

Letter from the President

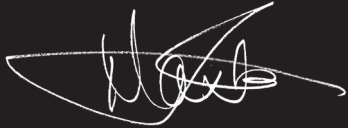
Dear Members,

As you may or may not know, the AIA Shanghai Chapter is currently taking necessary action to establish the organization as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization). As we undergo this process, we are complying with Chinese law to ensure legal requirements are strictly met. We greatly appreciate everyone's patience and continued support during this time.

In Q1 2024, we held events in conjunction with other organizations like CR Land, Roca, and AIA International. We have also established new committees that will host events throughout this year. This includes committees on X-tainment, Government Relations, Corporate Governance & Policy, NCARB/ARE, Interior, Landscape, Sustainability, and Artificial Intelligence. These committees respond to new trends in the architectural industry and aim to serve our members in the best way possible. My goal as president in 2024 is to provide up to 40 hours of LU Continuing Education credits, double our current AIA SH members, and increase our sponsorship to make every one of our events successful and beneficial for our members. We reviewed a survey from members to understand the kinds of events the community enjoys and looks forward to. We hope to enhance our programs to satisfy our members' requests by providing more walking tours and networking events.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of the volunteers' dedication and hard work. It is through everyone's passion and perseverance of volunteers that make the AIA Shanghai Chapter possible. I hope that 2024 is another successful year!

Sincerely Yours,
Mark Liu
President AIA Shanghai | Beijing



Message from the New Beijing Director

Greetings to the AIA International Community,

I am Prabhu Sugumar, the Beijing representative for the AIA SH Chapter. Over the past few years, with the support of some core members, I've had the privilege of orchestrating a variety of events in Beijing, ranging from engaging lectures and informative site visits to unique movie screenings related to the field. These events aimed at fostering a vibrant community of architects and enthusiasts passionate about Architecture have facilitated rich exchanges of ideas and perspectives. I lead LAYA Architects, an Architecture practice in Beijing, committed to Innovation and Excellence in our field.

This year, guided by the AIA SH Chapter President, we, along with our dedicated core team, are excited to unveil a series of new events designed to inspire and connect our community further. Our collaborative efforts continue to support public engagement and professional development within Architecture, resonating with the AIA's mission both locally and internationally. Looking forward to another year of meaningful collaborations and enriching experiences.

Warm regards,
Prabhu Sugumar

2024 Theme: Navigating Uncertainty

In light of the uncertain conditions in the Chinese economy, marketplace and workplace environment, our theme for 2024 is "Navigating Uncertainty."

As we delve into the uncharted waters of chaos and uncertainty, it is imperative that we embrace change and explore innovative solutions that will shape the future of our industry. Join us to explore strategies to adapt, innovate, and thrive in an ever-changing landscape, ensuring that our architectural endeavors continue to inspire and captivate!

Membership

AIA is the most influential network of architects and design professionals worldwide. With over 98,000 members, this community shares your passion for design, a desire to change the world, and a commitment to the highest standards of practice.

Not sure which membership type is right for you? Email our Membership director, Lu Chen at membership@aiarchitectsh.org



Summary of Events



February 26 • We kicked off 2024 with an event at the AIA Shanghai President’s workplace, JERDE. The lecture was designed for our China Forum members, which is a platform for leaders and business owners within the architectural community. Gary Gao, a legal attorney at Dachen Shanghai office, provided in-depth analysis of China’s most recent government policies and discussed the implications it has on future building construction.



March 11-13 • The annual NEO Conference invites outstanding young architects from under the age of 45 to present, based on the recommendation of top professionals and institutions. At this NEO 20 Conference, Mark Liu (current AIA SH President), nominated Huo Panwang, Partner at Isozaki + Hu Qian Studio, to give a speech. Other AIA Shanghai members attended to support him and the event.



March 13 • This is the X-tainment committee’s first event, focusing on the convergence of retail and entertainment sectors. In collaboration with Roca Shanghai Gallery, four speakers were invited to share their in-depth analysis of market trends and consumer behavior. Their expertise brought a positive outlook of the retail industry and the need for adaptive business models in order to navigate China’s competitive market.

US Relations



March 6 • At the Round table Discussion with the US Department of Energy (DOE), key EXCO members attended the event, including Fafa Liu (current secretary) and Hao Li. Panelists from DOE shared their research via tours in China, along with their CCUS initiative, which are facilities in the US meant for carbon capture, utilization and storage. The DOE encourages the AIA SH community to share questions and topics to be discussed at their upcoming Seasonal Conference.

March 26 • The 5th Quarterly Meeting of the Carbon Neutrality Market Development Working Group was hosted by The Foreign Commercial Service of the Consulate General of the United States in Shanghai. Key EXCO members attended this event, including Mark Liu, Fafa Liu, Silas Chiow, and Thomas Hon. The round table discussion was on the topic of carbon neutrality.

Women in Architecture



March 8 • In this ever-evolving market environment, each industry faces its own set of challenges. That’s why we’ve brought together on Women’s National Day leaders from various sectors to share their stories of transformation and adaptation in this new era. Our goal is to provide a valuable opportunity for learning and exchange as we embark on this new journey together. AIA collaborated with industry leaders China Resources Land and SSR to host this event.

We were honored to have CSG Glass (四川南玻节能玻璃有限公司) sponsor our event and make this event possible.



AIAISC’24 - AIA International Spring Conference

March 15 • AIA International hosted a global, 3-day virtual conference, with sessions held by its 7 International Chapters. AIA Shanghai’s session featured a lecture by Dr. Yi Cheng on the topic of “Using Modern Wooden Structures to Shape Traditional Chinese Architectural Spaces.” Attendance is free of charge and the event is now an on-demand program on AIA International’s website. Watch this event and many more to get AIA CES Learning Credits!

Upcoming Events

Look forward to events planned for in the second quarter on the following topics:

- FAIA: basic requirements, application, how to win, etc.
- Project Tour: Shuntak Qiantan 31, and Disneyland
- Student Mentorship: Program at the Wenzhou Ken University
- Mentorship & Career: Fireplace talk with James Lu
- China Forum: Discussion with an HR Lawyer
- AI: How AI Shapes the Future of Design

If any of those topics look interesting to you, stay in touch to find out!

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MOU and PR Update!

We are proud to announce we have signed three MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding), with three organizations:

- DAF (Design & Application of Architectural Facade)
- YA (Youth Architect)
- ARCHINA (建筑中国)

These partnerships enables us to collaborate with media partners YA and ARCHINA to increase public awareness, while increasing AIA SH involvement with DAF's upcoming conference this August.

Keep in Touch!

Please stay tuned for upcoming events including CDEA Winners' Lectures, Master Lectures, Project Tours, and Social Networking.

For more information, please visit our website or scan the QR code to follow us on We Chat. Please stay tuned for our upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

