MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND
LIVEABLE CITIES PHILIPPINES
ON THE MENTORSHIP PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between the UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (UAP) and LIVEABLE CITIES PHILIPPINES regarding the MENTORSHIP PARTNERSHIP.

I. OBJECTIVES:

1. Reinforce the role and responsibility of the UAP Architects in advancing the cause of the Filipino architectural profession.

2. Strengthen the CSR (corporate social responsibility) contribution of the UAP Architects (UAP) with its partners in advancing the cause of the Filipino architectural profession.

III. DEFINITIONS:

1. UAP - United Architects of the Philippines
2. APOA - Association of Professional Organizations in Architecture in the Philippines
3. APA - Architectural Universities and Graduate Schools
4. PIL - Philippine Institute of Architects
5. IAPA - International Architects Association
6. UDI - United Design Institutes
7. AEC - Asian and Pacific Economic Cooperation

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on the 23rd of November, 2019, at the AIM Conference Center in Makati, through the initiative of UAP Chair for Special Committee on Access to Buildings: Arch. Armand Michael R. Fuentuego and UAP Chair for Global Links: Sylvester S. Saño, for the LIVEABLE CITIES CHALLENGE, a project that aims to develop the minimum requirements of a “liveable city” in those areas shortlisted by the Philippine Government.
2.) UAP Commission on Governmental and External Affairs (CGEA) – one of the seven (7) standing commissions directly under the jurisdiction of the Office of the UAP National Executive Vice President (NEVP). Under the said commission, it handles eight (8) committees, one of which is the Balangkasan. The other committees are Legislation and Codes, International Affairs, National and Civic Affairs, Accessibility, World Architecture Day Celebration, National Architecture Week Celebration, and Environment and Ecology.

3.) UAP Balangkasan Committee – UAP Standing Committee which was entrusted, as per UAP 2009 By-Laws with the following mandate – (a) in coordination with other commissions and committees of UAP, provides a venue for discussion of timely and relevant issues affecting the architectural profession in particular and the construction industry in general; (b) Provides an opportunity for UAP’s interaction with government and private sector in crystallizing programs and projects and development of new opportunities for the architectural profession; and, encourages and assists the organization of Balangkasan fora by the Regional District.

4.) UAP Special Committee on Accessibility Audit for Private Buildings – UAP Special Committee which was entrusted with conducting accessibility audits for private buildings. Corollary to that is conducting informational training and seminars to the relevant stakeholders towards strict compliance with the provisions of Batas Pambansa 344 dated 26th day of July, 1982 (An Act to Enhance Mobility of Disabled Persons by Requiring Certain Buildings, Institutions, Establishments and Public Utilities to Install Facilities and Other Devices).

5.) Department of Public Works-National Building Code – Board of Consultants (DPWH-BOC): is a body consisting of different relevant stakeholders in the built environment which continually reviews and updates the National Building Code of the Philippines (Presidential Decree 1096)

6.) LIVEABLE CITIES Philippines – is a series of competitions among cities to see who can design the best solutions to address a specific problem or “pain point” of their city. The first Challenge is a design competition covering four selected aspects essential to building sustainable, resilient, and competitive cities: Mobility, Resilience, Government Technology, and Basic Services. The said competition was opened to all 145 Highly Urbanized and Component Cities in the Philippines. To assist cities in the said Challenge, a pool of mentors from industry and professional experts will be made available to provide advice and coaching.

IV. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1.) United Architects of the Philippines (UAP)

   a.) Is the partner project proponent

   b.) Will recommend a pool of architects who can serve as professional external mentors for the current 32 Cities who participated in this initiative.

2.) LIVEABLE CITIES Philippines

   a.) Is the main project proponent

   b.) Will serve as bridge to the UAP in order to facilitate smooth coordination with the concerned LGUs.
V. PROJECTED TIMETABLE:

February 27, 2020 – MOU Signing and launching
March 31, 2020 - Deadline of submission of entries
April 23-25, 2020 – Reporting to the UAP National Convention

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA AND INFORMATION:

All data and information related to this project shall be treated with strict confidentiality and shall not be divulged or released in any form to any person or entity without the written consent of the project stakeholders.

VII. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION:

This Partnership Agreement may be amended in writing by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) and LIVEABLE CITIES Challenge and may be terminated mutually in writing by concerned parties, or by two weeks (2) weeks written notice to the other parties.

VIII. Effective Date:

20 February 2020

LIVEABLE CITIES Philippines:

Mr. Guillermo M. Luz
Chairman

United Architects of the Philippines:

Arch. Benjamin K. Pangariban, Jr., FUAP
National President

Signed in the presence of:

Arch. RONNIE R. YUMANG, UAP
Secretary General

Arch. SYLVESTER SHAUN D. SEÑO, UAP
Committee on Balangkasan

Arch. ARMAND MICHAEL R. EUSTAQUIO, UAP
Chairman, accessibility Audit for Private Buildings

Arch. RAY C. GUARNES, UAP
Official Representative to DPWH Proper and DPWH Board of Consultants
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Manila ) S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the City of __________, this _____ day of
__________, 2020 personally appeared the following:

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Known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that same is their free act and voluntary deed, as well as the free act and voluntary deed of the entities herein represented.

The foregoing instrument consisting of _____ pages, including the page which this acknowledgment is written, has been signed by them and their instrumental witnesses on each and every page hereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and place above written.

Notary Public

Signature

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