



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)

and

**Federal Chamber of German Architects
(Bundesarchitektenkammer - BAK)**

(Hereinafter called respectively "BAK" and "SIA")

Preamble

The Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) and the *Federal* Chamber of German Architects (BAK) hereby agree that exchange between both organisations is necessary to expand knowledge and to improve professional services. This will enable architects to better serve society by creating a better built environment conducive to a higher quality of life.

Agreement

The cooperation between SIA and BAK will be based on equal respect and mutual interest within the constraints of the respective country's national bye-laws and regulations. It aims to reinforce each other in the achievement of common objectives and shared vision in the promotion of architecture and the built environment. Specifically, the cooperation will refer to the following areas:

- Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views
- Continuing education and training
- Architecture competitions
- Project cooperation

And will be based on the following principles and guidelines:

Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views

1. To keep each other informed on key policies affecting architectural practice in each other's country
2. The Presidents and Councils of the BAK and SIA will meet when deemed necessary for general Information exchange, experience sharing, and exchange of views.

Continuing education and training

To keep each other informed about developments in continuing education and training.



Architecture competitions

Where applicable, members of both organisations are encouraged to support each other in architectural competitions, but this must be based on mutual agreement between the individual parties concerned.

Project cooperation

Where applicable and mutually agreed between the individual parties, members of both organisations are encouraged to work together in win-win situations for cross-border projects.

Final Provisions

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to form a general working agreement between BAK and SIA. This MOU is intended to create a productive working relationship between the two organizations.
2. Any joint specific programme or project under this collaboration shall be formalized in separate cooperation agreements between the two organisations under the umbrella of this MOU.
3. The Parties will submit this proposed Memorandum of Understanding to their respective Decision-making Body.
4. This agreement does not create any right of mutual claims of the parties or individuals. Compensation claims are excluded.
5. Expenses incurred on joint activities arising under this contract are to be determined on a case by case basis. All other expenses resulting from the agreement are borne by each party itself.

Term of MOU

Unless agreed otherwise, this MOU is effective for five years from the date of signature and can be continued or revised from time to time by mutual agreement.

Non-binding Nature of MOU

The MOU records the good faith intention of the parties to collaborate in the partnership and is not intended to be a binding agreement. The terms and conditions have no legal effect and neither party shall have any obligations or liability to the other party. Either party may terminate this MOU by giving notice to the other party.

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