MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

CREATING A COUNCIL FOR THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION

WHEREAS, there is a need to organize a Council to address the conditions that confronts the architecture profession.

WHEREAS, the Council shall provide for a responsive and comprehensive promotion, implementation and protection of the practice of the profession.

WHEREAS, the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) in its capacity as the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA), together with the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA) and the Council of Deans and Heads of Architecture Schools in the Philippines (CODHASp), have agreed to work together to better project the value and importance of the role of the architect in nation building. This Council shall exist for five (5) years from the date of the execution of this agreement, subject to renewal upon written agreement of the parties involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties agree as follows:

1. OBJECTIVES:

The Council shall establish the following Standing Committees on Legal Affairs, Government Affairs, Professional Practice and Education/Communications to facilitate the collaboration of the PARTIES involved to jointly undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

A. Legal Affairs
   • To facilitate the monitoring of intervention case filed by United Architects of the Philippines (as intervenor-appellee) on Civil Case No. 05-112502 RTC Manila, Br. 22 / CA-G.R. CV No. 93917.
   • To represent the Council in all meetings and coordination with the Legal Consultant.
   • To represent the Council on all public hearings concerning laws affecting the practice of architecture
   • To review all existing and proposed laws affecting the practice of architecture profession.
   • To recommend amendments and provisions affecting the practice of architecture.

B. Government Affairs
   • To represent the Council in all meetings, coordination with all government agencies on all matters affecting the practice of architecture;
   • To review the application of the law in coordination with the national and local agencies;
   • To produce additional provisions that will improve and strengthen the implementation of the law by the government;
   • To monitor the proposed bills of other allied professions with the objective of safeguarding and work towards the absolute implementation of RA 9266 in all political units of the Philippines.
C. Professional Practice
- Provide assistance, guidance and technical expertise in support of policy issues and help identify emerging issues affecting the architecture profession;
- To work towards the application and implementation of the Practice of Architecture provided for under R.A. 9266, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

D. Education/Communication
- To coordinate all existing Laws, Code for proper dissemination and information to the general public
- To conduct seminar, forum, other matters affecting the practice of architecture
- To promote the practice of architecture through multi-media exposure

2. ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP:

The Council shall be composed of twenty five (25) permanent representatives whose term of office shall be co-terminus with the council existence of five (5) years subject to renewal upon written agreement of parties involved.

- Fifteen (15) members appointed by the UAP-IAPOA;
- Five (5) members appointed by the PIA;
- Five (5) members appointed by the CODHASP

a. Executive Committee shall be composed of:
   Chairman: Norberto M. Nuke
   Vice Chairman: J. Paul Octaviano
   Finance: Medeliano T. Roldan, Jr.
   Secretary: Amado E. Tandoc, Jr.
   Incumbent National Presidents of member parties:
   UAP President: Ramon S. Mendoza
   PIA President: Joel V. Rico
   CODHASP President: John Joseph T. Fernandez

b. Standing Committees
   Legal Affairs:
   Government Affairs:
   Professional Practice:
   Education/Communication:

c. Council Advisers
   Professional Regulation Board of Architecture (PRBoA)
   Board of Advisers
   Legal Counsel

3. FUNDING:

UAP-IAPOA shall contribute a share of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (Php100,000.00) pesos, while PIA and CODHASP shall each contribute an amount of FIFTY THOUSAND (Php 50,000.00) pesos for a total initial Council fund of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (Php200,000.00) pesos.

Additional funds may be raised for other approved Council operations and projects. The UAP-IAPOA shall provide the necessary office space including utilities and secretarial support as required by the Council.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands this 26th of March, 2012, at the UAP National Headquarters Building, #53 Scout Rallos St., Bgy. Laging Handa, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.

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WITNESSES: