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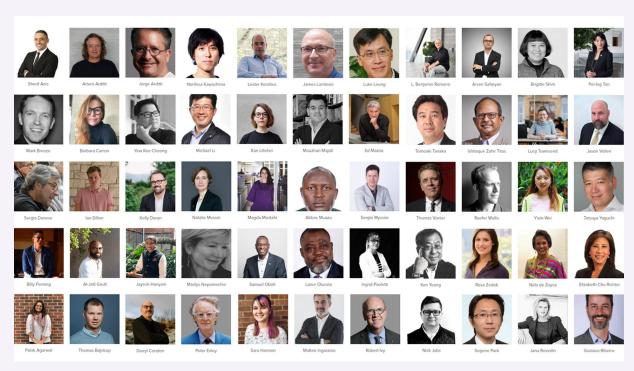


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A One-Day AIA IR Spring Virtual Conference

Click here for the pdf version



by AIAJ Executive Committee on April 27

The 24-hour, around-the-clock, around-the-world virtual event held on April 26.

The AIA International Region held a one-day virtual conference on how the profession can move towards a sustainable future. The conference was organized by the AIA IR President Lester Korzilius, the AIA IR Administrative Director Genie Khmelnitski, and the AIA Middle East President/Conference Chair Ali Lari.

The participants were from over 100 countries and the sessions were hosted by the 7 IR Chapters in Canada, Europe, Hong Kong, Japan, the Middle East, Shanghai, and the United Kingdom, as well as contributions from Brazil, Australia, Mexico, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. The AIAU was the conference technical partner, broadcasting the conference on their system ON24 and managing the backend logistics.

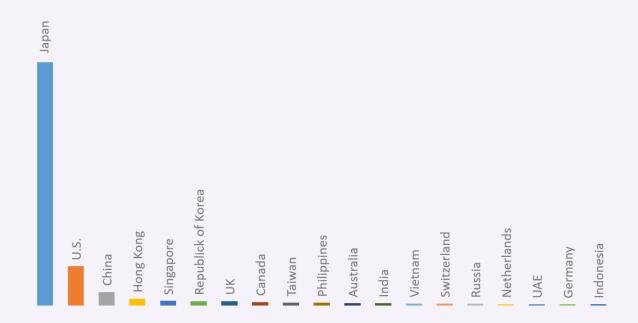
The speakers were from various sustainability backgrounds, including architects, engineers, consultants and academics. Keynote speakers included Ed Mazria, FAIA (CEO of Architecture 2030 & AIA 2021 Gold Medalist), and Ken Yeang, Hon FAIA. AIA leaders Peter Exley and Robert Ivy were also presented. Luke Leung (Director at SOM), and Norihisa Kawashia (Principal at Nori Architects, Senior Assistant Professor at Meiji University) were the speakers from Japan.

It was their great efforts in pulling the conference together. The session recording is now available to all registrants here and AIA Japan session No 1. here & AIA Japan session No 2. here.

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TOP STORIES

AIA Japan's international online visitors reached 70 countries in the first quarter.



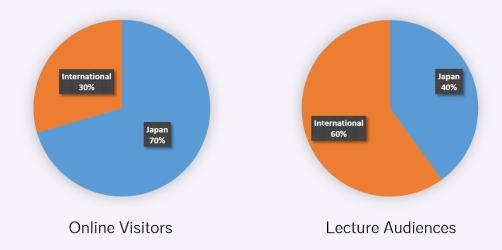
by AIAJ PR Committee on April 15

Online visitors:

- Website visit increased 46% visits yr/yr and 72% page views yr/yr
- Domestic 70% and International 30%

Lecture audiences:

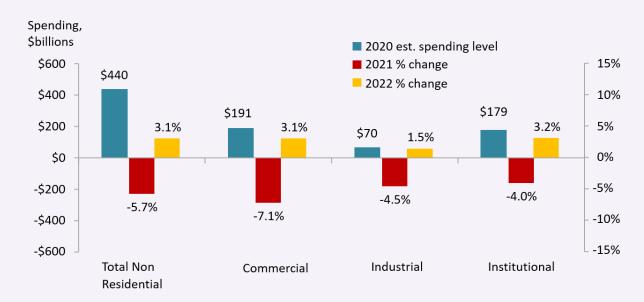
- 32 countries from North America, Europe, Middle East, and APAC countries
- Domestic 40% and International 60%



The Economy the Pandemic Outlook

by AIAJ Strategic Planning Committee on April 15

Billions \$ / % change - construction spending on nonresidential buildings



Source: AIA Consensus Construction Forecast Panel on Dec 2020

United States

• Construction spending decline projected to accelerate this year, followed by a reasonably healthy recovery in 2022

- Architecture firms saw a modest recovery in project backlogs in recent quarters
- Despite a challenging year, two thirds of the firms were profitable in 2020



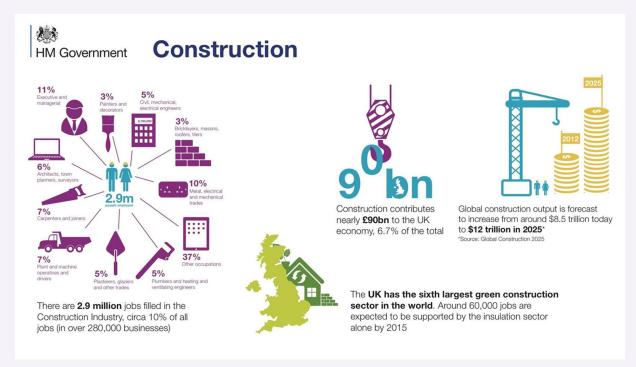
by FDI Global Cities of the Future 2021/2022 Report

Dubai

Dubai continues to establish its position as a global investment hub, ranking 3rd in FDI Intelligence's 'FDI Global Cities of the Future 2021/2022" report.

Dubai attracts and retains investor confidence through its thriving partnerships with the international business community. Despite global challenges, this remains a strategic priority, in order for Dubai to remain a sought-after investment destination.

The city is set to announce its next five-year plan in the coming months. Matching both Singapore and London, Dubai has indicated a desire to move its economy to a more environmentally sustainable model. In green developments, Dubai's clean energy strategy aims to generate 75% of its energy from clean sources by 2050.



by HM Government

United Kingdom

The construction sector in the UK is constantly expanding and there is great demand for GREEN products with excellent environmental sustainability and efficiency performance.

Potential longer-term changes to construction needs resulting from pandemic by Kermit Baker, Hon. AIA Chief Economist, The American Institute of Architects on Feb 17

- I. Changing location decisions
 - De-urbanization of major cities
 - Avoidance of public transportation
 - Permanent telecommuting options offer more locational options
- II. Continued weak demand for commercial space
 - Continued popularity of telecommuting reduces demand for offices
 - E-commerce limits demand for bricks and mortar retail
 - Declining business travel limits need for hotel space
- III. Repurposing commercial/high-end residential space

- Retrofitting existing offices/hospitality
- Conversion of excess retail/office/hotel space to alternative (residential) uses
- Filtering of high-end rentals

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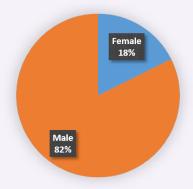


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by AIAJ Executive Committee on April 12

AIAJ will focus more on building a collective voice and leadership to enrich the lives of the communities. Many organizations & companies also have been putting EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) into greater focus for improvement.

AIAJ leadership including committee members



All listed UAE companies now must have at least one female director on the board. Women currently sit on boards of 28 out of 110 companies on UAE stock markets but hold only 3.5% of director positions

World Economic Forum Releases Toolkit for Leaders to Improve Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in post-COVID-19 Workplace. See here for more details.

The Saudi Green Building Forum (SGBF) showed its support for gender equality at this year's UN session of the Commission on the Status of Women. See here for more details.

2021 AIA Grassroots "Incorporating Equity Diversity Inclusion Belonging into your programs initiatives" panel session talks about how we plan and deliver programs and support our members and firms helps us remain relevant, meaningful, and effective. It also ensures we're thoughtfully engaging and including individuals and communities.

- **Yiselle Santos Rivera**, AIA, NOMA, NCARB, LSSYB, WELL AP, LEED AP. She is a medical planner and Global Director of Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion at HKS, Inc. Click here to see the presentation material.
- **Caroline Braga**, ASLA, PLA, landscape architect & chair, employee engagement | principal. Click here to see the presentation material.

Sustainability in a Changing World



Image by Pixabay

by AIAJ Executive Committee on April 12

AIA's commitment to sustainability: AIA works to advance policies and design practices that improve energy conservation, the health of communities and resiliency in every community.

- Focus & Action! Click here to find our more.
- Why is sustainability important? Click here to find out why.

World Green Building Council (World GBC) is a global network with 70 Green Building Councils around the globe. For more information click here. For members directory click here.

As members of the UN Global Compact, World GBC works with businesses, organizations and governments to drive the ambitions of the Paris Agreement and UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development. Through a system change approach, the World GBC network is leading the industry towards a net zero carbon, healthy, equitable and resilient built environment.

The Saudi Green Building Forum (SGBF) is a professional member-based association for Patriotic Purpose; a Non-Governmental Organization in Consultative Special Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

VISION: "The ideal reference to the practices of Green Building and Sustainable Development in the Arab world; The most prominent Representative of the United Nations' Civil Society, for health, safety and the environment. Saudi Green Building Forum participates in the UN session. Here to find out more.

AIA Conference on Architecture 2021

4 days of architecture and design virtual conference.



by AIA National

First-ever, all-digital AIA Conference on Architecture (A '21) kicks off this June, featuring some of the biggest names in architecture and design. Join the conference here.

June 17

FIRM RESILIENCE

Thriving in a competitive business climate is difficult, even in the best economy. Learn to adapt your design values to current realities, reevaluate your market position, and proactively secure work while enhancing your brand.

July 8

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE

Buildings are responsible for about 40% of the world's carbon emissions. Learn how to painlessly, profitably, and equitably add sustainable design to your firm's portfolio of services and strategies to convince clients of its value.

July 29

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Communities prosper when architects are involved, but barriers remain to individual agency and action. Learn how to be an agent of change in communities using advocacy and consensus building to create equity.

August 19

BUILDING EFFICIENCIES

Climate change highlights the need for drastically reducing our carbon emissions. Learn how innovations in contracts, regulation, labor, manufacturing, and materials are changing firms' work and the AEC industry.

Urban Land Institute (ULI) Asia Pacific Summit



by AIAJ Public Relations Committee on March 24

Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit will return to Tokyo with a hybrid event. Live streamed content from around the world, and pop-up networking events with the wide virtual audience. See more detail here.

Segene Park AIA, AIA Japan President / Senior Architect & Masterplanner at Nikken Sekkei will be a featured panelist at the Young Leaders Group Virtual Forum on May 17 in Japan. This will be the first session of the Summit and the discussion is titled "Guidelines for the Future – Sustainable Leadership for a World in Transition." See more detail here.

The Great Wisteria Festival at Ashikaga Flower Park

Beautiful wisteria (Fuji) flowers near Tokyo



by AIAJ Architecture Tour Committee on April 22

The Great Wisteria Festival at Ashikaga Flower Park in Tochigi prefecture has been chosen as one of the top 10 international dream destinations by CNN in 2014, and wisteria flower has become a top tourist attraction in spring in Japan. Visit here for more details.

Yeliseyevsky Food Emporium

The grocery closed on April 11 after 120 years of service.



by Segene Park, AIA on April 14

This supermarket was opened in 1901 located in an 18th century building in the historic center of Moscow on Tverskaya street. This old shop is well-known for its delicacies and souvenirs, but also famous for its luxurious, historic, and breathtaking interiors with stained glass, chandeliers, and art nouveau decorations.

"But ultimately it was the Covid-19 pandemic, along with a complicated legal agreement over the sale of the building, that led to its downfall."

BBC News

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MEMBERS & FRIENDS' CORNER

The Urban Plan Initiative

One of the ULIs initiative for the emerging professionals



by ULI Executive Committee, Gordon C. Hatton on April 20

The Urban Land Institute is the oldest and largest network of cross-disciplinary real estate and land use experts in the world. The Japan chapter of ULI brings together leading Japanese and international property industry stakeholders for learning, networking and promotion of efficient urban land use.

As the ULI's signature education initiative, Urban Plan aims to further ULI's mission of providing leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide, by encouraging a sophisticated level of discourse among local stakeholders involved in land use decisions. Urban Plan's goal is to outreach to, engage with and educate a wide breadth of stakeholders, from students, to tomorrow's voters, neighbors, community leaders, public officials and land use professionals, so – together – the collaboration can create better communities.

Conducted in a one-day intensive workshop setting, Urban Plan is a realistic, engaging board-game-style simulation and negotiation exercise in which participants learn about the fundamental forces that affect real estate development in our communities. Student teams compete to fulfill a Request for Proposal by creating a plan to regenerate an urban site. Teams are tasked with producing a development scheme for a declining urban neighborhood through

trade-offs and collaborative planning. Multi-disciplinary role-play ensures that critical issues are highlighted, discussed and negotiated from diverse public and private sector perspectives. Teams are required to formulate a place making vision and are encouraged to propose solutions that are both socially desirable and economically viable, to create a vibrant, accessible urban environment. Industry expert volunteers provide guidance using the Socratic Method to mentor students on their critical thinking. At the end of the day, each student has a role in presenting their team's proposal to the judges who will evaluate the scheme's holistic response to the brief.

ULI Japan began offering the program to students at Tsukuba University in 2019, and are building a platform to expand this opportunity to other participants in Japan. In order to facilitate the program, we are seeking to broaden the pool of trainers. Volunteer participation from a diverse community of property experts is key to ensuring a meaningful experience for the students. Furthermore, being a trainer is quite an enjoyable way to give something back to the profession, and stepping away from your own preconceptions is such a big learning tool for anyone at any point of their career.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Gordon C. Hatton Gordon.hatton@pembroke.com or Ko Iwahori ko@acadia.global.

Moulding a New Impression of Yancheng by Nikken Sekkei Ltd.

Enhancing Well-being with Immersive Nature and Cutting Edge Technology



by Segene Park, AIA on April 14

Yancheng, the second most populated city in Jiangsu, is developing itself as a modern coastal city. One of its emerging strategic areas is the Nanhai Future City in Yancheng Chengnan area. The Centre of the Nanhai Future City, where the entitled project is located, is envisioned to become a business and innovation core. Not only will it become the landmark of Yancheng, but also one of the best research communities in China.

The project team aims to deliver an integrated business district, gathering research clusters, campus, and a range of entrepreneurship supporting facilities. The district will offer the research community a sustainable and comfortable working environment. Its flexible workplace design takes into account the recent change in work pattern, which allows business and innovation to happen outside conventional office space. Innovative design strategies and cutting-edge technology are widely used to add convenience and comfort.



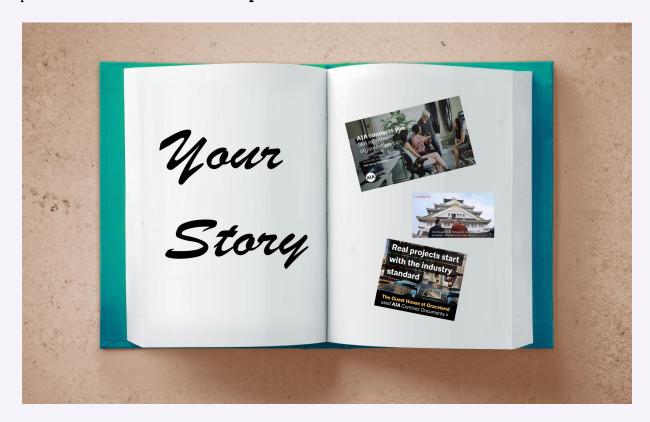
The whole project site is divided into three districts. Each with particular uses and characteristics. They complement each other, forming a business ecosystem which is expected to evolve with time. Architecture and landscape design vary in the three districts, with each of them celebrating different kinds of nature scenery and history trails in Yancheng.

Click here to watch a short animation.

- **Project Name:** Yancheng Crystal Innovation & Research Community
- Location: Yancheng, China
- Project Categories: Masterplan, Architecture, and Landscape
- **Site Area:** 58.3 ha
- **Building Area:** 1,712,000 sqm
- **Construction:** Phase I will start in 2021
- Name of Firm: Nikken Sekkei Ltd.
- **Design Team:** Segene Park, Moonfier Li, Shiyuan Yao, Yueye Xu, Leandro Ishioka, Taichi Matsumoto, Yuki Nemoto
- Management & Client Relations Team: Ryuichi Kizumi, Hua Ye
- **Presentation Team:** Koichi Sawaragi, Masahiro Tanaka

Members & Friends Corner

Welcome to our **Members' Corner**. Here you will find the latest **news** and best practices from our **memberships and friends**



by Your Name on Month 00

Share your story with our memberships and friends. The story can be anything. Your project, your neighborhood story, recent travel experience, food recipe, and etc.

Send us your 300 word article and an image here!

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AIA Japan History



Front row, left to right---

Takashi Nakano, Guest, Masami Yonezawa, Naomi Tsuyuki, George Kunihiro, Yoshihiko Sone

Back row, left to right---

Shigeru Yamaki, Gordon C. Hatton, Ryoichi Minami, Kate Schwennsen (AIA First Vice President), Michel van Ackere (AIA Japan President), Doug Steidl (AIA President), James Lambiasi, Yoshiaki Ogura (JIA President), Charles Uhlmann, Guest

by AIAJ Historian James Lambiasi, AIA on April 17

A look back...

It is a pleasure to be asked to contribute an article about the history of AIA Japan, being a member since its founding, it is amazing to reflect on how the chapter has developed in the 16 years since it started. So as the first article of this series, I thought I would share a photo of the AIA Japan opening reception that took place on June 2, 2005, at Frank Lloyd Wright's Jiyugakuen Myonichikan.

Distinguished guests for the occasion included AIA President Doug Steidl, AIA First Vice President Kate Schwennsen, AIA International Director Ellen Delage, JIA President Yoshiaki Ogura, and AIA Honorary Member Kisho Kurokawa. Frank Lloyd Wright's Jiyugakuen Myonichikan was a perfect venue for the occasion, symbolizing the deep relationship between America and Japan in architecture. The highlight of the evening came when AIA President Douglas Steidl formally presented the AIA Japan Charter to AIA Japan founding President Michel van Ackere. It was a memorable evening full of excitement for our fledgling chapter with the gracious support of AIA National and JIA.

For more photos of the event, you can find them posted on the AIA Japan website here, along with a list of attendees.

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Antonin Raymond

The AIA Japan supports the fundraising project for a new book on Antonin Raymond. Click here to see the page sample.



by James Lambiasi, AIA on April 3

Antonin Raymond in Japan, 1948-1976

About Antonin Raymond

AIA Japan would like to share exciting news about a new book on Antonin Raymond in Japan, hopefully to be published soon by co-author Helena Capkova, PhD, a Czech Tokyo/Kyoto-based curator, researcher, and art history professor at Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto. In 1956 Raymond was awarded an honorary medal by the American Institute of Architects, and in 1964 he received the Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government. An architectural firm bearing his name still operates in Japan.

While the current book is in Japanese and Czech, Helena is currently raising funds to publish a book in English and Japanese consisting of interviews with those who supported the work by Raymond's side. We hope to have Helena present her book in a lecture to our members in the future , and if you would like to support the fundraising project for the book, please go to this link.

Spring Social Event for AIAJ Members



by AIAJ Program & Event Committee on April 4

Yumiko Yamada hosted the event on Saturday April 3rd. The memberships were discussed and AIAJ responded as follows.

• Licensure in JP for US License holders

- How is this possible?
- Should this be an information session or info available online on AIAJ?

See Resources. AIAJ will update with more information.

• Japanese Cinema

o 80's 90's cinema events

The AIAJ held AIAJ Movie-Night in 2019. AIAJ will consider the cinema event as our future event.

• Monthly visits Tokyo

- o Small group, once a month. Architecture and Lunch.
- Not only famous buildings but weird quirky buildings why, how?

The AIAJ Architecture Tour Committee will start an architecture tour if the situation gets better. Stay tuned here for the architecture tour.

Autumn trip Kyoto

Big interest

The AIAJ Kansai-Region will consider the event if the membership increases in the Kansai area.

Revit

o International projects, domestic projects, small office vs big office issue

Marcus Kim will be a featured lecturer on May 15th. He is a Technical Solutions Executive at Autodesk & the author of the Mastering Autodesk Revit for Architecture series (2017, 2018, and 2020). See aiajapan.org for more details.

Mentorship / Training at Offices

Support system FOR offices, or support system AT AIAJ?

The AIAJ EP Committee will hold two informative sessions this year for the emerging professionals. See here for the EP resources.

• Women / Diversity

- o International architects in Japan experience, support system, or AIAJ?
- Women in the workplace, school

The AIAJs one of the focus along with the emerging professional (EP) and sustainability. See here for the resources.

Discussions vs. Lectures

o More effective learning as small group discussions

This year AIAJ events are divided into 3 categories, lecture series, social events with discussions, and informative sessions.

AIA Program & Event Committee is planning to hold more events for the AIAJ memberships. Committee Chair Yumiko will welcome the members' concerns and requests. Stay Tuned!

Event Reminder

Delivering the Value of BIM to Owners with a Digital Twin



by AIAJ CES Committee on April 26

Author of the Mastering Autodesk Revit for Architecture Series (2017, 2018, and 2020) will Give an Online Lecture

Lecturer: Marcus Kim, the Technical Solutions Executive

When: May 15, 2021 10:00 - 12:00 (09:30 - 10:00 is a test session) **Online Platform:** Zoom Webinar (live broadcasting / on-demand)

Registration Fee: Free

Capacity: 500 (First come first served basis applies)

Organizer: AIA Japan

Registration Link: Click Here to Register

Upcoming Events

Please note that the lecture series & events are subject to change or cancellation



Shaw Event in Tokyo on November 2016

by AIAJ CES, PE, and EP Committee on April 22

Note that the lecture series & events are subject to change or cancellation. See here for the event schedule.

May

 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

- Randall Korman, Professor at Syracuse University [Lecture, Wed, 18th]
- Meet-up!: Yumiko Yamada, Committee Chair/Partner at SANAA (Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa/SANAA) [Casual Event, Live only, Sat, 7th]
- 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]

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]

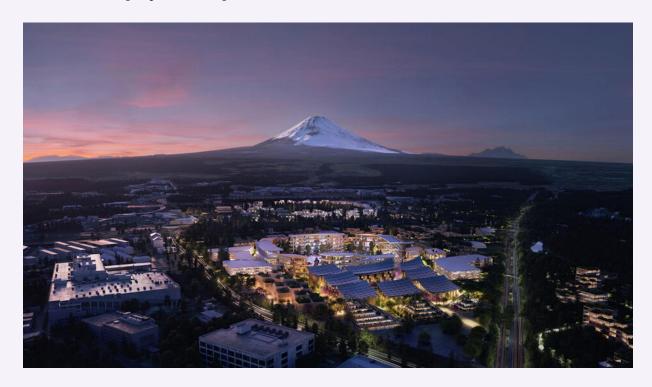
AIAJ EP/AXP Committee: Balazs Bognar, Committee Chair/Partner at Kengo Kuma & Associates: **General Info Session TBD**

Past Events

- Watch recording of past 2021 events aiajapan.org
- Watch recording of 2020 events membership

Job Opening

BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group is looking for experienced JP / English speaking architects for projects in Japan.



by AIAJ Membership Committee on February 18

BIG に興味があり、日本で経験のある建築士の方を募集しています。 東京をベースにして、ニューヨークに頻繁に出張出来る方

応募要件

- 日本の一級建築士の資格
- 12年以上の建築設計の経験があり、同一のプロジェクトで基本構想から施工までの経験
- Revit, AutoCAD, Rhino, Adobeの経験

• 日本の建築基準法の専門的な知識、申請業務、設計業務、現場監理の経験

業務内容

- 設計と施工過程中にBIGのデザインを守る
- パートナーへの報告
- クライアントやコンサルタントとのコミュニケーション
- 設計図・仕様書の作成
- チーム管理とチーム・メンバーの育成

必要技能

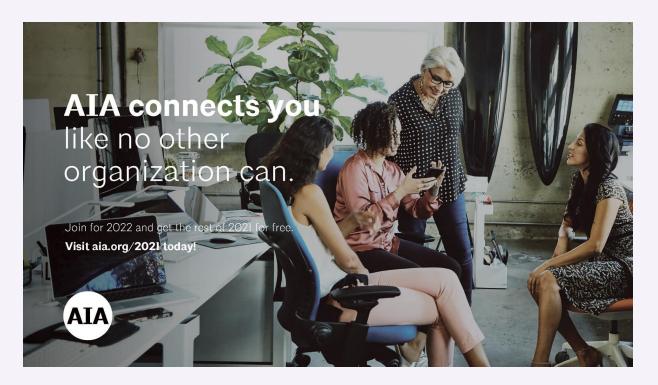
- 日本での実務経験
- 日本語(母国語)と英語
- 取引先管理
- プロジェクト・チームとクライアント、コンサルタント、メーカー、行政、ゼネコンなどとのコミュニケーション力
- BIGの創意的なデザインを技術的、および革新的な解決策で実現させる技能

Contact

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Join Us!

It is fun and easy, just spending a couple of hours a week makes a difference in our community!



by AIAJ Membership Committee on February 26

How to join AIA Japan

Architect Member (AIA): Individuals licensed to practice architecture in U.S. State or Territory.

Click Here for Application and Information

International Associate Architect Member (Int'l Assoc. AIA): Individuals who have an architectural license or equivalent from a non-U.S. licensing authority. Click Here for Application and Information

Associate Members (Assoc. AIA): Assoc. AIA is open to individuals who meet one of the following criteria:

- Recent Graduate with a degree in architecture (please see Graduate Membership)
- Currently enrolled in the Intern Development Program (IDP) and working towards licensure, or
- Currently work under the supervision of an architect or hold a degree in architecture, or
- Faculty member in a university program in architecture.

Click Here for Application and Information

The AIAJ committee open position as of April 26

Chair positions

- Legal Counsel Chair
- Intl Associate and Associate Committee Chair

Committee member positions

- Intl Associate and Associate Committee
- EP / AXP Advisor Committee
- Regional Rep. Committee
- Public Relationship Committee
- Sponsorship Committee
- Program / Event Committee
- Architecture Tour Committee









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