

**IFLA ASIA PACIFIC REGION COUNCIL**  
**2023/11/1**

**AGENDA ITEM No:**

**TITLE OF THE REPORT:** EAA Chair Report

**OFFICER NAME AND IFLA POSITION:** Wen-Shan Huang / Interim Chair

**SUMMARY OF THE REPORT.**

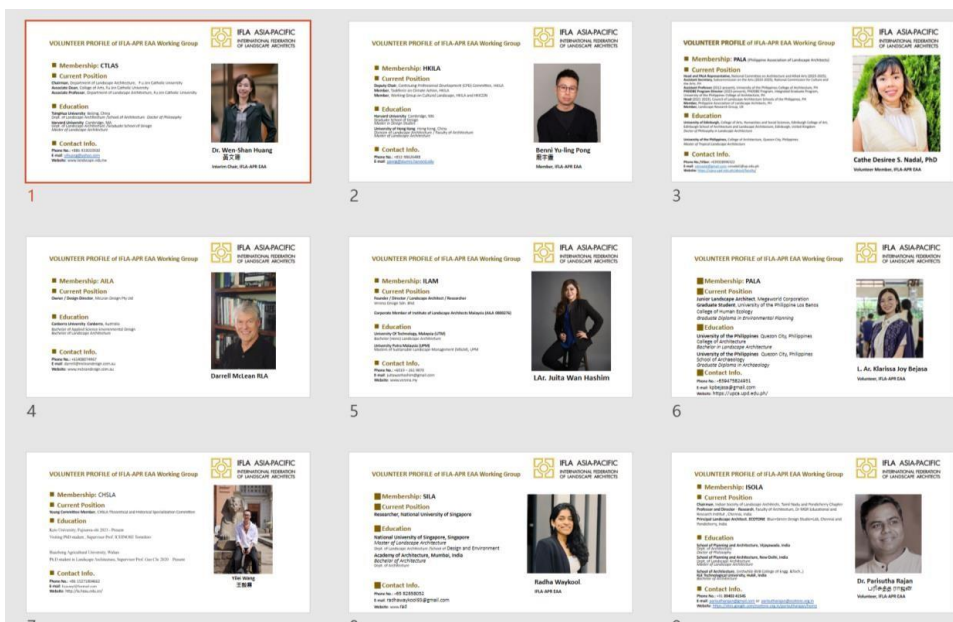
The EAA Regional Committee is a diverse team of landscape architects and professors of landscape architecture that carry out the important mission of promoting the development of landscape architecture education, academic exchange and research in the Asia Pacific region, as well as training a new generation of landscape architects who meet the expectations of sustainable development in the background of rapid environmental and climate change.

**REPORT.**

The report of the EAA Committee concerns the main lines of action of EAA and related WGs. It focuses a set of tasks. Consequently, the main points of discussion related to the EAA Committee are as the following:

**1. Activation of volunteer network**

- a) Online and offline contact meetings of the APR EAA Volunteer group were held regularly to form a cooperation and exchange mechanism for mutual consultation and discussion, so as to promote the development of landscape architecture education and academia in the region;
- b) In order to enhance and accelerate communication, the Chair set up a Facebook group to facilitate future communication (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1011359363224531/>).
- c) A volunteer directory was created. This way it is easier for everyone to know each other by the volunteers' profiles with personal information (the directory is continuously updated).



d) In the minutes of June 20th, 2023, APR ExCO stated: “Status of the landscape architecture program survey: Malaysia and Korea lag, and currently, there is no active reference person...” so we invited some volunteers to join the EAA volunteer group and help out the APR Landscape Program Census 2023. The invited ones are the following, but more will be further invited:

- China: Professor, Xiaoqing Xu, (Tongji University, Department of Landscape Architecture)
- South Korea: Professor, Youngmin Kim (University of Seoul, Department of Landscape Architecture)
- Malaysia: Mrs. Juita Wan Hashim (Founder and Director of Verona Design Sdn.Bhd)
- Hong Kong: Mr. Benni Yu-Ling Pong (Deputy Chairperson of the Continuing Professional Development Committee, the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects)
- Australia: Mrs. Janelee I Chen Li (Director @ CSED studio)

## 2. Landscape Program Census

a) Through volunteer assistance, now there are 240 programs surveyed, and information on China, Korea, and Malaysia is progressively added... The Chair deeply appreciate the contributions of all!

Country	City	Institution	Program Name	Program Website	National Accredited/Recognized	IFLA Accred. Coordinator Name	Coordinator Email
			Doctor of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture				liort@tjhu.edu.cn
		Hangzhou Ocean University of Technology	Diploma of Horticulturist	<a href="https://hort.hfut.edu.cn/">https://hort.hfut.edu.cn/</a>			dawang@mail.hfut.edu.cn
		Huailian university	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture				
	Taiwan	Chung Yuan Christian University	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="http://www.la.cycu.edu.tw/index.html">http://www.la.cycu.edu.tw/index.html</a>			li@ccu.edu.tw
			Master of Landscape Architecture				li@ccu.edu.tw
		National Central University	Diploma of Leisure and Recreation	<a href="http://leisure.nctu.edu.tw/leisure.php?ch=ch_support">http://leisure.nctu.edu.tw/leisure.php?ch=ch_support</a>			li@leisure.nctu.edu.tw
			Master of Leisure and Recreation				
Thailand	Bangkok	Chulalongkorn University	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="http://www.land.arch.chula.ac.th">www.land.arch.chula.ac.th</a>		N/A	ariya.arnonita
			Master of Landscape Architecture	<a href="http://www.land.arch.chula.ac.th">www.land.arch.chula.ac.th</a>		N/A	ariya.arnonita
		Kasetsart University	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="http://www.land.arch.ku.ac.th">www.land.arch.ku.ac.th</a>			
			Master of Landscape Architecture	<a href="http://www.land.arch.ku.ac.th">www.land.arch.ku.ac.th</a>			
			Ph.D in Landscape Architecture	<a href="http://www.land.arch.ku.ac.th">www.land.arch.ku.ac.th</a>			
		Tanwanan University	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="https://www.tbu.ac.th/eng/eng.html">https://www.tbu.ac.th/eng/eng.html</a>			
		Silpakorn University	Master of Landscape Architecture	<a href="https://arch.su.ac.th/index.php/institute/faculty/arch.html">https://arch.su.ac.th/index.php/institute/faculty/arch.html</a>			
		KMITL	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="https://www.aust.kmitl.ac.th/vertical/bachelor/land/">https://www.aust.kmitl.ac.th/vertical/bachelor/land/</a>			
		KMITT	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="https://thead.kmitl.ac.th/program/landscape-architecture/">https://thead.kmitl.ac.th/program/landscape-architecture/</a>			
Chiangmai		Maripa University	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="http://arch.mripa.ac.th/staff/3/314">http://arch.mripa.ac.th/staff/3/314</a>			
		Chiangmai University	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="https://www.art.cmu.ac.th/program/index.php/program_landarch">https://www.art.cmu.ac.th/program/index.php/program_landarch</a>			
		Maharajahm Mahaveeriahm University	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="https://www.informasi.as.th/ARCH/IA/">https://www.informasi.as.th/ARCH/IA/</a>			
		RMUTT38 - Naituburi Campus	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/people/Landscape-Architecture-Rm38/1000046017">https://www.facebook.com/people/Landscape-Architecture-Rm38/1000046017</a>			
Asia Pacific							

## 3. Recognition / Accreditation activities:

a) The Department of Homeland Security in the United State designated Landscape Architecture a STEM discipline in July 2023. This designation recognizes the high degree of science, technology, engineering and mathematics course work required in landscape architecture collegiate programs. Due to this, it is necessary to set up an authoritative education committee and a top think tank in the APR region, too. We must keep up with the developments and establish a team of experts with comprehensive professional and academic credibility that can provide orientation for the regional education recognition and accreditation, discipline evaluation, and scientific research counseling.

b) Current accreditation activities: The EAA committee has received the accreditation panel report. According to the August 2023 of “**Accreditation Report: IPB Bachelor of Landscape Architecture**” by Mr. Mike Barthelmeh (Chair, IFLA EAA Working Group on Accreditation and Recognition), the recommendation for the renewal of their accreditation is: **The Bachelors degree in Landscape Architecture offered by IPB university in Indonesia is granted PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION in accordance with the IFLA APR Accreditation Procedures 2018, for a two year period from 2023, subject to satisfactory self-evaluation through the annual IFLA APR reporting process. The Faculty and Department hosting the programme may NOT refer to the status of the programme as being Accredited during this period; it must always refer to the programme as having Provisional Accreditation.**

- c) After IPB University, the Chinese Culture University and Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei are now starting to discuss how to start the Accreditation Procedure by IFLA-APR. Key is that any new program following the path will help promoting landscape programs accreditation in the region, as well as spur the dialogue and discussion.

**4. Strengthen academic exchanges and cooperation**

- a) To build an educational cooperation mechanism under the IFLA-APR framework, we hope to arrange a special “office” that promotes the higher education and academic cooperation projects of landscape architecture, helps the mutual credit recognition mechanism, and supports exchange programs, joint courses and studios. This includes holding IFLA-APR initiated landscape architecture education and academic seminars to promote the exchanges between education and the practice. This can happen through online and offline sharing courses among the region, and jointly develop online public lectures and virtual simulation teaching projects.
- b) In particular, to start triggering International exchange of scholars for short-term teaching program, we promoted the stay of Professor Parisutha Rajana from Chennai in Fu Jen Catholic University, New Taipei. We are looking forward to learn from this activity how to facilitate more international visits and exchange of teaching programs and design workshops through the EAA platform in the future.
- c) We are looking forward to scout and promote international conferences in the regions. Currently, we are assessing the international landscape conference that is expected to take place in Taipei during November 2024. In particular, we hope to support networking inside and outside the region so to ensure a proper international dimension to the events in the region, as well as the promotion of academics and characters of our region.

**5. Working and wish list:**

- a) Establish the APR Landscape Architecture Education index map (for example: asla.org)
- b) Continuous tracking and updating of Recognition/Accreditation activities.
- c) Continuous tracking and updating of IFLA APR Landscape Program Census.

**RECOMMENDATIONS (MOTIONS TO VOTE): N/A**