MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed this ___ of June 2012, in the City of Quezon, by and between:

CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF THE PHILS., the official organization of the Catholic episcopacy a non-stock, non-profit religious organization, duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with address at 470 Gen. Luna Street 1002 Intramuros, Manila Metro Manila, Philippines, represented herein by FR. ALEX BAUTISTA referred to as CBCP;

-AND-

UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. , a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with principal business address at Scout Rallos, Quezon City, represented herein by its National President, ARCH. RAMON S. MENDOZA, and hereinafter referred to as the “UAP”.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Conference is to promote solidarity in the Philippine Church, formulate joint pastoral policies and programs, engage the Philippine Church, formulate joint pastoral policies and programs, engage the Philippine Church as abide in the pastoral thrusts of the universal Church, assume the responsibilities as evangelizer in relation to all the people and with the civil authority in particular and to foster relations with other Episcopal Conferences. to advance the knowledge, policy and practice of urban disaster risk reduction;

WHEREAS, among the mission of the CBCP is to provide a sound and well planned physical environment for all Catholic churches in the country that is socially responsive to the needs of all stakeholders particularly in the aspect of spiritual growth and upliftment and most importantly subscribing to the basic liturgical arts and architectural standards in both construction and conservation.

WHEREAS, that among the strategic action plans of CBCP to achieve this mission, is through intensive information campaign and trainings on liturgical arts and architectural standards to both the parish priests and the designing professionals.

WHEREAS, the identified trainings shall dwell on liturgical philosophy and symbolisms, architectural and engineering techniques in construction and conservation, and ethical and legal aspects of heritage conservation.

WHEREAS, by virtue of Republic Act (RA) 9266, otherwise known as the Architecture Act of 2004, the UAP is the only integrated and accredited professional organization of architects as recognized by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

WHEREAS, based on the IRR of RA 9266, section 4, among the scope of practice of the architect is the site and physical planning of a building or group of buildings in accordance with the principles of utility, strength and beauty.

WHEREAS, among the advocacies of the current administration of UAP is to strengthen its ties with the community based organizations through its various service oriented projects to help in community development.
WHEREAS, UAP signified its intention to assist the CBCP in developing learning modules and the delivery of the module to the grass root communities to ensure that all Catholic Churches, Chapels, and all other ancillary buildings and structures within the church complex are properly planned and designed and to ensure that the many century old religious architectural heritages are protected and preserved in order that its historical and artistic values can be passed on to future generation for them to have a better understanding of Philippine Culture and History.

WHEREAS, CBCP accepted the proposition and signified its willingness to partner with UAP in furtherance of the aforesaid objectives;

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties represented by their respective duly authorized officers have signed this agreement on _____th day of ____________, 2005 first above written.

UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Fr. ALEX BAUTISTA
CBCP Representative

ARCH. RAMON S. MENDOZA
National President

WITNESSES:

ARCH. REY S. GABITAN
Secretary General, UAP

ARCH. LEAH P. DELA ROSA
Executive Director - UAP PDC