

## **IN MEMORY OF ARCHITECT AHMAD DJUHARA**

I have very fond memories of Architect Ahmad Djuhara.

He was a wonderful, very talented young architect, and a friendly and helpful gentleman. I remember he was a loving husband and family man who would always be with his dear wife Madam Ar. Wendy Djuhara on all occasions.

I recall his dedication and enthusiasm in promoting the best for the architectural profession. I believe that he made substantial contributions to the Indonesian architectural scene that catapulted the Ikatan Arkitek Indonesia (IAI) onto the global arena. He was meticulous and passionate about design, architecture and the profession. It was no surprise that he was re-elected as the President of IAI for the second term.

He frequently contacted me when I was the President of the International Union of Architects (UIA) in 2014-2017, offering help and contributions to our cause. He received me when I visited the Architecture School at the Parahyangan University, Bandung, Indonesia where he studied Architecture, in January of 2016 as a visiting lecturer, and we had very in-depth discussions about what the architecture fraternity should do globally.

In July of 2016 at the PREPCOM III - UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development in Surabaya, Ar Ahmad Djuhara was relentless in taking charge of the setting up of our exhibition booth and the logistics for the event on behalf of the UIA. He eagerly wanted the IAI to be recognized as a major player in the UN Habitat Sustainable Goals initiatives and actively participated in the event as the then President of IAI. He was very kind to gather his colleagues from the East Java IAI Chapter to host us, the UIA delegates and completed our exhibition booth in time before the official opening.

Ar Ahmad Djuhara would go to the fullest extent to make us feel at home and comfortable even though our visits were informed on a very short notice. He was very obliging and eager to learn more about enriching the architecture and the profession. My last encounter with this wonderful man was at the UIA Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan in June 2019 where we spent some time outside the event to discuss the proposed new Capital of Indonesia (IKN) which he was impassioned with the idea of an international design competition.

I am privileged to have known Ar Ahmad Djuhara and saddened by his passing. I share the griefs of his family, friends and loved ones and pray that the Almighty Allah bestow His blessings upon his soul and place him in the eternal Jannah. Aamiin.

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At the School of Architecture University Parahyangan, Bandung, Indonesia, January 2016



At PREPCOM III UN-HABITAT, Surabaya, June 2016

