

IFLA Asia Pacific Region

Council Meeting

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**IFLA APR
President's Report**

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1. Introduction

I became president of IFLA APR from December 2019.

In a short period, the Earth has faced many fluctuations.

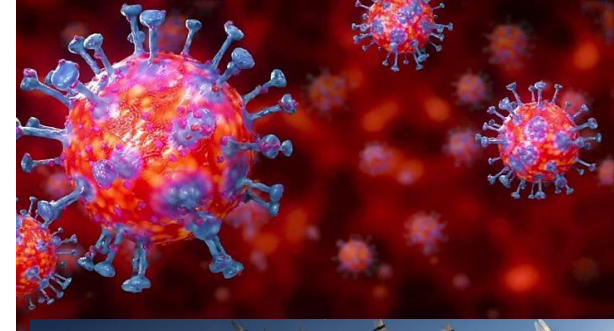
Australia's bush fires had continued like never before followed by new coronavirus epidemic in the world which is still spreading.

The damage caused by grasshoppers in Africa and the Middle East has also been overwhelming and left a significant impact on the food production in African countries.

In contrast to the dry weather that caused Australian bush fires, India, Bangladesh, China, and Japan have experienced unprecedented heavy rainfall. It is far beyond the scale of the past.

It can be said that abnormal weather caused by global warming and the imbalance between nature and human society are causing such situations. The climate change has built up its impacts for a long time and now it seems entered the next stage up.

These problems can no longer be dealt by a single country; We can't do it alone even with our specialty. It is necessary to build a platform where more countries, disciplines, organisations, and a wide range of generations can work together.

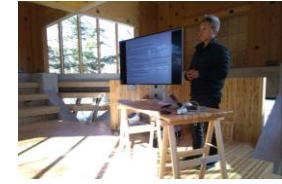


2. New Movements

2-1 Changes due to the Pandemic

Many conferences were postponed due to the influence of the Pandemic. However, some of them were rescheduled online in many countries, as follows, developing new forums for exchanging opinions and holding discussions.

2011 Tsunami at Tohoku region Sendai Arahama



Workshop program of 2019
Former president Damian participated

1) East Japan Big Earthquake 2011 Recovery visit symposium

The 2011 Tohoku region of Japan suffered from an earthquake and an accompanying tsunami. Exchanges of opinion with residents and researchers, workshops and lectures were planned in March 2019.

It was sponsored by Shinshu University, and organised by Professor Uehara, who is a chairman of the IFLA APR Climate Change committee. He planned to invite Ms. Kotchakorn, chairwoman of the Landscape without Borders committee from Thailand and Mr. Nappy Navarra, a delegate of the Philippines. Unfortunately, due to the corona virus, the symposium was canceled.

2) Symposium in Malaysia

Malaysia is the first country to make a move when the world is stagnant under the influence of the Pandemic. ILAM organised a series of On-Line symposia. On May 15th, I was invited to join "Reforming Landscape Architecture Practice Post Pandemic." I had an opportunity to talk about the theme. This initiative by Malaysia was not only in-house but also in communication with many Asian colleagues and it showed more possibilities and encouraged us.

ILAM Webinar Series 01
NEW NORM AS THE NORM
Featuring
Moderator: Assoc. Prof. LAr. Dr. Nor Atiah Ismail (ILAM Vice President)
Panelists: Assoc. Prof. LAr. Dr. Suhardi Maulan (ILAM President), Hajah Rofina Mohd Dalk (Director General, National Landscape Department), Assoc. Prof. LAr. Dr. Khalilah Zakariya (ILAM Council Member (Education)), LAr. Liew Ying Yie (ILAM Council Member (Professional Practice))
1 May 2020 Friday 3:00pm (GMT+8) Premiering on Facebook
www.facebook.com/ilamalaysia

ILAM Webinar Series 03
Reforming Landscape Architecture Practice Post Pandemic
Moderator: LAr. Siti Maisarah Salahudin (LAr. Assoc. Vice Secretary)
Panelists: Nurul Huda, LAr. Phua Chin Eng, LAr. Zulfa Wan Hashim, LAr. Alfred Lee Fel Chong, Said Musti
16 May 2020 Saturday 10:30am (GMT+8) Live on Facebook & Youtube ilamalaysia

ILAM Webinar Series 02
Landscape Architectural Approaches For Outbreak Prevention
Moderator: Assoc. Prof. LAr. Dr. Mohd Ramli Hussain (Professor and Lecturer, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia)
Panelists: Dr. Tengku Binattul Putra (Senior Lecturer in Wildlife Management, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, UPM), Dr. Christine Fletcher (Researcher), Julian Hodson-Walker (Professor and Head of Landscape Institute (UK)), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zahidul Mukrim HJ Baharuddin (Lecturer in Landscape and Environmental Design, UTM), Indarulfa Ithnin (Research and Communication Division, National Landscape Department)
9 May 2020 Saturday 10:30am (GMT+8) Live on Facebook & Youtube ilamalaysia

ILAM Webinar Series 04
Alternative Ways of Teaching and Learning Landscape Architecture
Moderator: Assoc. Prof. LAr. Dr. Khalilah Zakariya (LAr. Council Member (Education))
Panelists: Rosnita Tan (Associate Professor, Faculty of Architecture, Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD)), Dr. Raziah Ahmad (Associate Professor and Head of Centre of Studies in Landscape Architecture, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arifa Arumita (Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)), Prof. LAr. Dr. Hasanuddin Lamit (Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM))
19 May 2020 Tuesday 10:30am (GMT+8) Live on Facebook & Youtube ilamalaysia

New Movements

3) Landscape Architect without borders activities

Ms Kotchakorn, Chairwoman of Landscape Architect without Borders made a wonderful VDO. The title is “REMAINING A POST-COVID WORLD WITH 14 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ACROSS ASIA-PACIFIC“. 14 APR member organization delegates contributed.

It is the first attempt to send a strong message of unity to the world and spread the network of our profession. I am glad that these kinds of movements started voluntarily from the younger generation.

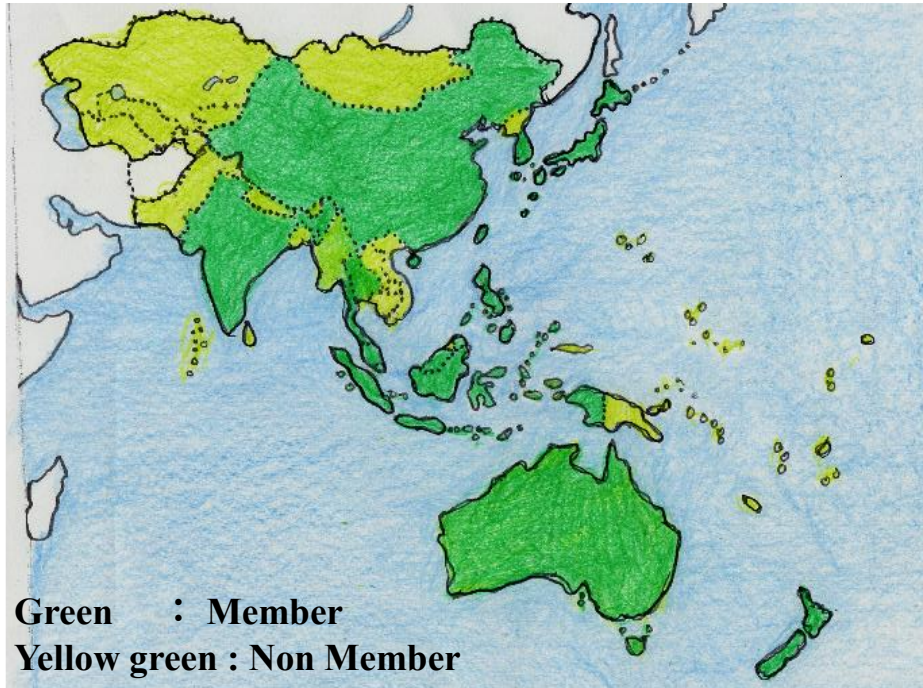


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SHAPING
A POST-COVID WORLD
WITH 14
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To solve the environmental issue, we need to work together with More countries, More experts, and More generations.

1, An invitation to nonmember countries.



East Asia: Mongolia, North Korea.	2 countries
Southeast Asia: Cambodia , Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam	4 countries
South Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan.	
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	6 countries
Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Tadjikistan,	
Turkmenistan , Uzbekistan.	5 countries
Oceania: Polynesia : Tonga , Kiribati, Tuvalu, Samoa,	
Melanesia : Solomon Islands, Vanuatu,	
Papua New Guinea, Fiji	
Micronesia, : Micronesia, Palau Kiribati	

more More than 12 countries
RED: countries start contact

More than 29 countries

1) Purpose

IFLA APR is currently composed of 14 organisations from our region. However, there are still more than 29 countries (including island countries in the South Pacific) that have not joined yet. Now that we are confronting global warming and extreme weather, etc., we should work together as much as we can and if possible we should not leave any country behind. The islands of the South Pacific are facing a significant phase due to sea-level rise, many developing countries are working towards a plan for the future; it is very important that Landscape Architects participate from the initial stages.

However in many countries Landscape Architects is not recognized as important profession, and the existence of a global Organisation, IFLA, is not known. It is important to work together to maintain sustainable environments.

Detail information with countries that have responded positively

1) Kingdom of Tonga:

We were able to meet Mr. Ambassador, **T. Suka Mangisi**. He is very interested in IFLA's activities and is interested in joining.

The extreme weather, sea level rise, earthquakes, tsunamis, and marine pollution associated with global warming have been serious issues and they have shown a strong interest in global efforts. After contacted with the home country, he appointed **Mr. Lopeti Heimuli** - Acting CEO, Director for Building Control Division as a key person and 10 Architects.

They will participate as observers at the IFLA APR virtual meeting on August 21st.



Mr. Ambassador, **T. Suka Mangisi**.

2) Republic of Palau

We had an online meeting with Ambassador Mr. Francis M. Matsutaro. This country has the same interests as Tonga and the Ambassador will lead the project himself. His son who studied Urban Design at the University of Hawaii attended an international conference on global warming on behalf of Palau, and he met right people. He will introduce people in related fields. In December, there is a talk, the Ocean World Conference, scheduled in PALAU.

1. **Francis Matsutaro, Ambassador** Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Palau to Japan

2. **Mr. Erbai Matsutaro**, National Climate Change Coordinator, Office of Climate Change, Republic of Palau National Government

They will participate as an observer at the IFLA APR virtual meeting on August 21st.



Francis Matsutaro, Ambassador

3,Cambodia

Landscape Architect Ms. Sarunya. She runs Landscape design Firm.
She will participate as an observer at IFLA APR virtual meeting on August 21st.



Ms Sarunya

4.Vetnam

We held a web-meeting with following people on 18th August.

Dr. Hoa Ta Quynh

Dean of Faculty of International Education Director of International Cooperation
Center for Education and Consultancy (ICCEC) Senior Lecturer of Architecture
and Planning Faculty National University of Civil Engineering (NUCE)



Dr. Hoa Ta Quynh

Dr. Pham Anh Tuan

Dean of Landscape Architecture Division, Architecture and Planning Faculty National
University of Civil Engineering (NUCE)



Dr. Pham Anh Tuan

Ms. Lan Anh CEO of PLA Consultant

5. Turkmenistan

Officer of embassy interested in IFLA' activities, and will find key person to contact.

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Due to the influence of corona, contacting embassies did not go smoothly. However, the people I have met are interested in IFLA. We found following facts.

- 1) The presence of IFLA and the activity is not well known.
- 2) Understanding the role of Landscape Architecture is limited to a narrow range.
- 3) They have a keen interest in the global environment, such as the effects of climate change in the South Pacific islands. If they participate in IFLA activities, it will be a significant force.
- 4) Those people, such as ambassadors, have a strong political influence and can help IFLA in various developments.
- 5) There are many things to learn from new countries, and it is vital to learn from each other.
- 6) We still need to have contacts with 20 countries. It is necessary to involve more member countries in the neighborhood, and I request cooperation of all the delegate.

5, For the future generation

Creating a network of the Internship Program in Asia Pacific Region

1) Purpose

As we all know, it is very important to gain a variety of experiences when we are young. In particular, different cultures and different natural environments would provide us with an important framework to be a good landscape architect. IFLA APR will provide an online platform where design firms can register details, and prospective applicants can select offices to apply for. Through this program, we would like to achieve the following objectives:

- Experience different cultures and nurture mutual understandings
 - Build a wider landscape community among people with different backgrounds
 - Explore landscape designs/ideas that originated in Asia and the Pacific region
 - Provide opportunities for hands-on experience and to understand cultural wisdom and knowledge

We are currently facing unprecedented challenges caused by global warming and climate change. The scales of these challenges are exceeding our capacity as landscape architects. However, we should always remember to help each other and step forward together. We wish that this platform would nurture such a spirit among applicants. Another objective that I would like to mention here is finding landscape designs identity Asia and the Pacific region. Recently, younger generations with international experience have returned to their home countries and started to develop their landscape languages, which are internationally highly recognized.

The Asia Pacific is now moving into the stage of learning each other.

I sent a letter to all of delegates of each member association to get names of firms or organizations willing to support this program.

