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Jan Jakob Glasmeier

After working as a consultant in Asia for several years, in 2016 Jan founded Simple Architecture in Bangkok. He is promoting the use of alternative and natural materials and has been participating in various building projects around South-East Asia.

Previous to working in Thailand, he was a lead architect for Arup Singapore, during the construction of the Singapore Sports Hub. Jan was also working for Foster + Partners in London and on the Masdar City master plan in Abu Dhabi, UAE. He believes, that Modern Architecture is seemingly forgetting the simplest forms and ways of addressing human needs.

Jan holds a Diploma in Architecture from the Technical University of Darmstadt in Germany.

During his almost eight year stay in Mae Sot on the Thailand-Myanmar border, he was working for marginalized communities of migrants and refugees on various Migrant School and Clinic projects.

As architect he wants to embrace cultural building traditions, which, over centuries, have proven to be energy efficient and sustainable. This traditional knowledges is often ignored by prevailing architects. Jan wants to bring back low-tech methods of creating building solutions which are a pure reaction to an individual person's or community's needs.

“By using affordable natural materials, we can bring functional, sustainable and beautiful architecture to everyone at a lower cost than conventional architecture and construction firms, while having additional opportunities to exchange knowledge with local workers in local construction methods.

With BASEhabitat I am strongly sharing a passion of raising awareness of how architecture can tackle the global challenges nowadays. These challenges become more and more significant due to the increase in poverty, war and migration on our planet.”

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