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DECLARATION for ARCHITECTURE and URBAN ENVIRONMENT

As representatives of five architecture-related institutions, we declare our commitment to providing quality and performance in our architectural capabilities with the goal of enhancing urban culture. We will also promote architecture and the development of urban environments with the goal of supporting our safe and sustainable society.

Architecture, regardless of whether it benefits the private sector or public sector, formulates the socio-cultural environment of society. As such, we are determined to fulfill our roles and responsibilities as professionals through the materialization of public values in cooperation with both citizens and public authorities.

Although Japan has rich natural environments, it is not immune to adverse natural phenomena. In this regard, we will promote architectural design and urban environments that are resilient to disaster hand-in-hand with protecting irreplaceable local natural assets by giving due consideration to the welfare of the global environment. Our five institutions jointly support all actions for recovery and reconstruction in response to the advent of any disaster.

We will promptly address issues and problems related to architectural design and urban development within the following basic principles.

Our basic principles:

1. Contribute to creating safe and satisfactory living environments where every person can live in health and harmony;
2. Contribute to creating a sustainable social environment where healthy and active lifestyles and economic activities can be enhanced; and
3. Contribute to creating a rich cultural environment where people can feel pride in and personal attachment to their local communities, as well as continue to maintain their cultural legacy.