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Brief Statement of Interest:

I am seeking a leadership role with the Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC), which allows researchers, architects, and colleagues to interact on a wide range of topics. I am confident that I can contribute to the ARCC community by focusing on these three objectives: 1) Promoting the integration of diverse voices within ARCC; 2) Enhancing undergraduate architectural research through cultural incubators; and 3) Expanding a cross-cultural platform for ARCC in the international community through an ARCC international conference in the Asian region. The ability to apply cross-cultural sensitivity as actionable knowledge to solve complex problems is an important component of this role in topic-related fields and from a cross-cultural perspective. While serving as a teaching fellow and an invited critic, I had the opportunity to visit universities throughout the region as well as international institutions. These experiences provided me with an invaluable opportunity to understand both the small and large scales of the various cultural backgrounds of student bodies and institutions. As an educator, an architect, and a person, I am constantly challenged to collaborate in various roles and responsibilities to address unfamiliar challenges. I am confident that my experience will be valuable to the ARCC's governing body and the engagement of member schools, as well as advising candidates and affiliate members. In the ARCC, we have a diverse group of scholars and educators. Leadership involves taking action with humility and empathy, which is why I am drawn to character-driven leadership. I will work with the leadership team to achieve these three goals as your At-Large Director. I humbly seek your support in serving as your At-Large Director, so that I may continue to make a difference and expand opportunities for our region. The opportunity to serve as a member of the ARCC leadership team would be an honor.