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The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

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**REPORT FOR REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION ON THE
OVERSEAS AND MAINLAND MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/DUTY VISITS**

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1. Please complete the report in title block and forward it, together with the final financial statement to respective Board Secretary for reimbursement, where appropriate. The payment claims will be settled within 6 weeks upon receipt of all the relevant evidence of financial statement by the HKIA Secretariat.
2. Please submit the Report to the Office-bearers and respective Board(s) and Committee(s) via respective Board Secretary within one month of attending the activity in order to claim reimbursement of the expenses on the activity attendance. The HKIA Secretariat will process the reimbursement claim after the member concerned has submitted the report. Unclaimed funding will be forfeited after three months from the closing date of the activity.

Part I: Event Particulars

Name of the Activity : ARCASIA 2007-28th Council Meeting & Forum 14

Organizer : Sri Lanka Institute of Architects for ARCASIA

Date/Period : 14 – 20 September 2007

Place : Colombo, Sri Lanka

Part II: Personal Particulars

Name of the Delegate : Ronald Lu

Post/Designated Duty in HKIA : President

Designated Duty for Overseas Engagement : Represent HKIA

Period of Stay : 15 – 17 September 2007 (3 days)

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Patron: The Honourable Donald Tsang Yam-Kuen, Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
A Member of The International Union of Architects (UIA), Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) and Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA)

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Part III: Report of the Activity

Please state the objective(s) of the activity:

15/9/07, 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Fellowship Meeting

16/9/07 9:00 am – 10:30 am ARCASIA Council Meeting - Inaugural Session

10:30 am – 5:00 pm ARCASIA Council Meeting

17/9/07, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm ARCASIA Council Meeting

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm ARCASIA Council Meeting

Please state the title of the report/paper presented and/or your sharing at the conference:

1. ACAP Committee 2005-2006, Architecture Practice in Hong Kong SAR (enclosed) & Specific Industry Outlook of Hong Kong (enclosed).

2. Country Report, HKIA (enclosed).

Please state the significant results achieved:

1. HKIA was nominated to prepare a report on Manpower & Management as there is a shortage of Architects within the profession.

2. HKIA was also nominated to update the Byelaw with India and the Philippines where the lawyers there were involved in the preparation of the original Byelaw.

Past President, Ronald Poon, has agreed to do the first draft.



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Other information /challenge(s) during the meeting that you would like to share with future HKIA representative(s) for importance of liaison:

Korea has announced that the Mayor of Busan has given a 3,000 M² site and the construction cost for a building to be used by the Korean Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA) and ARCASIA free of charge. Pakistan and India feel Korea is too far from them.

Please name other associated activities that you attended and participated in the meetings/conferences/duty visits:

Cultural evening.

Not safe to walk outside the hotel as there are road blocks with manned assault rifles and con man.

Comments from the Office-bearers for charting the Institute's way forward (if any):

Good to share each other's problem but not much one can do to help another country. So just listen.

Of the two incoming Presidents elect 2008, Ar Mubasshar Hussain (CV enclosed) was elected over Prof Lakshman Alwis. 12/4.

The 13th Asian Congress of Architects will be held in Busan, Korea from 27 October 2008 to 1 November 2008 with Student Jamboree and forums and tours. It would be worthwhile for our members and students to attend.

Signature

Date: 28 September 2007

Name: Dr Ronald Lu, President

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ACAP COMMITTEE 2005-2006

Architecture Practice in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

No	Stage		
1	EDUCATION	Types of Degree: Bachelor (3 years); Master (2 years) <i>Any internship programmes? Yes. 1 year maximum</i>	
2	PRE REGISTRATION	<i>Requirement for practical experience? Yes. 2 years.</i>	
3			WORK EXPERIENCE
4			MENTORSHIP
5			PROFESSIONAL ACCESSMENT
6		No. of exam papers to sit for: 9 Duration of exam: 36 hours	
7			
8	REGISTRATION PROCESS	<i>Is there any Registration Board in Hong Kong?</i> Yes. Architects Registration Board, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. <i>Is it empowered by the state?</i> Yes, it is enacted under the Architects Registration Ordinance Chapter 408, Law of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	
9	POST REGISTRATION		
	PRACTICING CERTIFICATES	Registration Certificate subject to annual renewal	
	CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	Mandatory CPD policy requirements: 25 hours/ year of CPD pursuits	

(Additional Info - 15 mins presentation in ARCASIA Professional Practice Committee Meeting on 15 Sep)

Specific Industry Outlook of HK

From 1999-2005, there has been a lack of building projects in Hong Kong due to the Asian Financial Crisis and SARS in 2003.

With the rapid and remarkable economic and building development in Mainland China and Macau in recent years, most of the architectural firms have been active in projects outside of Hong Kong. Today, the proportions of projects in Hong Kong, Macau and the Mainland are about 30%, 30% and 40% respectively.

The recent gaming boom in Macau has brought about vast business opportunities and substantial benefits to Hong Kong's architectural services industry, but whether such a favourable trend can be sustained is subject to a great extent of uncertainty.

The growth of Mainland projects is expected to continue at the rate of 10-15% per annum in the next few years while the trend for Macau's gaming projects is difficult to predict as the remaining gaming facilities are being completed.

In Hong Kong, although there will be a number of large-scaled infrastructure projects in the coming years, e.g, West Kowloon, the Old Kai Tak Airport in East Kowloon and the Central Government Complex, the benefits to the local architectural services industry in Hong Kong is expected to be insignificant, as such infrastructure projects mainly involve engineering work with Architectural work occurring much later.

Major real estate developers in Hong Kong have gradually shifted their foci more towards the Mainland market with one developer announcing last week that they plan to invest RMB33 billion in China. In Hong Kong, many restrictions on building height and development intensity have slowed down activities, coupled with the authorities' delay in processing approvals has discouraged developments.

Under the CEPA, there is in principle a mutual recognition of professional qualifications between the Architects of the Mainland and Hong Kong. Hong Kong's Architects have benefited a lot from this arrangement by understanding and undertaking more Mainland projects. On the contrary, Mainland's architects who are busy domestically are not keen to work in Hong Kong. In fact, the supply of Architects in the Mainland is inadequate to cope with the huge number of development projects.

Due to unfamiliarity with the rules/regulations of the Mainland and the complicated variations of such rules across provinces and cities, the nature of architectural services rendered for China projects by the Hong Kong architects is more on design rather than on project administration. As such, the architects can actually perform their work in the Hong Kong office and hence remain locally engaged.

Having experienced a few years of difficult period, the local architectural services industry posted a strong turnaround in the past year, underpinned by a “global building boom”. With enormous business opportunities around Asia and the Middle East, the industry is now facing a shortage of Architects who possess 5-10 years of post-graduation experience.

On the back of such a manpower resource imbalance, the average salary of a university graduate Architect has risen notably, from HK\$16,000 (US\$2,000) per month a few years’ ago to around HK\$24,000 (US\$3,000) per month this year. In addition, there is a guaranteed extra month of bonus.

(a) For our forecast of growth trend in HKIA members in the next 6 years:

The number of HKIA members increased from 2,183 in 2002 to 2,886 in 2007. It is anticipated that the respective average annual growth will remain at around 2-3%.

(b) For the change in skill levels and occupation mix in the industry concerned in the next 6 years:

The demand for peripheral staff such as draftsman or technical personnel, who are mainly responsible for drawing plans or sketches, will be reduced. Such types of staff with basic skills will be required to further equip themselves and become more versatile so as to cope with the changing environment especially when BIM will be more widely used in the near future.

With BIM, Architects will need to be hands-on to resolve all architectural designs incorporating structure and building services up to the contract documentation stage rather than on site. This will involve a more intense period at the design stage requiring a heavier and earlier loading of fees.

As mentioned, BIM is here to stay and I would be pleased to hear others’ views on their experiences or thoughts on BIM.

COUNTRY REPORT

THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1. Brief History of the Institute

On 3rd September 1956, 27 architects gathered and formed a Society "for the general advancement of Civil Architecture and for promoting and facilitating the acquirement of the knowledge of the various Arts and Sciences." Thus The Hong Kong Society of Architects was formed. On 7th May, 1957, the first amendments were made, to stand for over two and a half years. During the period the membership of the Society increased by 50% and recognition as an Allied Society was given by Royal Institute of British Architects. In accord with this growth, further amendments were made to come into effect on 3rd November 1959. By the end of 1962, the Society expanded to a membership seven times as large as that first body of Foundation Members.

The change of name from Society to Institute was effected in 1972 after a great deal of preparatory work, and this initiated a new phase of activity in the Institute's affairs. Members will use the professional affix - Architect HKIA and describe themselves as Member of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects. Associates will describe themselves as Associate of The Hong Kong Institute of Architects in full. No abbreviation of this is permitted.

2. Office Bearers in 2007 and Patron

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
1. LU Yuen Cheung Ronald	President
2. CHAN Ching Ying Elizabeth	Vice President
3. LAM Kwong Ki Dominic	Vice President
4. HUI Man Bock Bernard	Hon Secretary
5. MO CHU Kwok Wah Julie	Hon Treasurer

The Patron of HKIA is The Honourable Mr. TSANG Yam-Kuen Donald, Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

3. Current Membership Strength

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Subscription (US\$)</u>
Member	2258	218
Graduate Member	448	52
Non-Resident Member	99	118
Fellow	151	359
Associates	23	218
Student Member	303	waived
Retired	46	118
Honorary Fellow	1	waived
Corporate Membership	80	64
<u>Honorary Member</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>waived</u>
Total	3414	(as of 23 August 2007)

4. **Procedure of Enrollment**

Membership applications shall first be vetted by the Membership Admission Committee and endorsed by the Board of Educational Affairs. Every election to membership shall be made by the Council.

5. **Budget of the Institute**

Funds are largely raised through Membership Subscription, Annual Ball, sales of HKIA publications and the conduct of HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment. Budget is approved by the Council and audited accounts would be presented to the General Membership in the Annual General Meeting. Office Bearers are empowered to execute payment of Institute's expenses.

6. **Number of Chapters**

There is no Chapter affiliated to the Institute in Hong Kong.

7. **Annual General Meeting**

There are four Quarterly General Meetings per year for collective decision making. Annual election is held in the Third Quarterly General Meeting in September.

8. **Legal Status of the Institute in the Country**

The Institute is recognized by the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the representative professional body of the Architects in Hong Kong.

9. **Legal Status of the Architect in the Country**

The title "Architect" is protected under the Architects Registration Ordinance (App A – please refer to this link: http://www.arb.org.hk/e_ordinance.asp). The yearly fee for renewal of a Registered Architect is HK\$1,000 (US\$129).

10. **Registration Authority for Architects in the Country**

There is a registration body for the Architects in Hong Kong, namely Architects Registration Board (ARB). Applicants satisfying the qualifications for registration as stipulated under Section 13 of the Ordinance are eligible to apply. As of 27 July 2007, there is a total of 2,267 Registered Architects.

Under the Architects Registration Ordinance, ten Members of the Architects Registration Board are appointed by the Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and one Member appointed by the Hong Kong Government.

11. **International Affiliations of the Institute**

HKIA is a Member of the International Union of Architects (UIA), Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) and ARCASIA. Subscription fee to UIA is Euro 4,196 (US\$5,730), CAA is £4,968 (US\$10,059) and ARCASIA is US\$500. The HKIA is committed to participate in the activities organized by its international affiliates.

12. **Major Programmes of the Institute in the past year**

See App B

13. Outreach Programmes of the Institute

As 2007 is the 10th Anniversary of Hong Kong's Reunion with the Peoples' Republic of China, HKIA has put in a lot of effort to support a number of celebration activities organized by the local government to benefit the community at all levels.

The Institute dispatches the following publication and e-information for circulation to Members and allied institutions, both local and overseas:

- E-CPD Weekly <http://www.hkia.net/cpd_weekly.php?id=284>
- E-newsletter Weekly <<http://www.hkia.net/section.php?id=285>>
- HKIA Journal (Quarterly)
- HKIA Directory of Architects Practices (Annually)
- Annual Report (Annually)

Apart from the regular channels as mentioned above, two commemorative publications were produced in late half of 2006 in celebration of the HKIA's 50th Anniversary (each ARCASIA member institute was given a complimentary copy by 2006 by post):

➤ ***Architectural Blueprint***

It showcases a series of the most exemplary local architecture and development in the last five decades including the contribution of the Institute and its members.

➤ ***In Love with Architecture***

It is an interesting oral history of 15 prominent Hong Kong Architects. A group of HKIA members has worked for more than 3 years in carrying out interviews, research, transcriptions and also editing to compile this book which is intended to recollect the works of some of the most respectable architects practicing in Hong Kong.

Renowned Hong Kong Architects were interviewed first hand by our members and interesting stories that have never been told before have been incorporated in this book. Their works have significantly contributed to the skyline of Hong Kong. This might be the most important oral history of modern architecture in Hong Kong.

100 members are serving in Government and quasi Government Committees, responding to Government's consultation and forming an effective link between the Institute and the Administration. Through the Board of Local Affairs, the Institute provides comments on Government policy in relation to the profession. The Institute has also been vocal on key development and urban renewal projects affecting the community, such as built heritage conservation policy, constitutional affairs, preservation of the Old Central Star Ferry Pier, Edinburgh Place and City Hall Complex, Queen's Pier, Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site), and development of the proposed new cruise terminal at Kai Tak.

The project "Shower Talent Exclude Prejudice" (STEP) initiated and led by young architect members was launched in July 2007 with an aim to build up a harmonious relationship and mutual cooperation between people, with and without disabilities, through participation in creating community

architectural work pieces from design to the construction stage. Volunteers are being recruited and to be formed for the study of different design elements of any renovation works. For details, please click <http://www.hkia.net/step/main.html>

The Institute will join hands with the Shenzhen Planning Bureau to take part in the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture which is likely to be staged by 2007. The likely venue in Hong Kong will be the old Central Police Station on Hollywood Road. The Biennale would also be exhibited in Shenzhen.

14. Key Issues Facing the Architects/Architectural Profession/ Institute in the Country

Heritage conservation is a global trend for all professionals in the construction industry. However, because of the unique history, culture and people, each city formulates and sustains its heritage in a different way. In Hong Kong, where heritage features prominently as a public issue, there is an extraordinary opportunity to think about what heritage means. To better provide a platform to exchange the idea of shared values and history with urban communities, the Institute took a lead to co-organize a public forum with local professional bodies of engineers, surveyors, planners and landscape architects on 24 July 2007. During the session, prominent international scholars and professionals in the construction industry drew from experiences in an attempt to enlighten the issue of heritage and chart a possible future course.

The 2007 Hong Kong Regional Conference on Sustainable Building and Construction (SB07) is going to take place from 3-6 December 2007, which is one of a series of 17 regional conferences prior to the World Conference to take place in Melbourne in 2008. As one of the co-organizers, HKIA will give its utmost support to the SB 07 by taking part in discussions focusing on the Greater Pearl River Delta in terms of urban planning, infrastructure, building construction and waste management, climate change, energy conservation and healthy & intelligent building, sustainable technologies. For details of SB07, please click: <http://www.hkpgbc.org/sb07/>

The implementation of Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Members has started to take effect in 2005 and members are required to undergo 25 hours of CPD for renewal of membership. All Members participated actively in 33 CPD events in 2006 with keen interest.

15. Resources of the Institute

The Institute maintains a full calendar of events ranging from Continuing Professional Development seminars, HKIA Annual Awards, competitions, architectural walks, joint-institutes forums and symposia at all levels of society to cross-boundaries architectural biennales beyond Hong Kong. Many enthusiastic members contribute to make the events successful.

16. Plans for the Future

The Institute has been spending much of its energy in the early half of

2007 in preparing for the introduction of 'Corporate Membership' at the Special General Meeting (SGM) on 31 May 2007 in which members voted in favour to introduce Corporate Membership as a new category of membership. The proposed changes of the Rules were adopted at the Special General Meeting in relation to the establishment of this new form of membership under the HKIA.

In recent years, there have been significant changes in the marketplace, particularly in the Mainland, as well as industries that impact on the way that architects work. Internally, changes involve expansion of membership categories and increasing participation of members in the institute's affairs. HKIA is mindful of the need to draw up a roadmap for the future and has, therefore, appointed a management consultant to take an independent review of HKIA's positioning, branding and current service levels to its membership and the community from July to November 2007. The Institute looks forward to formulating a strategic plan for the future.

17. Other Important Issue

Regarding mutual recognition of qualification of Architects with China, the 5-year agreement with the National Administration Board of Architectural Registration signed in 2004 would expire in April 2008. A fourth training and assessment session was held in June 2007 in Nanjing and 58 HKIA Members and 47 Mainland architects successfully passed the assessment. Over 600 architects from both sides have sat the exams under the agreement from 2004 to 2007.

Through the four exercises in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, a total of 284 PRC Class I Registered Architects had gained HKIA Member Qualification while 335 HKIA Members had gained PRC Class I Registered Architect Qualification.

Country Report
List of Activities

The following is a list of key activities of the Institute for the year 2007:

ACTIVITIES	DATE
HKIA /ARB Professional Assessment in HKEAA	10-19/12/2007
Professional Interview	01/04/2008
Reciprocity with Mainland – Training / Test/ Interview in Nanjing, China	25-28/06/2007
Expo	
Education & Career Expo 2007 in HKCEC	01-04/02/2007
Continuing Professional Development Activities (Seminar/ Supplier Services/ Site Visit/ Discussion Session):	
BIM Seminar 1: The New Technology in Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex	29/01/2007
Document Architect! Manage your Project like a Breeze	30/01/2007
BIM Seminar 2: The Incentives	01/02/2007
BIM Seminar 3: The Experience	05/02/2007
Cinematics FAQ	19/03/2007
Fire Engineering Approach in Hong Kong	21/03/2007
Redevelopment of Kwai Chung Flatted Factory in Kwai Chung Flatted Factory	24/03/2007
「90 平米住宅單位的設計經驗」研討會	21/04/2007
Partnering for innovation through Research & Development by Ms. Ada Fung	23/04/2007
Technical Seminar on Trespa® Meteon Façade + Fischer® Façade Anchoring System	25/04/2007
Frontier Closed Area	27/04/2007
A Holistic Approach in Construction Management: A case study on Redevelopment of Un Chau Estate Phases 2 & 4 in Un Chau Estate Phases 2 & 4	28/04/2007

The Repair, Maintenance and Sustainability of Aging Residential Building Stock in Hong Kong	02/05/2007
Tiling Systems and its application	03/05/2007
Restoration Project of Embroidery Guild Hall, Guangzhou	07/05/2007
Behind the Façade – The Conservation of Singapore's Built Heritage	08/05/2007
The status of development of performance based code in Hong Kong A case study of performance based design	11/05/2007
TransUrban - Charting Experiments for Cities of the Future	12/05/2007
Frontier Closed Area	19/05/2007
Design Together - An Experience in Changdi, Guangzhou	29/05/2007
CamelPaint in CamelPaint	02/06/2007
Introducing Environmental Integrated Design Process EIDP as a tool to achieve sustainability in architectural projects by Prof. Stephen Lau	05/06/2007
International Commerce Centre	16/06/2007
HKIA Committee on Environment & Sustainable Development Technical Seminar - Texlon ETFE: Building Tomorrow	06/07/2007
Sustainable Architecture Series: Urban Conservation in Hong Kong - Issues & Challenges by Dr. Lee Hoyin	09/07/2007
Introduction to Arbitration	18/07/2007
Sustainability: its priority in architectural education programme by Prof. Essy Baniassad	31/07/2007
Sustainable Design through Participatory Process: Case Sharing by Prof. Bernard Lim	21/08/2007
Review Study of the Sanitary Fitment and Drainage Regulations and Design Manual of Barrier Free Access 1997 by Mr. K.M. Mo	TBC
Advanced Autocad Training HKIA CPD Seminar: Professional Negligence for Architects	07/09/2007

Assessment of EOT	19/09/2007
Sustainable Architecture Series: by Prof. Ralph Lerner	21/11/2007
<u>Awards</u>	
Young Architects' Award	15/01/2007 to Feb 07
HKIA Annual Awards 2006 Prize Presentation and Opening Ceremony in One ifc	20/4/2007
Annual Ball 2007 in The Lawn, Hong Kong Country Club	24/11/2007
Architectural Design Competition:	
Green Building Award Presentation	
Quality Building Award 2007 Conference	
Quality Building Award 2007 Award Presentation Banquet	
<u>Official delegation</u>	
Council's Courtesy Visit to Beijing in Beijing	08-09/02/2007
<u>Official delegations visiting HKIA</u>	
Visit by CN members	20/04/2007
Council Election	12/09/2007
Community Presentations & Activities	
HKIA Tree Planting Day in Kadoorie Farm	01/01/2007
Launch of HKIA Professional Volunteer Service Programme (PVSP)	31/12/2007
Exhibition	
<u>Annual Awards 2006</u> Exhibition in One IFC, HK	20-24/4/2007
HKIA 50th Anniversary Venice Biennale International Architecture Response Exhibition in Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	08/12/2006 -21/2/2007
50th Anniversary Exhibition - Threshold to Architecture in Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	04/12/2006 - 28/02/2007
<u>Joint Institutes Forum</u> Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum (ACCF) 2007 in The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	24 July



Resume of Ar. Mubasshar Hussain

Nominated by Institute of Architects Bangladesh [IAB]
for the position of Chairman of ARCASIA for the next tenure

- Ar. Mubasshar Hussain is the founder Managing Director of Assoconsult Ltd. – a leading Architectural and Engineering Practice, which has its credit designing and supervising some of the major award winning projects in Bangladesh which includes 23 Storied **Grameen Bank Head Office** – the Bank received the Nobel Peace Prize 2006, **Chittagong Railway Terminal** and several institutional projects across the country. From a humble beginning in the early 1970s Ar. Hussain guided Assoconsult Ltd. into becoming the largest and most respected practices in Bangladesh. He is a visiting faculty at the Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology, Dhaka.
- Simultaneous with his practice, Ar. Hussain has made immense contribution to the profession as an organizer and activist. He has served in various capacities in the Executive Committee of IAB and was elected unopposed as its **President in 2003**. In recognition to his leadership skills, he was again elected unopposed as **President for the current term**.
- Ar. Hussain has led IAB successfully in its efforts to formulate the **new Building Code in Bangladesh** which was enacted in 2006 and is being hailed as a most pragmatic and visionary step to stop the rapid decline in urban environment. Ar. Hussain is now serving as a **Member of the City Development Committee** that controls and oversees all the activities of the government agencies concerned with building construction and urban development.
- Ar. Hussain has led the battle for preserving the original design of **Louis I. Kahn's National Assembly Complex** in Dhaka, both in and outside the court room. Under his leadership, IAB won the historic High Court verdict declaring any changes to **Kahn's Master Plan as illegal**.
- Ar. Hussain has been an environmental activist and is known for waging legal battles to **preserve all the playgrounds** of the country from being devoured by commercial establishments.
- Ar. Hussain has been an active participant in International Architectural Forums and has wide organizational experience. During his term as the President, IAB **successfully hosted the ARCASIA Conference at Dhaka in 2003**. He is currently serving as the **Deputy Chairman of Zone A of ARCASIA**. It was due to his leadership and motivation that the participation of Bangladeshi architects and students in ARCASIA activities has increased steadily in the past few years. Ar. Hussain has personally sponsored many students in attending ARCASIA Conferences in Delhi, Macau and Beijing.
- Ar. Hussain served as the **Vice President for Asia region** in the Commonwealth Association of Architects [CAA] and, in recognition to his organizational skills, was unanimously elected as **Senior Vice President of CAA** in Melbourne earlier this year. He also represented IAB in the UIA Congresses in Berlin and Istanbul.
- One of the leading sports organizers of the country, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain served as a **Director of Bangladesh Cricket Board**. He is the **Immediate Past President** of 'Brothers Union' - Premier League Football Champion Club. He is a popular television talk show personality on sports.
- As an entrepreneur, Ar. Hussain has tasted success in many fields outside architectural domain. He is the Managing Director of a leading real estate development company. He has served as the Founder Chairman and Director of a renowned Insurance Company and heads one of Bangladesh's pioneering IT firms. All his companies are known for sponsoring and patronizing architectural and sporting events in Bangladesh. Personally, Ar. Hussain has sponsored tsunami affected three children of Sri Lanka through the Sri Lankan Institute of Architects and has taken the responsibility of bearing their total expenses for five years.
- Among all his credentials, the one Ar. Hussain values most is the fact that **he was a valiant freedom fighter** who took part in the war of liberation of Bangladesh in 1971.

Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir
General Secretary
Institute of Architects Bangladesh [IAB]