
- What to expect from the Architect Registration Examination (ARE)
- Value of the NCARB Certificate
- Registration: https://live.ncarb.com/meetings/insideutcEvents™/5456056/2

U.S. Licensee Process Deep-dive

January 28, at 6:30 pm GMT
- Achieving licensure to practice architecture in a U.S. Jurisdiction
- Applicants with an architecture degree obtained outside the U.S.
- Applicants with license to practice architecture outside the U.S.
- What is an EERIA evaluation?
- Eligibility, Requirements, and Documentation needed
- Existing Mutual Recognition Arrangements/Agreements with other countries
- Small group Q&A
- Registration: https://live.ncarb.com/meetings/insideutcEvents™/5456056/2

Student Program / ULI UP Initiatives

Webinar / Information
Program & Event Committee

Develop and organize the event.

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Regional Representative Committee

Establish and develop the regional group in Japan.
Our Audience
International Online Visitors

International online visitors reached 90 countries as of August.
Online Visibility

- Website visit increased 52% visits yr/yr and 76% page views yr/yr
- Domestic 59.78% and International 40.22%

- 49 countries from America, Europe, Middle East, and APAC countries
- Region: Domestic 33% and International 67%
- Registered: Memberships 34% and General Public 66%
- Attendeed: Memberships 46% and General Public 54%
AIA Japan Family & Friends

ORGANIZATIONS

FRIENDS

- AIA Japan Friends: 775 across +30 countries
- AIA: +96,000 across +100 countries [61 state chapters + local chapters]
- AIA International Region: +3,000 across +100 countries [AIA Canada Society, AIA Continental Europe, AIA Hong Kong, AIA Middle East, AIA Shanghai, AIA United Kingdom, AIA Unassigned International Members]

MEMBERSHIPS' COMPANY
