



The Association of Siamese Architects
under Royal Patronage



BUNDESARCHITEKTENKAMMER

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

**Association of Siamese Architects
under Royal Patronage (ASA)**

and the

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

A. Preamble

Architectural Services are essential for the sustainable urban development and the responsible use of resources in order to improve the quality of life. The Association of Siamese Architects (ASA) and the Federal Chamber of German Architects (BAK) are convinced that the reinforced cooperation between the two organisations described in this Memorandum of Understanding will enable Architects in Thailand and in Germany to fulfil their respective tasks even better and to develop solutions jointly.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to form a general working agreement between the ASA and the BAK and to create a productive working relationship between the two organizations. Both members of the International Union of Architects (UIA), ASA and BAK recognize the *UIA/UNESCO Education Charta*, the *UIA/UNESCO Guide on International Competitions* and the *UIA Accord on Recommended International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice*.

1. The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage

The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA) was established in 1933 as a private association under the laws of Thailand. The two fundamental objectives are to promote the architectural profession and encourage sharing and exchanging information among members, and to facilitate its operations, the organizational structure, as well as the bylaws. Currently, ASA services ethical oversight, publications, lectures and seminars to its members.

2. Bundesarchitektenkammer

The Bundesarchitektenkammer, established by the Statutes dated /2/6/1969 is the umbrella organisation of the Architects Chambers of the 16 German Länder – bodies of public law. Main tasks are to strengthen the consciousness of architectural culture and the built environment, to enhance consumer protection, and to maintain and improve the economic and legal conditions of professional education and practice. BAK represents nationally and internationally the interests of all Architects, Interior Architects, Garden and Landscape Architects and Urban Planners registered in Germany.



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B. Provisions of Agreement

The cooperation aims to combine knowledge and experience in both organisations to achieve common goals and the professional promotion of architecture in both countries and specifically refers to the following areas:

1. Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views.
2. Improving the administrative cooperation in particular regarding recognition of qualifications.
3. Student exchange and internship programmes.
4. Recognition of Professional continuing education and training.
5. Mutual information on building codes, professional contracts and fee systems.
6. Common promotion of Architectural design contests.
7. Facilitation of project cooperation.

The parties therefore agree on the following principles:

1. Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views

The parties inform each other regularly about significant professional policies and developments. The Presidents and/or designated representatives of the ASA and the BAK meet in principle every three years for a general information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views.

2. Improving the administrative cooperation in particular regarding recognition of qualifications

The parties will facilitate the administrative cooperation by providing all relevant information regarding recognition of qualifications and direct support in individual cases.

3. Student exchange and internship programmes,

The parties will encourage their respective members to provide possibilities for internships and inform each other about this regularly.

4. Continuing professional development (CPD)

The parties inform each other about their respective programmes in continuing professional development and aim at the facilitation of recognition of relevant CPD credentials.

5. Law, contracts and fee system

The parties inform each other about the applicable rules governing the award of architectural services as well as the remuneration of those services within their respective jurisdictions. The parties within their respective capabilities ensure that their members comply with provisions on the award of architectural services and their fees when providing cross-border services in Thailand or Germany.



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6. Architecture design contests

Should there be an international design competition in each respective state, the parties shall support each other when needed in preparing for architectural design contests and inform each other about current design contests in their respective states. When appropriate, Architects who are members of the ASA or BAK, shall be able to participate in architectural design contests in both states.

7. Project cooperation

The parties work towards the establishment of consortia and / or partnerships of its members to facilitate cross-border projects. At the same time the parties recognize a need to promote the awareness of local, environmental, social, and cultural factors and ethical and legal standards. Thus the parties encourage their members when practicing in a host nation that the foreign architect should either be registered in that country or should enter into a contractual relationship with an architect duly registered in the host country.

Final Provisions

- (1) The Parties will submit this proposed Memorandum of Understanding to their respective Decision-making Bodies.
- (2) This agreement does not create any right of mutual claims of the parties or individuals. Compensation claims are excluded.
- (3) Such costs of joint activities arising under this contract are to be determined by individual case. All other costs resulting from the agreement are borne by each party itself.

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