

December 6th - Active AIA Japan member, Mr. Taro Nagazumi died at the age of 52.

Nagazumi was most recently the director of YKK AP R&D Center. His inquisitive and methodical approach to architecture and business in general was appreciated by several practices including the Tokyo branch of RTKL. As a Project Manager for many years, he helped bring American architectural sensitivity to the reality of Japanese construction business.

Nagazumi was a graduate of Kyushu Institute of Design and Cornell University. We express our sincere condolences to his family.

October 12 - Internationally known architect Kisho Kurokawa died at the age of 73.

Kurokawa wrote extensively on philosophy and architecture and lectured widely. Some of his most well-known works include the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, the New Wing of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and the National Art Center in Tokyo.

Kurokawa was an honorary AIA member, friend and supporter of AIA - Japan. We express our sincere condolences to his family.



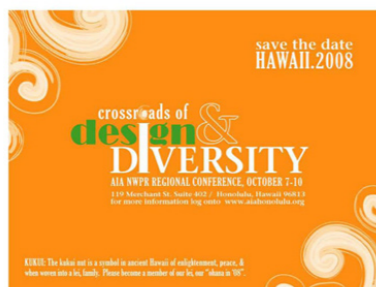
The Nakagin Capsule Tower, Ginza, 1972
Photo courtesy of Architectural Record

Message from 2008 AIA President:

As AIA Japan begins its 3rd year since its founding, it is very exciting to see the many new opportunities in 2008 to grow, broaden the scope of its activities, and better serve its members. The means of communication that AIA Japan has already accomplished have been inspiring; for our members it has created closer contact with fellow members, our local community and universities, organizations such as the JIA, and clearer communication with AIA National. My hope for 2008 is to continue this growth and focus on our very unique position of being an international chapter of the AIA, helping to better our community through our profession, while sharing the great wealth of international experience of our members with others.

James V. Lambiasi, AIA
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Event Reminders for 2008



AIA 2008 National Convention and Design Exposition
We the People: May 15-17, Boston, MA
<http://www.aiaconvention.com>

2008 Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference
February 20-23, 2008, Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington DC
http://www.aia.org/ev_grassroots_2008

2008 AIA Northwest & Pacific Regional Conference
Crossroads of Design and Diversity:
October 7-10, 2008, Honolulu, HI



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2007 年 AIA ジャパン代表からのご挨拶

私にとって、2007 年の AIA ジャパン代表を勤めさせて頂けた事はこの上ない名誉であります。何とか重責を曲がりなりに全とう出来ましたのは会員の皆様方、とりわけ次期代表のジム・ランビアーゼさんの篤いご支援の賜物と考えております。この場をお借りしまして、ジムさんにはお礼を申し上げたいと思います。以下に 2007 年に実現できた事柄をご紹介します。

1. JIA と相互承認の CES プログラムを実行することについて合意し、AIA 本部 2007 年副代表立会いの下で 10 月 19 日金曜日に JIA との合意書に署名を行いました。これは JIA のニュースリリースにも掲載されております。
2. 一年に一回の共同イベントを年末 11 月に開催いたしました。都市再生、環境、経済について新生銀行本店ホールにて基調講演とシンポジウムを行いました。テンプル大学、国土館大学、米国大使館、そして新生銀行から篤いご協賛を頂きました。
3. 最初の AIA ジャパン・アワードが開催され、2 つの優秀な作品に授与されました。担当の役員には大変な努力をして頂き心よりお礼申し上げます。今後このアワードが継続され、社会的に高い認知を得て、評価されるよう信じております。また、AIA ジャパンの趣旨にご賛同下さった審査員の方々に深くお礼申し上げます。
4. ニコライ・クルーガーさんをスポークンに派遣し AIA 太平洋岸北西地区の会議に出席していただき、地区代表の方々と有意義な交流を深めました。
5. 多くの会員が、AIA サンアントニオ大会に出席し、他の地区の方々と交流を深めました。また、来年のポストン大会へも積極的な参加が望まれます。

会員の皆様のご尽力によって、AIA ジャパンの重要性は日々高まり、認識されていると思えます。2008 年も、新しい AIA ジャパン代表に於かれましては、活動のビジョンを明確にされて、会員一同の力を集めることが出来る事を切に願っております。

Message from 2007 AIA Japan President:

It was a great honor for me to serve as a president of AIA Japan 2007. I was able to accomplish this only because of the strong support from all AIA Japan members. I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank 2008 President Jim Lambiasi. Below are some of our achievements for 2007.

1. We established a reciprocal agreement of the AIA CES program with the JIA, so that the both accredited learning units are transferable. The agreement signing occurred on Oct. 19th.
2. A Year End Symposium for Urban Revitalization, Environment and Economy at Shinsei Bank Lecture Hall, which was co-sponsored by Temple University, Kokushikan University and the American Embassy.
3. The first AIA Japan award was granted to two excellent designs. We really hope that this program receive social recognition and receive high evaluations.
4. We were represented by Nicolai Kruger in Spokane, WA for the North Pacific Regional Conference.
5. Some of our members participated in the AIA San Antonio convention and developed a very visible relationship with other chapter members.

The presence and importance of AIA Japan chapter is increasing everyday; that is happening because of all the members' strong commitment. It is important for the next president to set the clear goals for the 2008 activities so that every member can make clear contributions.

Jun Mitsui, AIA, JIA
AIA Japan, 2007 President



Jun Mitsui, George Kunihiro and
Marshall Purnell, October 19, 2007

Memorandum of Mutual Agreement Between The JIA & The AIA

On October 19, 2007 JIA Vice-President George Kunihiro and AIA Japan President Jun Mitsui signed an agreement that both parties recognize the benefits of providing educational credits to those members who endeavor to further their knowledge, and agree to cooperate in providing educational opportunities to their members. As a general principal, events recognized by the JIA for CPD credits will be eligible for AIA CES credits, and conversely, events sponsored by AIA Japan can be available to JIA members for CPD credits. AIA 2007 First Vice President Marshall Purnell, FAIA participated in the contract signing ceremony.



AIA 2007 Northwest & Pacific Regional Conference, Spokane, WA

September 26 to 29 - The AIA NW&P Regional Conference was held in Spokane, Washington with over 300 participants. The attendee who represented AIA Japan was Nicolai Kruger. Highlights included: "Case Studies in Residential Design" by Tom Kundig, FAIA of Olsen Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects and "The Current Status of Chinese Architectural Style" by Professor David Wang of Washington State University. Ms. Kruger was warmly welcomed by regional board members when she attended the workshop and business meeting. Facilitator Rena Klein, FAIA engaged members to discuss Soloso and AIA Knowledge Communities during the workshop. A major theme was how to disseminate information better among components and how to take full advantage of our cultural and geographical diversity. To learn more about the NW & Pacific Region organization, please see their homepage at <http://www.aianwpr.org>.

AIA 2007 National Convention & Design Exposition San Antonio, TX

May 3 to 5 - The convention theme, *Growing Beyond Green*, focused on how to reduce the impact buildings have on the environment. Board members Jun Mitsui, Jim Lambiasi, Wasaku Kuno, Riccardo Tossani and George Kunihiro participated. Former US Vice President Al Gore gave the keynote with a message for architects everywhere: "You have the greatest opportunity in the history of your profession," he said, to address "moral imperatives disguised as problems... as problem solvers and leaders in society, now is your moment."



AIA & JIA Members meeting at the National Conference, San Antonio, TX

AIA Co-sponsors International Dialogue: "Urban Regeneration, Environmental Sustainability, & Economic Development"

AIA Japan teamed up with Temple University Japan Campus, Asia-Japan Research Center of Kokushikan University, and the Embassy of the United States in Japan for a daylong symposium of thought provoking lectures and panel discussions on November 17, 2007.

Of the many issues that impact urban regeneration and economic development, those related to environmental sustainability and social inclusion are the longest lasting in their impact, and were chosen as themes for this event. Over 160 architects, planners and members of the business and academic community attended the Symposium that was hosted by Shinsei Bank in their hall overlooking the Hibya Marunouchi area. During the morning session, Fred W. Clarke, FAIA, JIA (Principal, Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects), and Mitsuru Senda, JIA (Architect and President, JIA) delivered keynote speeches that addressed environmental sustainability. The following panel discussion was moderated by Jun Mitsui AIA, JIA (Principal, Jun Mitsui & Associates) and joined by Clark Llewellyn (Dean, University of Hawaii) and Kazuhiko Yamamoto (Vice President, Mori Building Co. Ltd).

Shuji Funo (Professor, University of Shiga Prefecture) and George Kunihiro, JIA, AIA (Architect & Professor, Kokushikan University) delivered the afternoon keynote speeches that focused on social inclusion in cities. Moderated by Geeta Mehta, AIA (Associate Professor, Temple University Japan) the panel discussion of this topic included Andre Sorensen (Assistant Professor, University of Toronto) besides the keynote speakers.

The discussion from the sessions described above continued over lunch sponsored by Lutron, and the reception following the event.



Kazuhiko Yamamoto speaking during the morning panel discussion



Jim Lambiasi and afternoon panelists



The conference venue at Shinsei Bank, it was a full house

The First AIA Japan Design Award News

The AIA Japan Chapter has held its first Chapter Design Awards in November last year. The purpose of the Design Award was to provide an avenue through which architects may gain recognition in their architectural design and planning. Although given short time to prepare submissions, AIA Japan successfully received 14 entries that include private detached residences, a community church, retail Improvements, a research Institute and a resort hotel. The AIA Japan appreciates the efforts that all participants devoted for this Design Award.

It was a distinctive honor for the AIA Japan Chapter that three professional jury members agreed to serve for this award; **Mr. Michio Sugawara** from Ishimoto Architecture and Engineering Firm, **Ms. Itsuko Hasegawa** from Itsuko Hasegawa Atelier and **Ms. Dana Buntrock**, an associate professor at UC Berkley. Two projects were selected for Design Awards as well as two other projects to be cited, as shown on right hand.

At the Award Ceremony Ms. Hasegawa commented, "We were very nervous to make our mind what kinds of project to be selected, as it may influence the nature of the AIA Japan Design Awards in the future. We all hope that AIA members would take an initiative to enlighten the Japanese society and promote its different and unique points of view and value of architecture to us." The awards were also announced in a several media, such as Ken-plaz web news. The notice for the 2008 Design Awards will be announced in the late summer.

Awarded Projects



Flamme IGA Complex designed by Mr. Ryuichi Sasaki, Assoc. AIA in the collaboration with Mr. Junpei Kiz, JIA and Mr. Tetsuo Kobori, JIA.



Shimizu Corporation Institute of Technology designed by Mr. Shigeru Hioki, AIA

Cited Projects

A shared house in Hongo by **Mr. Tomoaki Tanaka**, AIA and A Cube Office by **Mr. Tomohisa Miyauchi**, AIA.

Jury Members



Mr. Michio Sugawara



Ms. Itsuko Hasegawa



Ms. Dana Buntrock



Tokyo Planning Forum - AIA Japan Lecture Series

Thanks to all members who have participated in lectures this year sponsored by Tokyo Planning Forum and AIA Japan. All events were registered with the AIA Continuing Education System and all members received CES points for their participation. Listed are some of the events from this year that we held at Temple University.

"Shimokitazawa as an Utopian town in Japan"

Speaker: Masami Kobayashi, Professor of Meiji University/Visiting Associate of Harvard University, Leader of Shimokitazawa Forum

"Recent Works"

Speaker: Paul Katz FAIA HKIA, Principal of KPF Architects

"What do Developers expect from Architects and Designers?"

Speakers: Yoshihiko Sone, Senior Project Manager, Architectural Planning Services Group, Architecture and Construction Services Department, Mitsui Fudosan Kojiro Shimodo, Project Manager, Office Building Development Dept I Planning Group, Mitsui Fudosan

"Japanese Culture Viewed Through Architecture: From Machiya to Modernity"

Speaker: Geoffrey P. Moussas, Principal, Design 1st, Kyoto, Japan

"Expanded Architecture - Buildings and Projects"

Speaker: Stanley Saitowitz

"Living Below Sea Level"

Speaker: Sytse de Maat, architect M.Sc.