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AIK's English Brochure

History of AIK

1940	1945	Sept.	Chosun Architectural Engineering Group was established.
	1947	Mar.	Quarterly Bulletin "Chosun Architecture" was launched.
1950	1954	Mar.	Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK) was established.
	1955	June	The first issue of 「Review of Architecture and Building Science」 was published.
1960	1963	Jan.	The first conference and biannual meeting were held.
	1967	Mar.	AIK was authorized as a nonprofit corporation by the Ministry of Construction and Transportation.
	1967	Dec.	AIK was registered as an incorporated association.
1970	1975	Sept.	The Ceremony for the 30th Anniversary of AIK was held.
1980	1985	Sept.	The Ceremony for the 40th Anniversary of AIK was held. 「The Review of Architecture and Building Science」 was separated from the 「Journal of Architectural Institute of Korea..」
	1989	Apr.	The head quarter building of AIK was completed at Sadangdong, Dongjakgu, Seoul.
1990	1995	Oct.	The Ceremony for the 50th Anniversary was held.
	1998	May.	The Architectural Information Center, an annex of AIK, was established.
	1998	Sept.	The International Symposium on Architectural Interchange in Asia (ISAIA) was established to be biennially held in Korea, China, and Japan respectively.
	1999	Dec.	「Architectural Research」, an English journal, was launched.
2000	2003	May.	The Federation of Institutes of Korean Architects (FIKA), consisting of three architectural institutes, was established.
	2004	June.	The Architectural Research Center, an annex of AIK was established.
	2005	Oct.	The Ceremony for the first anniversary of Architecture Day was held. A ceremony for the 60th Anniversary of AIK was held.
	2006	Dec.	A ceremonial exhibition and international seminars are held in celebration of the 120th anniversary of South Korea-France diplomatic ties.
	2008	June.	Journal of Asian Architecture and Building Environment (JAABE) was listed in the SCIE, AHCI, JCR/Science Editions.
	2008	Oct.	The Environmental Vision Statement was officially announced.
2010	2010	May.	The Education Center, an annex of AIK, was established.
	2012	Aug.	AIK moved into the newly completed The Architecture Center building in Bangbaedong, Sechogu, Seoul.
	2015	May.	The Korean Building Code Center, an annex of AIK, was established.
	2015	Oct.	The Ceremony for the 70th Anniversary of AIK was held.
	2017	Sept.	Seoul World Architects Congress (UIA 2017 Seoul) was held.
	2018	Sept.	Currently, AIK consists of 25,000 Members.

Introduction to AIK

The Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK), the sole comprehensive organization for architectural research in Korea, was established in 1945 by pioneers in Korean architecture. It aims to contribute to the advancement of architecture and to bring innovation to architectural technology.

There are approximately 25,000 registered AIK members, comprising of architects, building engineers, researchers, professors, students, government officials, library members and supporting members. AIK is operated by a general assembly, a board of directors, committees, and has eight regional chapters. It publishes academic periodicals, journals and regularly holds academic conferences, symposiums, seminars, and lectures.

AIK currently keeps a close relationship with government agencies and private enterprises, to foster interdisciplinary collaboration while maximizing the applicability of academic research. These efforts are needed in response not only to rapid changes in contemporary ways of thinking, lifestyles, and international situations, but also to the demands of sustainable architecture, information-based architecture, and hi-tech architecture. AIK, has taken a leading role among various architecture-related organizations in Korea to contribute to the advancement of architecture and to build a brighter future as it relates to art and technology in architecture.

The Vision of AIK

The goal of AIK is to study and apply the academic, technological, and artistic dimensions of architecture and to advance architectural culture by raising the social standing of the profession while promoting friendship among AIK members. AIK focuses its research on the following issues:

- (1) Establishing national identity, cultivating new lifestyles and advancing architectural culture in response to rapid globalization within contemporary society.
- (2) Revamping the Architectural Information Center through a systematic and practical approach of accessing architectural information.
- (3) Improving education systems and building codes in response to changes in positions and roles within the architectural profession.
- (4) Pursuing academic exchange between North and South Korea to recoup historic and cultural ties.
- (5) Managing technological research to further industrial-academic cooperation.
- (6) Expanding relationships with foreign academic institutes.

ACTIVITIES

AIK members actively participate in the following activities to contribute to the academic and technological advancements of architecture in Korea.

[Academic Research]

Research Committees

The research arm of AIK consists of research committees and subcommittees. Each committee and subcommittee are engaged in research activities, publishes reports and papers, holds seminars, and conducts projects.

Academic Conferences

AIK hosts a biannual academic conference at which hundreds of papers are presented. Professionals and members of the industry come to share their findings, discuss trends, and exchange related information.

Symposiums, Seminars, and Workshops

AIK actively hosts a variety of symposiums seminars and workshops in diverse fields. Each regional chapter frequently organizes academic lectures and technology-based seminars. AIK also hosts international symposiums and special workshops in collaboration with foreign academic institutes.

Research Projects

AIK committees conduct diverse academic and technological research projects commissioned by the government, public organizations and private companies, which include appraisals and assessments of architectural litigations and civil petitions requested by a court. They also advise on architectural matters related to civil petitions submitted to the National Rights Committee.

[Information Service]

Review of Architecture and Building Science

Since the AIK periodical 「Review of Architecture and Building Science」 was launched in 1955, it has been distributed every month to registered members that entail information on relevant research, technology related topics and upcoming events. There are featured articles that cover topical themes, new technologies, individual activities, summary of past events, reviews of architecture related trips and common issues. The AIK periodical also includes writing contributions such as abstracts from published research papers, highlights interesting individuals and makes important announcements.

Journal of Architectural Institute of Korea

The 「Journal of Architectural Institute of Korea」 is published each month in a two-volume set. The first volume covers the field of architectural planning, history, urban design, and environment, whereas the second volume entails architectural structure, material, and construction. Each volume is comprised of papers that involve logical or experimental research results. All papers are thoroughly reviewed by a designated review committee.

Architectural Research (AR)

The 「Architectural Research」, an English journal launched in 1999, covers technical topics and research papers in English, and is being prepped for SCI-E listing.

Proceedings of Academic Conferences

The research papers presented at conferences are published as the 「Proceedings of Annual Conference」 in a digital format.

Journal of Asian Architecture and Building Environment (JAABE)

「JAABE」 is an international academic journal, published by the Architectural Institute of Japan, in cooperation with the Architectural Institute of Korea and the Architectural Society of China. It is distributed to researchers in academia, research institutes and all practicing architects. This journal was listed in the SCIE, AHCI, JCR/Science Editions in 2008.

Publications

AIK has published academic books such as 「Architectural Text Book」, 「Korean Architectural Standard Specification」, and 「AIK Architectural Book Series」. AIK also published reports of various research projects in book form. All the publications are stored at the AIK Information Center, and the lists of publications are posted on the AIK website.

Website

AIK posts announcements and important information on its website. It provides members with public information along with personalized ones. It can be found at <http://www.aik.or.kr>

[Educational and Public Activities]

Education Committee

The education committee, which deals with architectural education, is divided into two parts: two or three year college education and four or five year university education. The education committee contributes to the development of architectural education and acknowledges effective accreditation systems.

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AIK Awards

The AIK awards is held in high esteem in Korea. The kinds of awards given include the Grand Prix, the Lifetime Achievement Awards, the Achievement Awards (in the areas of academia, technology, education, and design), the Thesis Awards, the Special Awards, and the Fund Awards. These awards are awarded at the annual assembly meeting.

The AIK Student Design Work Exhibition

AIK hosts the Student Design Work Exhibition in accordance with the autumn academic conference. First launched in 1998, it exhibits excellent student projects recommended by each university or graduate school nationwide.

The Student Thesis Exhibition

AIK holds the Student Thesis Exhibition in accordance with a general assembly. First launched in 2005, it exhibits a range of outstanding student theses in architectural theory or technology, which are referred by a professor of each university and reviewed by AIK's thesis committee.

The Digital Architecture Exhibition (DA)

Since 2000, AIK has hosted an annual digital-content competition to explore and promote new areas of architectural findings. Anyone interested in digital architecture or information technology can participate in this competition.

International Cooperation

AIK made agreements to actively exchange academic findings and activities with the Architectural Institute of Japan (AIJ), the Architectural Society of China (ASC), the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ASCA) in the United States, the Architectural Institute of the Republic of China (AIROC), Vietnam Architects' Association (VAA), and the International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment (iisBE). AIK is also a registered member of the Council of Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH), and the International Union of Architect (UIA).

Organization

Organizational Structure

AIK consists of a general assembly and a board of directors. The general assembly deliberates major issues related to AIK's operation and its decision-making process requires the agreement of more than 1/50 of all registered members. The board of directors which comprises a president, nine vice presidents, heads of chapters, directors, and auditors, is responsible for the overall management of AIK. The president and six vice presidents are directly elected by its members. The duration of their terms is two years .

Operational Structure

AIK has a president and six vice presidents who are directly elected, and each vice president responsible for General Affairs, Research 1, Research 2, Research 3, Regional Chapters, and overall management. Each vice president manages committees, subcommittees, affiliated agencies and special committees allocated to him/her. Three vice presidents are additionally put in charge of external affairs.

Regional Chapters

AIK has eight regional chapters that covers the country: Busan-Ulsan-Gyeongnam Chapter, Kwangju-Jeonnam Chapter, Daegu-Kyungbuk Chapter, Daejeon-Sejong-Chungnam Chapter, Chungbuk Chapter, Jeju Chapter, and Gangwon Chapter. Each chapter independently conducts research and holds seminars, and conferences based on their regional interests.

[Affiliated Organization]

The Publishing Department

The Publishing Department is in charge of the entire publishing process, which includes the planning of publication, the selection of writers, and the publication of manuscripts.

The AIK Architectural Information Center

That AIK Architectural Information Center was established in 1998 to systematize research and promote exchange. Members have access to an online system of submission and evaluation, membership information, and a periodical database. Members also have access to a database browsing service, RFID etc.

The AIK Research Center

The AIK Research Center, conducts research on the next generation of architectural design and technology, contributes to social development and public welfare by advancing theories and technologies related to building innovation, and oversees certification commissioned by national authorities and international research institutions.

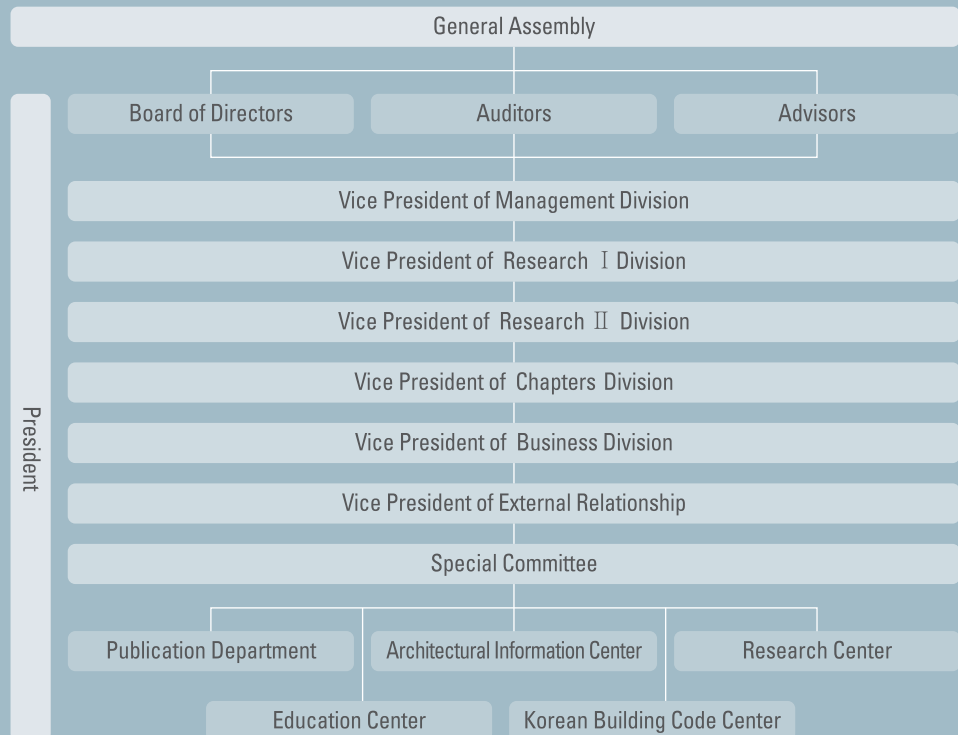
The Education Center

The Education Center was established for advancing the architectural culture within the industry through architectural education. It provides the public and the members of AIK with a top tier education that caters to consumers with relevant programs and offers a differentiated system utilizing AIK's excellent resources.

The Korean Building Code Center

The Korean Building Code Center, plays a key role in the architecture and construction industries; it actively adapts to industrial changes by establishing and revising not only the national criteria, standards, and specifications, but also AIK's criteria.

Organizational Structure



Membership

Membership Classification and Qualification

The Membership of AIK is classified into individual membership (regular, associate, and honorary members) and group membership (supporting , and library members). Each member of AIK is required to meet one of the following conditions:

(1) Regular Member

- who has a bachelor's degree in architecture or an architecture related field.
- who has more than two years of practical work experience upon graduating with an associate's degree in an architecture related field.
- Who holds an associate membership status for more than two years.
- who is accepted and satisfies the aforementioned qualifications presented by the board of directors.

(2) Associate Member

- who has an associate's degree from a two year college in architecture or an architecture related field.
- who registered for university courses in architecture or an architecture related field for more than two years.

(3) Honorary Member

- who has made academically outstanding achievements in an architectural field or in any scientific field related to architecture
- who has made a great contribution to the development of AIK.

(4) Special Member

- who agrees with the goals of AIK, whether an individual, a corporation or a group.

(5) Library Member

- who is employed or afflated to university library, national and public library, private library, and reference room of an organization are considered to be supporting members.

Benefits

- (1) Voting rights for the president and vice presidents / eligibility to run for election
- (2) Right to publicly speak at a regular general assembly
- (3) Receive a subscription to the 「Review of Architecture and Building Science」, 「Journal of Architectural Institute of Korea」, 「Architectural Research」, 「Proceeding of Annual Conference」, and 「JAABE」
- (4) Participate in AIK conferences and submit research papers
- (5) Register as a candidate to receive potential AIK awards
- (6) Take part in activities run by committees and chapters and participate in research projects
- (7) Submit applications for various competitions held by AIK
- (8) Use of AIK facilities such as conference rooms or seminar rooms
- (9) Use of the online database on the AIK website
- (10) Apply for credit cards associated with AIK

Guide to Membership

Currently, signing-up for membership is only available online directly on the AIK website (www.aik.or.kr).



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