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## ACI Singapore Chapter Trip to China

### The China International Concrete Expo

Led by Tao Nengfu, ACI Singapore Chapter President, and Lu Jin Ping, ACI Singapore Chapter Immediate Past President, a 26-member delegation from the ACI Singapore Chapter attended the 2025 China International Concrete Expo (CICE) held September 5-7, 2025, in Guangzhou, China. Organized by the China Concrete & Cement-based Products Association (CCPA), CICE serves as a platform to showcase industry development, connect practitioners with suppliers and partners, and provide architects, designers, contractors, and entrepreneurs with insights into global trends and dynamics.

As part of the event, on the afternoon of September 5, the 4th China Concrete and Cement Products Industry Forum on Jointly Building High-Quality Development along the “Belt and Road” was held. With the theme “Towards Innovation, Towards Greenness, Towards Internationalization—A Belt and Road, Walking Together,” the event gathered nearly



ACI Singapore Chapter delegates at the opening ceremony of the 2025 China International Concrete Expo



CCPA and the ACI Singapore Chapter signed a strategic cooperation memorandum

200 participants, including over 70 experts and entrepreneurs. It provided a platform for international dialogue on industry trends, investment, and cooperation, promoting high-quality development in the concrete and cement products sector.

At the forum, Nengfu delivered a keynote speech on “Building a Singapore-China Green Ecosystem: Singapore’s Low-Carbon Development and China’s Industrial Opportunities.” He outlined global green trends, Singapore’s strategies, and models of bilateral cooperation, while analyzing challenges such as differing standards, market access, finances, and talent gaps.

As part of its goal to strengthen cooperation with international counterparts, the CCPA signed a strategic cooperation memorandum with the ACI Singapore Chapter and the Vietnam Concrete Association. Fostering collaboration among China, Vietnam, and Singapore’s concrete industries helps pave the way for broader and more practical partnerships.

### Organization visits

The ACI Singapore Chapter delegation also had the opportunity to visit major representative enterprises,



ACI Singapore Chapter delegates visited the Guangdong Hengli Concrete Products automated centralized batching systems and command center



ACI Singapore Chapter delegates during a sharing session with management and the technical team at the China Resources Building Materials Technology Holdings Technology Research and Development Institute

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companies, and research institutes in the Guangdong Province of China. These organizations included:

- Guangdong Redwall New Materials Co., Ltd.;
- Jianhua Construction Materials Group;
- College of Science and Engineering, Jinan University, Guangzhou City, China;
- Guangdong Hengli Concrete Products Co., Ltd.;
- China Resources Building Materials Technology Holdings Ltd., Technology Research and Development Institute; and
- Qinglong Pipes Industry Group Co., Ltd.

The above visits were initiated and planned by the ACI Singapore Chapter and jointly organized by the Chapter and the CCPA.

The experiences and knowledge gained from the visits provided an in-depth understanding of the construction, concrete admixture, and ready mixed and precast concrete industries in China.

## ACI JUST Student Chapter Hosts National Gathering of ACI Student Chapters in Jordan

On October 30, 2025, the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) in Irbid, Jordan, hosted the National Gathering of ACI Student Chapters in Jordan, organized by the ACI JUST Student Chapter. Representatives from ACI Student Chapters across the country convened to strengthen communication, exchange experiences, and support students' technical and leadership development.

The program began with an introductory session where each Student Chapter presented a brief overview of its activities and achievements from the past year. This allowed students to learn from one another's initiatives and identify shared interests. The gathering also included an interactive student competition.

The event featured technical presentations and discussions related to civil engineering and construction materials, along with an exhibition of supporting companies showcasing their products and technologies. Participating organizations included Lafarge, Assas for Concrete Products Ltd., Omega Engineering Industries, The Arcons Academy, Prime Academy, Arab World Equipment Company, Building Rank, and ASAS Project Management & Consultancy. All supporting partners were recognized for their contributions at the end of the event.

The gathering was attended by Durayd Dalaleh, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at JUST, and Wasim Barham, Head of the Civil Engineering Department at JUST, in addition to representatives from the Jordan Engineers Association – Civil Engineering Division and the Young Engineers Committee. Their presence emphasized the importance of enhancing collaboration and strengthening the student engineering community.



Attendees of the National Gathering of ACI Student Chapters in Jordan

This national gathering helped to expand connections between students and the engineering sector, reinforce the identity of ACI Student Chapters in Jordan, and encourage continued innovation and joint activities in the future.

## ACI UCSP Activities

The ACI Universidad Católica San Pablo (UCSP) Student Chapter in Arequipa, Peru, organized a technical talk with CHEMA, a Peruvian company with over 50 years of experience in the construction industry, specializing in additives, adhesives, and waterproofing solutions that enhance quality and durability. The company shared valuable insights on innovative construction materials and techniques with ACI members and students, strengthening the link between academia and industry.

A Controlled Resistance Competition also took place. The challenge encouraged students to put what they learned in class into practice, applying their knowledge of concrete strength through the preparation and testing of specimens.

The ACI UCSP Student Chapter held monthly chapter meetings where members shared progress, addressed questions, and coordinated upcoming activities and workshops. Looking forward, they are planning a technical site visit, educational talks, and contests.

## ACI Georgia Chapter Young Professional Event

The ACI Georgia Chapter brought concrete innovation and community together at its third annual Young Member flagship event, held September 23, 2025, at Truist Park in Atlanta, GA, USA.

The group went on a site visit to The Henry, a new residential tower in Atlanta's entertainment district. Named in honor of former Atlanta Braves player Henry Aaron, the 20-story "L"-shaped tower and nine-story parking podium will soon stand as a tribute to excellence both on and off the field. More than 30 young professionals from engineering and construction firms, as well as students from the ACI Georgia



Participants of the ACI Georgia Chapter Young Professional event at a site visit to The Henry in Atlanta, GA



Members of the ACI URP Student Chapter at the ACI Peru Chapter competition

Tech Student Chapter, gathered for an in-depth project case. The event wrapped with an engaging Q&A session. Following the site tour, the group joined other local chapter officers and members for a baseball game.

The program was organized by the ACI Georgia Chapter Young Professional Committee, led by Will Shirley of PES Structural Engineers. ACI's Student and Young Professional Activities Committee (SYPAC) and Chapter Activities Committee (CAC) support and encourage engagement with younger members. Learn more about ACI Young Member Programs at [www.concrete.org/students/youngmember](http://www.concrete.org/students/youngmember).

## ACI URP August-September Report

The ACI Universidad Ricardo Palma (URP) Student Chapter in Lima, Peru, carried out multiple activities in the months of August and September 2025.

Representatives from the Student Chapter attended the XXXII National Congress of Civil Engineering Students (CONEIC) 2025 in Huaraz, Peru. Members also participated in a competition organized by the ACI Peru Chapter in Cajamarca, Peru, where one of the teams finished in sixth place.

The ACI URP Student Chapter also completed a project making and delivering concrete kitchens to communities in need. One kitchen was given to a community in San Juan de Lurigancho, a district in Lima. Another was delivered to a communal plot in Villa María del Triunfo in Lima.

The Student Chapter held meetings to begin scheduling the next academic year, planning participation in competitions and the further creation of concrete kitchens. They plan to hold additional meetings to establish the Student Chapter's future activities and events.



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