

## LETTER OF INTENT

The APEC Architect Project Monitoring Committee of Australia and Chinese Taipei for the purpose of increasing mutual understanding of each other's economical development strength, cultural characteristics as well as technological adventure, have met with the intent to search for a common ground to allow their architects to have more opportunities to expand their vision and practice of architecture under these two economic entities, which will benefit their societies, cultures, and environment.

Therefore, the above said Monitoring Committees intend to establish a mechanism which will allow the barrier-free provision of architectural services between the signatories. It is also necessary to reach a joint understanding of the characteristics of knowledge, skills, abilities, attitude and values required for the international practice of the architect in both economies. These characteristics are universal in their breath and their application, as they go beyond formal education and regulation of the architectural profession, evaluation processes and their application, as well as principles of practice and other institutionalized administrative structures of both economies.

Likewise, this Letter of Intent recognizes that architecture is a rigorous act of creativity, research and knowledge encouraged by diversity and the challenge of regulations while protecting cultural drifts, urban scale, built heritage and their respective environments. This commitment implies, therefore, complete respect towards the local culture and traditions, as well as towards the systems of education and evaluation, regulation of architects and the professional practice of architecture applicable in each of the practicing economic entities.

Hence, within their unique circumstances and conditions, both Monitoring Committees seek to fulfill the challenge and commitment of international architectural mutual relationships responsive and sensitive to differing perspectives, with the mutual recognition of credentials and full unambiguous market access as the goal, in an environment of respect and fruitful international practice between the parties involved.

We accept the responsibility to support the developing process towards the rapid achievement of these objectives..

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