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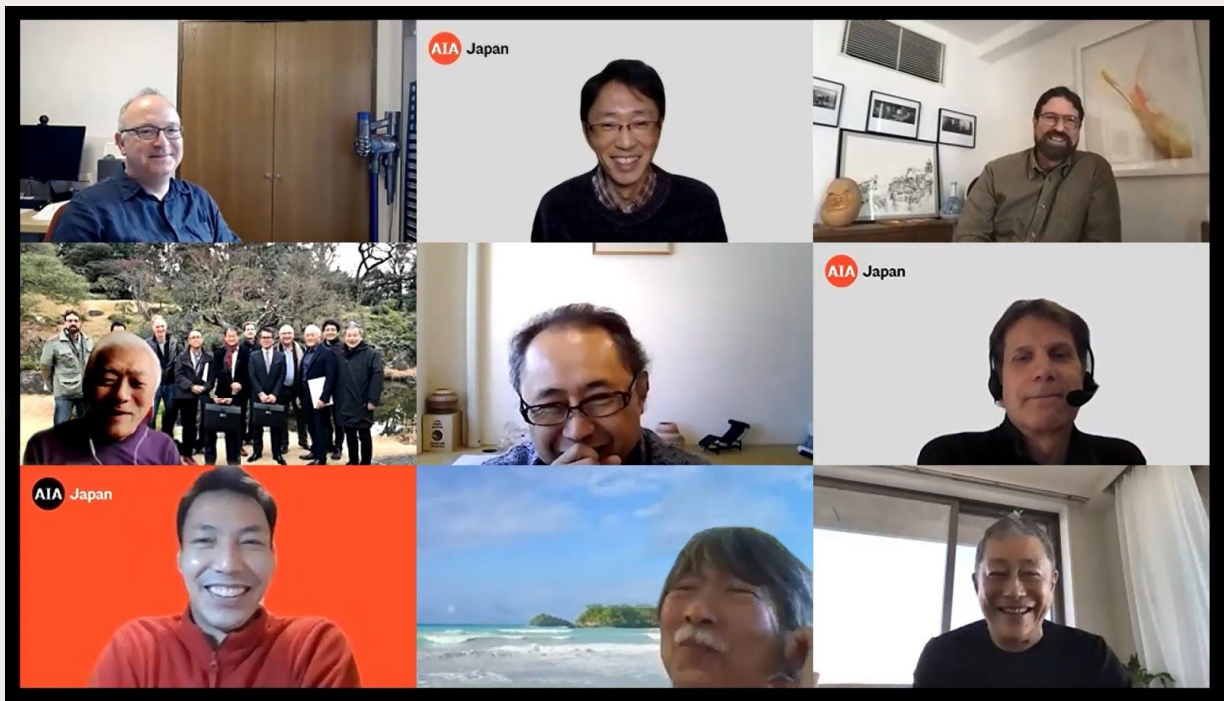
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AIAJ President Club

It was well worth recording 1 hour and 40 minutes. Because finally, we got this nice screen shot with everyone smiling!



by **Honorable & Fellow Council** on February 11

From left top, James Lambiasi, Segene Park, Scott Gold, Richard Moriwaki, Yasuyuki Sakurai, Michel Van Ackere, Akira Nakamura, Hisaya Sugiyama, and George Kunihiro.

On February 11, The Annual AIAJ President Club Meeting was held via zoom due to COVID-19. The meeting was an AIAJ's friendly tradition for giving advice from the past presidents to the newly elected president.

During the meeting, eight AIAJ past presidents and 2021 president Segene Park discussed how to help Emerging Professionals (EP) and Architects in Japan.

2014 AIAJ President & the International Committee Chair of Japan Federation of Architects and Building Engineers Associations (JFABEA), Yasuyuki Sakurai AIA suggested the AIAJ to start building a relationship with the Architectural Institute in Japan.

2016 AIAJ President and former President of ARCASIA, George Kunihiro FAIA, suggested Jim Lambiasi to be appointed as Chapter Historian. Jim was AIAJ 2008 president and appeared in NHK World's series on Japanese architecture as a navigator for many times.

“AIAJ EP Committee will hold a EP webinar this year. AIAJ Executive Committee will have its first annual meeting with the Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) International Committee in March and will engage with many other organizations this year. Also, AIAJ CES Committee and Program & Event Committee are now preparing the various online lecture series and events.” Segene said in response to the past president's advice and suggestions.

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TOP STORIES

AIAJ Social Media Account

AIAJ LinkedIn, Instagram, and Google accounts are back.



by [AIAJ Executive Committee](#) on January 20

AIAJ had an issue accessing the social media accounts since 2018. AIAJ [LinkedIn People](#), [LinkedIn Company](#), [Instagram](#), and [Google Search](#) admin accounts are now back. The AIAJ Twitter account is now suspended and AIAJ Executive Committee is now trying to claim the AIAJ Twitter admin account.

JIA IRC & AIAJ Friendly Meeting



by **AIAJ Executive Committee** on March 6

From the left top, Tomoaki Tanaka AIA (Vice-President, Executive Committee), Segene Park AIA (President, Executive Committee), Tetsuya Yaguchi AIA (Secretary, Executive Committee), Iwahashi-Y JIA (Committee Member), and Daiichi Chikuba JIA (Chair)

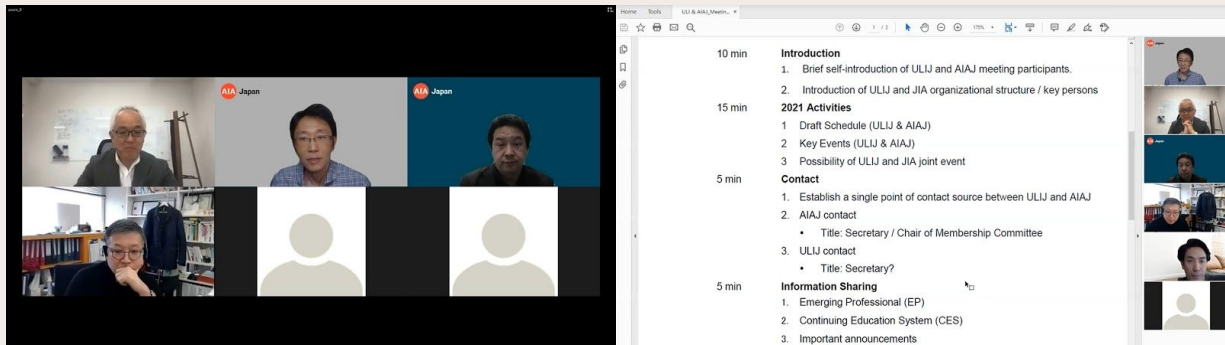
Japan Institute of Architects International Relations Committee & American Institute of Architects Japan had a friendly meeting on March 6. Both organizations shared each other's key events schedule and discussed the possibility of a joint event for IR Spring Mini Conference. The two organizations established a single point of contact between JIA IRC and AIAJ.

The JIA IRC created a website [here](#). JIA IRC and AIAJ will post each other's website link to share the useful information and recorded webinars for both memberships. JIA IRC and AIAJ agreed that AIAJ will lead an effort in fostering and advising Emerging Professionals (EP) in Japan.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between AIA and JIA in 2007 was arranged by AIAJ 2007 president Jun Mitsui (more details [here](#)). With this background both organizations agreed to continue to develop the relationships.

JIA IRC and AIAJ agree to have an annual and year-end meeting as a regular base. Between, JIA IRC and AIAJ will have a meeting whenever necessary.

1st ULI Japan & AIA Japan Meeting



by **AIAJ Executive Committee** on March 8

From the top right, Segne Park AIA (President, Executive Committee), Ko Iwahori ULI (Executive Committee) Tomoaki Tanaka AIA (Vice-President, Executive Committee), Tetsuya Yaguchi AIA (Secretary, Executive Committee), Shinsuke Nuriya ULI (YLG Chair, Executive Committee), J. Michael Owen ULI (Executive Director, Executive Committee)

Urban Land Institute Japan & American Institute of Architects Japan had their 1st Annual Meeting on March 8. Both organizations agreed to share useful information, webinars, and events. Later, ULIJ and AIAJ signed the MOU as a first step towards the partnership. With this signed MOU, both organizations' members can easily register at each other's events.

ULIJ and AIAJ also agreed to join forces on something relevant not only in architecture or in real estate but more broadly in place making and education. See [here](#) for the AIAJ program and [here](#) for the ULIJ program.

AIAJ Website Updates

AIAJ PR Committee started updating the AIAJ website aiajapan.org



by [AIAJ Public Relationship Committee](#) on March 5

The most significant update is adding an AIAJ history page. Together with Chapter Historian, and 15 Past Presidents, the PR Committee will continue to update the history page. This is one of AIAJ's ambitious projects this year which covers the past 16 years of AIAJ's history. AIAJ was founded on June 2, 2005.

- **Home:** the most recent events have been updated including JIA and ULI webinar links.
- **About:** include leadership photos and current position
- **Awards:** include the past jury members
- **Membership:** past lecture series event photos, and recorded lecture series have been move to this folder

- **Resources:** include past student program photos and useful information links. EP/AXP advisor committee announcement will also be included in this page
- **History:** this is a new page, including past presidents's photos and their message when they were elected, publication, year-end report, and other historical events.

AIA Brand Update

AIA adopts new logo



by **Bruce Sekanick, FAIA** on January 20

The article can be found [here](#)

Cherry Blossom Forecast 2021

According to the Japan Weather Association, the cherry blossoms are expected to open considerably earlier than average this year.



by [AIAJ Public Relations Committee](#) on March 10

In Tokyo, they are forecast to open on March 15, eleven days earlier than average, and in Kyoto on March 22, six days earlier than average, japan-guide.com

AIA International Region (IR) Chapter Officer's Forum

AIA IR Chapter leaders from Shanghai, UK, Continental Europe, Canada, Middle East, Costa Rica, and Brazil gathered via a zoom meeting.



by **Executive Committee** on February 25

AIAJ president Segene Park AIA and vice-president Tomoaki Tanaka AIA were representing AIA Japan.

This meeting in the past, had been held during the AIA Grassroots; however, due to Covid-19, AIAJ proposed the online gathering this year.

During the meeting, the leadership discussed key issues and events.

Legal registration:

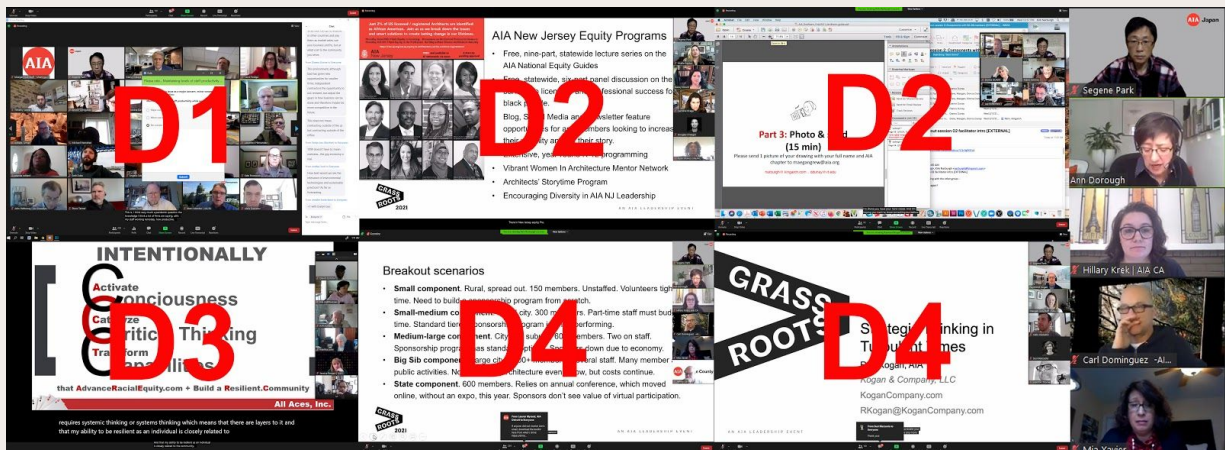
Many of the International Chapters have a difficulty establishing and maintaining a legal status in their countries.

IR Mini Virtual Conference:

The IR Mini Virtual Conference will be held on Monday, April 26th. The AIA Middle East Chapter is organizing this mini conference. Japan will have a 19:00 JST slot for an hour.

2021 AIA Grassroots

The AIAJ President Segene Park AIA participated in six live sessions.



by **AIAJ Executive Committee** on February 21

2021 AIA Grassroots were held between February 17th and 20th JST via Zoom. AIA Grassroots 2021 is AIA's premier leadership and advocacy event for chapter staff and volunteers. This was held virtually for four days of keynotes, breakout sessions, workshops, and networking designed to help you become better chapter and civic leaders. The recorded grassroots sessions are now available for the registrants per AIAJ request.

"I had to join the sessions around 2 am and 4 am very early in the morning for the past 4 days, but it was less tiring than actually traveling to Washington D.C. from Tokyo. I

*had a chance to talk during the session and met with many people. The virtual grassroots was more fun than I imagined. It was worth taking the live sessions”,
Segene Park AIA (AIAJ President)*

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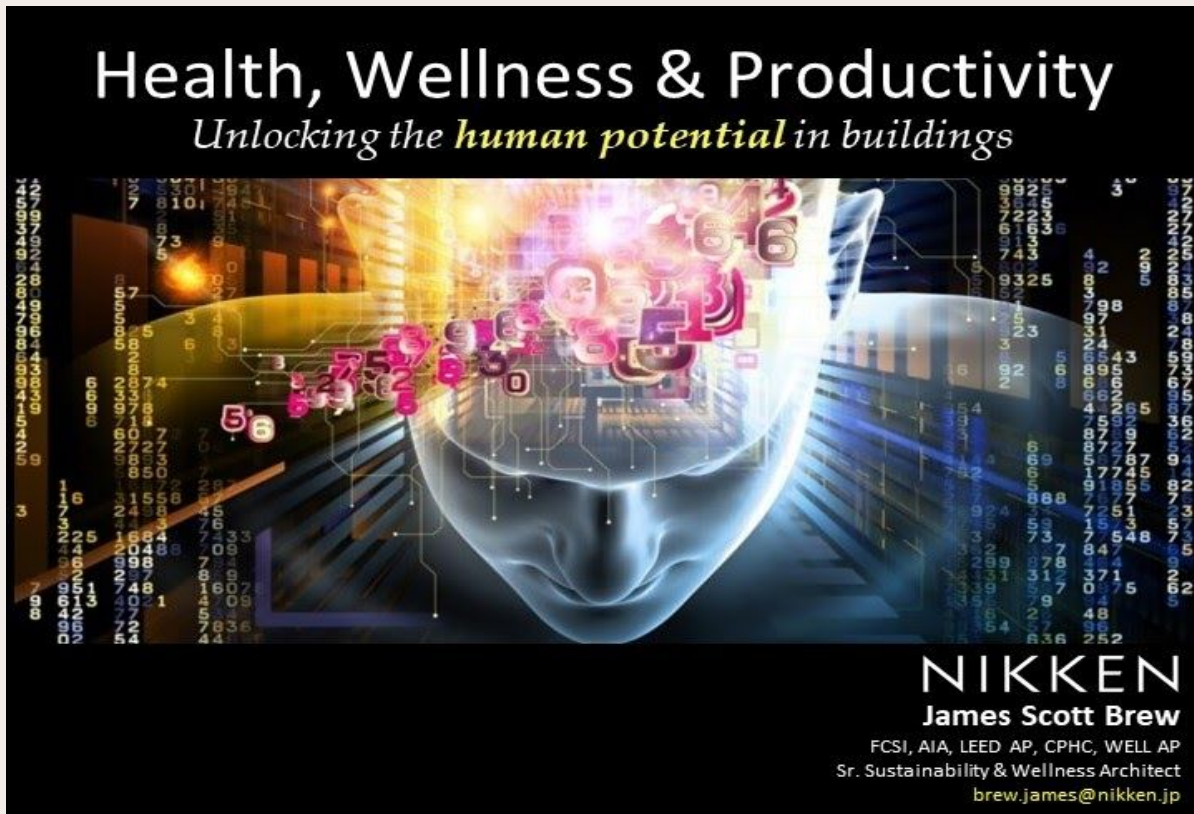
by **Your Name** on Month 00

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 words article and an image [here!](#)

Upcoming Events

AIAJ Lecture Series No.1: Health, Wellness & Productivity. See more information [here](#)



by **AIAJ CES Committee** on March 4

When: March 18, 2021 19:00 - 21:00

Online Platform: Zoom Webinar (live broadcasting / on-demand)

Registration Fee: Free

Capacity: 500 (First come first served basis applies)

Organizer: AIA Japan

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PXcGGb9AQoO3mnn-DcBk-g

New Leadership Appointment

See AIAJ About Page [here](#)



James LAMBIASI, AIA
Chapter Historian

Shinya YAMADA, AIA
Regional Representative Committee Chair

by **AIAJ Executive Committee** on February 18

Jim Lambiasi, AIA appointed as Chapter Historian. He was AIAJ 2008 president and appeared in NHK World's series on Japanese architecture as a navigator for a number of times. See AIAJ Homepage [here](#)

Shinya Yamada, AIA was appointed as a Regional Representative. He will be concentrating on communicating with Kansai region memberships.

- Short-term expectation
The representative will report local news, exchange ideas, and communicate with memberships in the Kansai region.
- Long-term expectation
Increase the local activities such as small conferences and local events and lectures.

Join Us!

Open position at AIAJ committee as of February 26

It is fun and easy, just spending a couple of hours a week makes a difference in our community! Contact at president@aiajapan.org



by **AIA Japan Boards** on February 26

Chair positions

- Legal Counsel Chair
- Int'l Assoc & Assoc Committee Chair

Committee member positions

- Int'l Assoc & Assoc Committee
- EP / AXP Advisor Committee
- Regional Rep. Committee
- Public Relationship Committee
- Sponsorship Committee
- Program / Event Committee
- Architecture Tour Committee



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