Hello UAP Post readers...

One day I caught myself staring at the pictures of the past UAP National Presidents posted at the wall of the UAP Conference Room. It occurred to me, what would it be like if those pillars of the organization were just doing nothing. Would it still be possible to achieve recognition? We must be thankful to all of them, for whom we owe a lot. At present, The United Architects of the Philippines is on its 66th year. We have come a long way and we are so blessed to where we are right now. For the fifth time, the United Architects of the Philippines has been awarded the 2014 Philippine Regulation Commission's Most Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization (APO), among all other accredited professional organizations in the country. This award is presented annually by the PRC to recognize the achievements, commitment and services of the APO to the profession. It brings so much pride and joy to our beloved organization.

For this Fiscal Year 2014-2015 we are happy to have a new lady National President no other than Archt. Ma. Benita “Ate Beth” O. Regala, FUAP, ASEAN Arch. On behalf of the UAP Post Committee, I would like to welcome all UAP Officers (local and national) who are willing to share their precious time, effort and most of all willing to serve. This year’s theme, EMPOWER + EQUIP + ENJOIN meaning: EMPOWER the Profession, EQUIP the Architect, ENJOIN the Organization/Members would be the driving force to bring this association to greater heights. The 3-Es serves as the centerpiece of this year’s administration for a stronger profession and a stronger UAP Organization”, according to Ate Beth. With this in mind, let us join altogether to help achieve the 2014-2015 UAP Administration’s goal.

With the same UAP number and PRC registration yours truly still hold, I can say that I am a happy and proud member of this prestigious organization, thus a humble worker. Needless to say, we should work hard in hand to achieve more success… for united we stand divided we fall. Let’s all roar… Mahal kuyang UAP.

LEAH Y. MARTIN, UAP
Managing Editor, UAP Post 2013-2014 to 2014-2015

Turn-over ceremonies often become a ritual of passing of previously held positions. The excitement of such new beginnings relies on the incoming set of officers and the platforms for which they intend to stand and uphold throughout their term. As with all other institutions, our organization commends and applauds those who came before us, as they each have laid a part of the foundation of where we stand today. This coming year, that excitement is entangled with much anticipation of hope and eagerness as we embark on an interesting journey of aligned opportunities and possibilities for our profession. We are planted now at a threshold where the legacies of our past are in their silent awakening and full fruition. Ours is a humble and modest worker, silently contributing to a composition whose emergence will perpetually mark its existence. But, as I have perceived from a careful observation, we simply buzz but never roar. We walk in serene grace but not run in a stampeding noise. We consequently struggled to make our horns heard while the others kept a running motor.

But that is no more today. We are not only looking forward but we are at a shift gear to zoom, albeit steadily and carefully, at an aggressive motion to make our presence acknowledged and celebrated in a productive society. We are in expectancy of an inspiring and motivating route to a fully developed openness of what we have aspired to be from the very beginning. This is not the vocation of one, but all of us, working together as one organization towards a meaningful goal.

Hold your seats, Architects, we are in full throat!

IMELDA T. DE JESUS, UAP
Associate Editor for Areas A & B, UAP Post 2014-2015

As of this writing, architects are looking forward to the celebration of the World Architecture Day in just a few days. So, allow me to make this shout out: Happy World Day of Architecture, colleagues!

This year’s theme of “Healthy Cities, Happy Cities” may sound too urban planningish but this will just be another important reminder for all of us. Architects design and create buildings not just for their users but also for the community on which it stands. The architectural product defines the skyline, kisses the hand of heritage and communicates to future generations the prevailing conditions of the present.

As we share to you this maiden issue for UAP Fiscal Year 2014-2015, keep yourselves abreast of the efforts of fellow architects in making that important contribution to urban and community development, learn from their experiences and share what you know or can give for the glory of the profession.

KARL ARIES EMMERSON F. CABILAO, UAP
Associate Editor for Areas C & D, UAP Post 2014-2015

Under Category B, The United Architects of the Philippines was awarded by the Philippine Regulation Commission as the “PRC Most Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization of the Year Award (2014)”. To recall, UAP already received numerous awards of the same title by the PRC particularly in 2002, 2007, 2008, 2011 and this year, the bonafide organization of architects in the country finally made it to the Hall of Fame. Congratulations to all the UAP past National Presidents, to the men and women with concerted efforts who brought this association to greater heights of success… a culture that UAP has to continue.
Months after the annual national elections, I now come before you as your National President. This would not have been made possible if not for the overwhelming support of the majority of our members. It is with a humble heart and utmost gratitude that I take on this responsibility of being your standard bearer. The huge mandate that you have given me and my team, inspired us all the more to be of service to our members. This year's corporate theme, "EMPOWER + EQUIP + ENJOIN" is meant to address the pressing concerns of the profession. This time of globalization and open-door of our borders to our foreign counterparts must be faced head on. The cry for the full implementation of our law which was passed ten years ago must be given due and immediate attention. Our challenges maybe daunting but I daresay, not insurmountable. So let me just give you the summary of the centerpiece of this year's administration, for a stronger profession and a stronger UAP organization.

WORK PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015

EMPOWERING THE PROFESSION:

Work for the issuance of the architectural permit:
Set appointment with Secretary Singson by September 2nd week of 2014
Issue Memorandum to all chapters to prepare their chapter resolutions and submitting this to the Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan requesting for the issuance of a local ordinance for the ancillary permits (Aklan Model) by 2nd week of September 2014
Prepare position paper to the League of Cities and Municipalities endorsing the local executives to require the ancillary permits for building permit application requirements

Prepare position paper to the HLURD through the Secretary General of HUDCC re BP 220 RA 9266 Action Plan:
Prepare the final draft of the proposed amendments and submit to our Consultant by last week of August 2014 and set appointment with our sponsors/possible authors by 1st week of September 2014
Consultation with other stakeholders by 2nd week of September 2014
Final draft for submission to House by 2nd week of October 2014
Continuous follow up and coordination both at the House and Senate on the proposed bill strengthening RA 9266

Mandatory Position of the City/Municipal Architect
Submit the position paper to the House of Reps for the Local Govt Code Amendments pertaining to the mandatory position of the Architect

Issue guidelines and memorandum to all districts and chapters for their own endorsement to the local officials in their areas/cities/municipalities

ASEAN Integration 2015
Conduct of Seminars and Balangkasan for the World Day of Architecture in October 6, 2014
Continuation of the Balangkasan for the NAW Celebration in December 2014

Issue the flyers for the information campaign for the ASEAN Integration by first week of October 2014 after or during the Balangkasan

Discuss with PRC Boa the mechanics of the integration prior to conduct of Balangkasan

EQUIPPING THE ARCHITECT

Specialization:
Issue Memorandum circular on how to apply for specialization
NEVP to finalize the proposed mechanics and the formation of the Specialty Councils by end of October 2014

Scholarship and Training Program:
Issue the mechanics of the scholarship before end of September 2014 in time for October semester
Inventory of present enrollees in universities

Mechanics:
How to apply for it?
Qualifications
Conditions of the Scholarship
How much per student
What should be shouldered by sponsors
MOU and MOA format: who is going to draft it? NEVP/Legal Council/NT JOJO

ENJOINING THE ORGANIZATION/MEMBERS:
Lowering of seminar fees
Lowering of Convention fees
Accounting Software Installation
Updating of the UAP Website
Membership Care Department (new department at UAP HQ)
IAPOA and UAP dues concerns

Condonation of uap dues penalties for those working abroad (mechanics for issuance before end of September 2014)

Ipaon certificates to be issued soon/billing of additional workers at UAP HQ to work on the certificates.

UAP CONCERNS

BAYANIHAN ARKITETURA

"Bayanihan Arkitetura" as the backdrop of the all the Corporate Social Responsibility projects of the United Architects of the Philippines aims to promote the architect as a public servant, through the various plans and programs pertaining to the built environment that will help alleviate the conditions of the poor and the marginalized in society.

This is part and parcel of the UAP as an organization to help create awareness on the importance of the architect in the promotion of public safety and welfare, adopting the principle that every Filipino deserves the best living space and ensuring serving the purpose of the least.

Chapters are encouraged to adopt any of the four sub-projects of the Bayanihan Arkitetura or adopt their own following the above objectives of serving the public in general, more specifically the least in society.

Four sub-projects include the following:

Continuation of the UAP Emergency Architects in the disaster areas

Training and capacity building of professionals and communities in disaster resilience

Planning and design for affected communities particularly on their community facilities' needs (Schools, Clinic, playgrounds, etc.)

Supervision and technology transfer to workers on disaster resilient construction techniques and methodologies

Provision of tools and equipment for the affected families on the initial stages of rehabilitation

2. Architectural Clinic

Conduct of architectural consultations at the barangay level for households needing technical assistance on their planning needs; could be at the household level or at the neighborhood level.

Coordination with barangay officials to determine their needs

Actual conduct of architectural clinic or consultation in the chosen areas

Monitoring of the progress of work of the specific project assisted and counting of actual families that benefitted from the clinic

3. Water and Sanitation

In line with the water and sanitation programs of the United Nations, UAP through its various chapters may collaborate with suppliers and manufacturers in the provision of water and sanitation facilities in areas where they are most needed such as evacuation centers, schools and even tourist spots in remote areas. This will help in the promotion of health practices among community members even as they are in the face of calamities or are in remote areas

4. Accessible Tourism

In cooperation with the Philippine International Network for Accessible Tourism Incorporated (PINATI), the UAP shall undertake an accessibility audit of at least two (2) tourist destinations, in order to ascertain whether they are compliant with the provisions of the Accessibility Law in our country. This shall be undertaken with the agreement of the resort owners of such destinations/facilities. Thereafter, the proposed improvements shall be implemented and to be supervised and monitored by the UAP Chapter as to its compliance to the recommendations. PINATI shall in turn register the compliance of such international organization in order to promote the tourist destination to the differently abled. The project is being undertaken in recognition that universal design must be promoted to ensure the enjoyment of the facilities by the differently abled persons, alongside mainstream society.

Our goals are specific and measurable, hopefully with concrete results. We shall establish our framework within the organization to make sure that our plans and programs will be consistently pursued. I believe that as architects we cannot continue to be unmindful
Good evening to all.

Two years ago, I had the privilege to be elected as the 23rd National President of the UAP and tonight, I hand down the authority and responsibilities of Office to my successor.

As I have the privilege to speak my final message, allow me to impart the wisdom I acquired during the two years of my Presidency with respect to gratitude and hope.

I got into the Presidency to make a difference. I didn’t have an easy start. I made mistakes along the way but I never stopped. With determination and support of all who responded with passion of service and love for UAP, we were able to remain focused and become stronger as an Organization.

To PRBOA Chairman Rolando Cordero and Members Yolanda Reyes and Fidel Sapiño, my sincere appreciation to you. Your guidance and support served as my pillar in leading our beloved Organization.

Special mention to PPFA President Edita Florentino and Past President Jaime Marquez, I am grateful to your congratulatory and heartwarming messages which sufficed as a breath of fresh air of encouragement and motivation.

To all the Past Presidents of UAP who served as my inspiration, Thank you very much.

To NEVP Lora Rivera, my appreciation for all your help and assistance.

To all National Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons, Chapter Officers and Secretariat who served with me in the past two years, my heartfelt gratitude to all of you.

For those who supported and stood by me, I will never have enough expression of thanks to repay you.

For those who have sacrificed so much for their commitment to UAP, there will never be enough recognition to equal what you have done.

For all those who have fought the battle with me, I will never have enough words of gratitude for you.

And to all those who made my service less easy and more challenging, criticized and doubted me, I have to thank you as well.

My friends, my hope for all of us is that we continue to become

by a product of dedicated service. It is the positive reflection of our innate character willing to sacrifice for the common good of our Organization.

What we do in UAP and for UAP entails more than service, it requires SACRIFICE.

In my second inaugural speech, those who responded to the call of service, I referred to them as WARRIORS.

But with dedication, ability and motivation, selfless service, love of Organization and sacrifice, TURN WARRIORS INTO HEROES. And I must say, we have a lot of heroes in UAP!

Recognizing the HERO within us takes a right attitude and realizing that we have it in us.

I was a cup half-full when I started my Presidency. But now, after overcoming the challenges in my personal and professional life, I can honestly say that in my heart, there is no room for hatred, resentment or frustration because today, my cup overflows with happiness, satisfaction and gratitude.

Striving through the ordeal and adversity of life leaves me with nothing but SELF REALIZATION. My experience made me recognize the values instilled by my parents and unleash the full potentials innate in me, therefore making me a BETTER PERSON- SECURED AND COMPLETE!

As for our achievements for the past two years (showing APO trophy with pride):

"THIS SAYS IT ALL!"

During my PRC defense deliberation, I proudly said:

"UAP HAD BEEN CONSISTENT. WE WILL CONTINUE. WE WILL NEVER REST.

IN A NUTSHELL, WE DESERVE IT!"

A day after being awarded as PRC’S MOST OUTSTANDING A C C R E D I T E D P R A C T I C E F E S S I O N A L ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR for the 5th time, making UAP officially the 1st APO in the Hall of Fame feels truly awesome to conclude my term and paved the way to a grand exit.

I share this to all the HEROES OF UAP.

To the Incoming Officers, I also share this with you. May this recent award continue to inspire us not to rest on our laurels but persevere to achieve greater heights for UAP.

And now, the last the question remains:

How do you really say goodbye to the one you love?

Honestly, I do not know!

For my LOVE for UAP AND ALL THE MEMBERS WILL NEVER HAVE AN ENDING. UAP DESERVES IT.

THE MEMBERS ARE WORTHY OF IT.

It has been an enormous honor to lead this Organization. Thank you for your opportunity. Good night, and Good luck.

Mabuhay ang UAP!

Mabuhay ang Arkitektong Pilipino!

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of the current happenings in the design and construction industry. We have to be at the forefront of both national and local developments and work with government to establish our significance to the community, particularly now with the ongoing rehabilitation and rebuilding program for disaster-stricken areas. We will ascertain that the architectural profession is vital and crucial and must be protected and promoted and prove that architects are truly the prime professionals.

May I therefore enjoil our members to become the change agents in your own realm and spheres of influence so that we may become the change that we want to see and thereby contribute to public welfare and the common good. After all, our existence as professionals is hinged on whether or not we have indeed contributed to society for the good of our people.

Finally, let us commit to God all our plans and programs for it is said that many are in a man’s heart but only God’s purpose shall prevail.

Maraming salamat sa iyong laban at Mabuhay!
UAP’S STRATEGIES: SUPPORTED BY EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE

Ar. Alfred Geoffrey C. Carumang, UAP

The three strategic pillars for success of UAP are coined as “The Power of 3 ES” namely, Empower the Profession, Equip the Architects, and Enjoin the Organization.

Each pillar has its own unique direction and principle, along with specific strategic goals to ensure that UAP’s picture of success is achieved. Our Strategic Plan will provide a sound framework for action and vision to move our organization forward for the years to come.

As the administrative officer of the organization, the secretariat serves as the main proponent of the third pillar --- “Enjoin the Organization”.

To enjoin means encouraging the members to actively participate in UAP through their respective chapters and districts as well as to the national activities and programs. This can be achieved by ensuring that the members are given venues for two-way consultation.

In full support of the objectives, the secretariat is restructured to be member-centric. Thus, the creation of three departments: Administration Department, Membership Care Department and Finance Department. Their roles are as follows.

The Administrative Department is responsible for overseeing the supervision and scheduling of work completed in the UAP National headquarters with regard to the day to day operation of the organization and ensuring compliance with applicable legal codes (e.g. city ordinances, labor code, building code, health and safety etc). They are also responsible for managing the organization and preservation of UAP’s archival architectural materials as well as the organization’s historical materials for collection.

The Membership Care Department will ensure application of critical analysis and exceptional communication in following of the day to day activities of the UAP operations on Membership growth targets. This department will research and apply processes that will assist members in their practice of architecture.

The Finance Department manages the financial resources within UAP’s purview effectively and efficiently and to promote prudent financial practices in the organization.

This reorganization is the first step to address the need for improved organizational and financial transparency. The cohesive structure promotes operational efficiency and effectiveness. We are likened to well-oiled machines, focusing time and energy on productive tasks.

UAP’s overall organizational design is definitely aligned with the strategy --- sustainable success is ensured.

THE UAP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE & NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) has accumulated audited cash advances in the amount of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINE PESOS (P 2,508,509.00) as of July 31, 2014. The breakdown is as follows, for FY 2012-2013 in the amount of P153,000.00, FY 2013-2014 in the amount of P 1,951,040.00 and 2014-2015 in the amount of P 404,469.00. (copy hereto attached).

A report was made during 2nd National Board Meeting last August 23, 2014 that there were cash advances submitted to the Office of the National Treasurer particularly in the Finance Unit. As per audit rules, that is; all liquidations should be recorded through the Journal Voucher System to facilitate an efficient monitoring and tracking of Outstanding Cash Advances.

We wrote a brief memorandum to the Office of the National President and copy furnished the Office of the Secretary General dated July 7, 2014 regarding the Outstanding Cash Advances and to that effect issued MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.8, S.2014 dated July 24, 2014, To: All Concerned Officers, Heads of Various Committees and Special Committees. Other brief memos to the Office of the National President are Pre-Audit and Signing of Disbursement Vouchers, Submission of Terminal & Financial Liquidation Reports and related UAP Activities- FY 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 including Submission of Terminal & Financial Report on Income Generating Projects.

The office of the National Auditor, in cooperation with our Internal Auditor reports the submission of the Five (5) year Financial Audited Reports (FY 2008-2009, FY 2009-2010, FY 2010-2011, FY 2011-2012, FY 2012-2013) to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) last August 20, 2014 and to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) last August 28, 2014. This brings back the UAP in good standing with the Government agencies concerned. The external audit was done by Layson, Padilla & CO.

We are currently preparing the Audited Financial Report for the FY 2013-2014 and be able to submit by second week of October in time for the BIR deadline. Other Terminal, Financial and Liquidation Reports overdue for submission for audit are: NAW 2013, 39th National Convention, ASSET 2013 (Architects Summit) and NATCON 40. Bank records are still active even as signatories are no longer Officers of the UAP.
UAP AREA-A REPORT 1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Arch. Corazon Fabia-Tandoc, FAIA, ASEAN Architect

The title song of the Broadway musical, Rent, asks the question:

How do you measure a quarter?

In daylight, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee. In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife.

With the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, we share some insights about how we measure a quarter at UAP Area A community. Clearly, quarters are shaped by the several activities and significant undertakings we have made so far.

UAP Area A Quarters are also measured by events: the Chapter Inductions, District Inductions, chapter meetings, district council meetings, celebrations of anniversaries, socio-civic activities, CPE seminars, LGU coordination and other related activities.

Each quarter depends on a strong foundation – the present quarter depends upon all the prior years throughout UAP Area A history – and the countless officers and members who poured their lives and contributions into this great UAP Area Community.

And, for a member of UAP Area A, the first quarter can sometimes make “all the difference.” Our conversations, interaction, and several socio-civic activities all work together to provide experiences of transformation and growth.

A year at UAP Area A provides a learning experience that embraces the character of being an architect.

Hence, I am pleased to offer this reflection on the occasion of our first quarter and it’s especially meaningful to offer these thoughts on this report.

- Upon assumption to office as Area A Vice President, I set out a series of targets that were central to my vision for UAP Area A: Onwards to Global Practice; Specialization, Standardization, Skills Formation. Those targets were deliberately ambitious. I knew that they would take exceptional levels of energy and commitment from everyone across the Area A if they were to be met. I am happy to report that our colleagues in Area A, are working together superbly to take us closer to our goals.

- As your Area A Vice President, I attended and graced a total of 18 Chapter inductions and 6 District inductions from Northern Luzon up to Metro Manila, including the induction of UAP KSA Western Region Chapter using Skype technology. Physically, it gives me heaviness and quite burden, but as long as I can see all the way through the eyes and heart of every member the enthusiasm and passion to serve the organization, with all my heart, I am fervent to serve this beloved UAP without regrets and compunction, especially with our chapters around.

- I represented the National President and delivered her message at the annual BCI Asia Awards ceremony held on June 24, 2014 at the Fairmont Hotel Makati. The BCI Asia named Philippines’ 10 most-creative architecture firms and property developers - the portfolios of these elite architecture firms contain 5.129 billion worth of properties scheduled to start construction in Philippines this year while the portfolios of these top developers contain 2.956 billion.

- I attended two National Board of Directors’ Meeting, last June 21, 2014 and August 23, 2014, both held at UAP National Headquarters Building.

- Last July 4, 2014, the ASEAN Monitoring Committee on Architectural Services of the Philippines conferred on me the title “ASEAN Architect” during the Ceremony held at Luxent Hotel. It is worth mentioning that I belong to the first forty Filipino Architect to be conferred ASEAN Architect, and at the same time an obligation as ASEAN architects will play a vital frontline role in moulding a nation’s landscape and contribute in shaping a nation’s psyche next year. An ASEAN Architect who wishes to provide professional Architectural Services in another participating ASEAN Member State shall be eligible to apply to the Professional Regulatory Authority of a host participating ASEAN Member State to be registered as a Registered Foreign Architect, and will be permitted to work in collaboration with designated Architects in the said host country, but subject to domestic laws and regulations.

- Organized the working committee for the forthcoming Area A Assembly which will be held on February 27 to March 1, 2015 at Las Casas Filipinas De Acuzar, Bagac, Bataan. We appointed Past District Director for A4, Arch. Donato B. Magcaje to head the 2015 Area Assembly.

- In line with the Area A Assembly, we launched the LIGHTHOUSE: A PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST, a photo competition which aims to showcase the unique architectural character, aesthetic, and function of a single structure seen and located in different harbors giving light to sea travellers during the past and at present time that they are nearing land and at times a picturesque town or city. It also aim to document the existing lighthouses in the Philippines with photography and, at the same time, developing the photographic skills of the Architects as a medium of architectural expression.(Please refer to the Photo Poster within the UAP Post)

In terms of membership, I am happy to report that we have a good number of members in good standing from Area A of which chapters paid their Chapter Assessment Fee for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

- Last August 24, 2014, I represented the UAP National President to officially charter the new chapter – UAP Brunei Chapter and induct the Charter Officers and Members at the Presidential Hall of Rizqun International Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei.

- On our social responsibility, we’re even making our jumps with new style. Allow me to recognize the contributions of the following Chapters: UAP Marvalle Chapter turned over 30 bags of cement in support to Marilina Vicemayor Jose Fabian Cadiz’s project of installing braille tiling on sidewalks for PWD and visually impaired citizens; the UAP Rizal Taytay Chapter’s Feeding Program held at Taytay Elementary School, among others.

In closing, we often compare our lives in UAP, to a journey. In serving the organization, we are on journeys nonetheless — even as we remain in one place. Sometimes these journeys have finite endings and at other times, the journeys are continuous with a series of targeted high points at different intervals, bound together by a unified and often higher purpose.

It is this first quarter journey I will be thankful today — one of ongoing striving and growth, with the redefining of actions as times and circumstances shift. A journey which we are privileged to join for a period of time, but which in fact never truly ends. Such is our journey here as together we set our standards — all within the context of the four pillars of the current administration. We have been on this journey since July 1, and through the will and wisdom of my predecessors, we have reached many important milestones in the last three months. And so it is with humble thanks and gratitude to all who have preceded us and to all of you whose tireless work has helped us reach our latest peak.
P r o f e s s i o n a l
Development Commission
(PDC) Executive Director
Arch’l. Leah P. Dela Rosa, UAP
together with Arch’t. Rey
S. Gabitan, UAP, National
Executive Vice-President
and District Director Arch’t.
Roger Diaz conducted a
two-day seminar at the La
Consolacion College. Arch’t.
Diaz was a former Dean of
the College. Participants were
5th-year students and faculty
members as well as alumni of
the institution who are about
to take the Licensure Exam
for Architects. The seminar-
workshop topic was about The
National Building Code of
the Philippines particularly on
Rule 7 & 8 and “Mentoring
for Architectural Thesis”.

The said affair was held
last September 11-12, 2014 at
the College of Architecture,
La Consolacion College,
Bacolod City. The seminar
was inclusive of morning
and afternoon snacks and
handouts of the topics
discussed.

After the two-day affair,
the PDC Group was thankful
to the host DD Arch’t. Roger
Diaz who was very hospitable.
Together with his Architect
son, Mark, both of them took
the PDC Group to The Ruins,
a heritage landmark in Bacolod
City.
The National Committee on Architecture & Allied Arts (NCAA) of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) held its 2nd meeting on July 8 - 11, 2014 at the Pryce Hotel and Forest Park in Cagayan de Oro City. The agenda focuses on their major projects among which are the Laman + Loob Cagayan de Oro project launched at the Mindanao University of Science & Technology (MUST) and at the Xavier Ecolivile, the project site itself. The project initiated by Council of Interior Design Educators (CIIDE) adopts a community where they are encouraged to use recyclable materials within their areas to improve and enhance their individual dwellings. Another notable project is the Laniyang Barangay spearheaded by Professional Association of Landscape Architects (PALA). This entails the beautification of open spaces and its surroundings to enhance the aesthetic aspect of their community. Agenda of the discussion includes the 2015 Competitive projects, the Academic Summit and the preparation for the 2016 Biennale of Architecture in Italy. The NCAA assisted the NCCAs request for the list of 10 must-know items and International Events for the Architecture. A courtesy call at the Office of the CDO City Mayor Oscar Moreno capped the 4-day official business meeting of NCAA at Cagayan de Oro City.
NBD Oath-taking at Supreme Court with
Chief Justice Maria Lourdes P.A. Nazareno
Newly-elected UIA Vice President for Region IV, Arch. Yolanda David-Reyes, fpd administered the oaths of office of the Officers and Members of Regional District A5 Council in ceremonies held at Bulwagan Mayor, UAP National Headquarters, Quezon City last August 22, 2014. Inducted officers were: Architects Peregrino R. Baclit, Jr. (District Director), Froilan Troy P. Tecson (Deputy District Director), Maria Ruth M. Deloritos (District Secretary), Clarisse Marilyn M. Kabigtin (Deputy Secretary), Ireneo P. Jasareno, FUAP (District Treasurer), Rex S. Chua Tak (District Auditor), Roger M. Victorino (Member), Jessie F. Balol (Member), Noel C. Salac (Member), Tommy G. Muli (Member), Daniel D. Logero (Member). Two foreign members, Melissa Louise L. Sobrepina and Milton S. Ogdoc did not attend the induction due to geographical distance.

Architect Reyes who is also the incumbent Member of the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture wished the new officers good luck on their endeavors as she informed them the importance of serving the organization and protecting the architecture profession.

Architect Reyes will undertake the vice presidency of the International Union of Architects for Region IV for the triennial period 2014-2017. She succeeds Malaysian architect and now UIA President, Esa Mohamed.

The induction was attended by several members of the Execom headed by UAP National

President, Arch. Ma. Benita O. Regala, fpd, UAP Area A Vice President, Arch. Corazon F. Tandoc, fpd and several key personalities in the profession namely, PRBoA Member, Arch. Fidel Jose R. Siapno, fpd, Former PRBoA Member,

Arch. Eugene G. Gan, fpd, Past Area A Vice President, Arch. Allan V. Garcia, fpd, Past Chancellor, Arch. Ma. Elena C. Cayanan, fpd and other past district directors and members of the College of Fellows.

Prior to the annual induction, the District launched its official website, uapdistricta5.co.nr, following months of concerted effort and documentation. This is the first time that a regional district organization of UAP has used the website platform to reach its constituents.

According to RD-A5 District Director, Arch. Peregrino R. Baclit, Jr., the district website aims to provide the most accurate and up-to-date source of information and news about the activities and operations of all Chapters under Regional District A5. The website will also serve as keeper of vital documents, reports, photos and other materials of the district. As of August 31, 2014, there were 2,500 unique visits to the website.
UAP Area B District Inductions

DISTRICT B2 CHAPTERS’ JOINT INDUCTION
JULY 25, 2014 – BAYLEAF HOTEL, INTRAMUROS MANILA

UAP MAGS CHAPTER
JULY 25, 2014 – BAYLEAF HOTEL, INTRAMUROS MANILA

MANILA MAHARLIKA CHAPTER

MANILA MAYNILAD CHAPTER

MANILA CORINTHIAN CHAPTER

MANILA INTRAMUROS CHAPTER

MANILA ALCALDIA CHAPTER

MANILA LA SOLIDARIDAD CHAPTER
Uap District B2 Activity

The UAPSA Confab 5.0 Quadripartite
August 8-10, 2014 UAP Headquarters

District B3 Chapter Inductions

Paranaque Palanyag Chapter
July 6, 2014 Crimson Hotel
Alabang, Muntinlupa City

Makati CBD Chapter
July 17, 2014 Events Hall, Century Mall
Makati City

Alabang Chapter
July 30, 2014 Fully Booked High Street
Bonifacio Global City

Makati Chapter
July 31, 2014 Makati Shangrila Hotel
Makati City

Fort Bonifacio Chapter
August 14, 2014 Holiday Inn Suites
Palm Drive, Makati City

Architect-Mentors & Student Participants

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UAP DISTRICT C-4 HOLDS INDUCTION & TURN OVER CEREMONIES

The National Committee on Architecture & Allied Arts (NCAA) of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) held its 2nd meeting on July 8 - 11, 2014 at the Pryce Hotel and Forest Park in Cagayan de Oro City. The agenda focuses on their major projects among which are the Laman + Loob Cagayan de Oro project launched at the Mindanao University of Science & Technology (MUST) and at the Xavier Ecolin, the project site itself. The project initiated by Council of Interior Design Educators (CIDE) adopts a community where they are encouraged to use recyclable materials within their areas to improve and enhance their individual dwellings. Another notable project is the Luntiang Barangay spearheaded by Professional Association of Landscape Architects (PALA). This entails the beautification of open spaces and its surroundings to enhance the aesthetic aspect of their community. Agenda of the discussion includes the 2015 Competitive projects, the Academic Summit and the preparation for the 2016 Biennale of Architecture in Italy.

Project Cocoon: A Temporary Shelter
By Archt. Richard M. Abella, UAP

With the news about the super typhoon Yolanda and the people suffering from losing their loved ones and homes, the national government was doing their share in responding to their needs. Affected or unaffected people around the Visayas Region responded by bringing in foods, clothes and building materials to the victims of Yolanda. Even I myself couldn't find instant noodles in SM City Cebu, so I decided to buy Spam and Maling. Volunteers were everywhere to do their part in helping their fellow Filipinos.

Archt. Nelson Abriago, a UAP Datu Lapu-Lapu Chapter member decided to design a temporary shelter named “Cocoon” which is a parabolic-egg shell configuration made of bamboo. With 8 feet by 8 feet dimension of the floor, it can accommodate 5-6 members. The temporary shelter is elevated 18 inches from the ground. These temporary shelters can be used for 6 months to 1 year while the victims fix or rebuild their homes.

Last December, UAP Datu Lapu-Lapu Chapter led by its president Archt. Jensen Racho together with the Rotary Club of Cebu joined together to bring these Cocoon to the victims in the Northern part of Cebu. The team travelled 3 hours to reach their destination and were able to assemble 4 Cocoon’s together with the typhoon victims in San Remigio. The rest was assembled by the beneficiaries.

In February, UAP Datu Lapu-Lapu Chapter members went back to San Remigio to bring gifts and check the Cocoon and the beneficiaries. The cocoon are still being used by the beneficiaries, while their homes are being built by international benefactors. As we checked the temporary shelters and the beneficiaries, they were very happy to see the architects. Some or most of them were not around when the group assembled the cocoon last December. The beneficiaries were very grateful to us. In fact one of the beneficiaries, the driver named Terecio Yuoc, who helped brought the cocoon materials to San Remigio, never thought that he would also be a beneficiary.

UAP Datu Lapu-Lapu Chapter members went to another place in Cebu, to Daan Bantayan to distribute another set of cocoon in the month of May. With the initiative of our Chapter President, Archt. Jensen Racho and with the cooperation of the officers everything went on smoothly.
UAP HAMILI CHAPTER CELEBRATES 10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

A decade of accomplishments marks another milestone for the history of UAP Hamili Chapter this 2014.

Celebrating its 10th year anniversary last July 25, 2014, the event started off with a Holy Mass at San Jose Parish Church followed by a pictorial of members and officers at Plaza Libertad. A fellowship breakfast followed at Green Mango Restaurant after which a Courtesy Call to the City Mayor by the Members followed.

The Luncheon Program at Iloilo Midtown Hotel was highlighted by the words of wisdom from the Guest Speaker, the Honorable Leo Tito L. Ausan, Jr., the Consulate General at Jeddah, K.S.A. Inspirational message of Ar. Ramon L. Teruel, the Founder of the Chapter, gave meaning to set an example as a leader to everyone. Ar. Oscar Te, (past Dist. Director) sent a spirit of love to the members to continue what they have shared to the Chapter since it began.

A deeper significance of the program was introduced by the giving of tokens to the Founding members in recognition of their exemplary efforts the chapter was founded and now in existence for ten years and going. Past Chapter Presidents were also recognized by awarding the Certificates in recognition to their outstanding services.


In due recognition to the whole day activity, Sponsors were also acknowledged to include Davies Paints Phl’s, Inc. – as major sponsor, the Colorsteel, Sky Convergence, Jaruda Steel Industries, MJ StoneWorld, BostikPhils, and Spanform Systems, Inc. The full support of UAPSA WVCST, and UAPSA USA group led by Nino Eta, Karen Bermúdez and Sharmane Barreto facilitated the pacing of the entire activity.

After the program, a friendship game “Bowling Tournament” was played at St. Elizabeth Bowling Alley, Iloilo City. Six (6) Teams were organized to include the UAP Hamili, Davies Paints, Colorsteel, UAP Affiliates, UAPSA WVCST, and UAPSA USA. The game was well participated and each team did their best to the fullest. UAP Hamili Team composed of Ar. Jose Hortilla Jr., Ar. Doriza Rivera, Ar. Jose Rex De los Reyes, Ar. John Rey Salavante, and Ar. Aldren Malabog bagged the Champion trophy.

Everybody enjoyed the whole day activity with great appreciation to the organization and hoped to continue next year with larger participants and more meaningful accomplishments.
UAP DISTRICT D-2 INDUCTION

By Ar. Faith Inciong-Hernandez, Member, UAP Zamboanga Chapter

The United Architects of the Philippines District D-2 (led by Incoming District Director Ar. Crizaldo M. Hernandez), together with the UAP Zamboanga Chapter (headed by Incoming Chapter President Ar. Datu Saracen R. Jaafar), and UAP Zamboanga Chavacano Chapter (headed by Incoming Chapter President Ar. Rodel L. Falcasantos), held its 6th Joint UAP D-2 Induction and Turn-over Ceremonies last July 22, 2014 at the Garden Deck of the Garden Orchid Hotel in Zamboanga City with the theme “Architects Beyond its Field of Expertise”.

Guest Speaker was the City Mayor, Hon. Maria Isabelle Climaco-Salazar, who was represented by Hon. Vincent Paul A. Elago, Sangguniang Panlungsod Councilor.

There was a smooth transition and turn-over rites from Outgoing D-2 DD Ar. Shiralee R. Pajarito to Incoming D-2 DD Ar. Crizaldo M. Hernandez, Outgoing Zamboanga Chapter President Ar. Crizaldo M. Hernandez to Incoming President Ar. Datu Saracen R. Jaafar; and Outgoing Zamboanga-Chavacano President Ar. Catalyn S. Rodriguez to Incoming President Ar. Rodel L. Falcasantos. A total of 19 new Chapter members also had their Oath-taking that night.

The special guest for the occasion was none other than the UAP National President, Ar. Ma. Benita Ochoa-Regala, who explained her administration’s programs and theme: Empowered, Equipped, and Enjoined. Also present during the occasion were National Executive Vice President Ar. Rey S. Gabinan, National Vice President for Area D Ar. Noel DS. Querijero, Secretary General Ar. Geoffrey C. Carandang, and National Treasurer Ar. Mohammadkarfraz A. Uttoh.

That morning, the National President together with the aforementioned National Officers, D-2 District Director and Zamboanga Chapter President signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Education in Zamboanga City for the extension/renovation of their building in the City. This was indeed a very fruitful and momentous day for the Architects in Zamboanga.
The College of Fellows (COF) General Membership Meeting (GMM) usually discusses matters and issues relating to the general welfare of the members and projects and activities that are also beneficial to them. The Officers and Jury of Fellows for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 had prepared year-round programs/activities that are oriented to culture and “health and wellness”. These activities are now an integral to the monthly GMM, and the traditional “breakfast” meeting is now extended with a “con gusto” brunch being served instead. Antioxidant talks and followed by antioxidant scanning and corresponding scores were done to members during the 1st GMM held last July 6, 2014. Zumba dance exercises were held for the 2nd and 3rd GMM last August 2, 2014 and September 6, 2014. For the rest of the term the following health and wellness activities are aligned for the year: bone density scanning, health forum on stress and anger management, Alzheimer disease, and heart illnesses.

Another program to look forward to is the recognition of members who are seventy-five years old or more for a lifetime achievement award to be given during the World Day Architecture in the program entitled “Balikatan” (October 6, 2014-4th GMM). A visit to heritage churches in Pampanga and attendance to the Giant Lantern Festival in San Fernando will be the COF activity in December 2014 (6th GMM).

For additional information, the COF Directory 2014 is now available at the Secretariat Office and was the project of COF Officers, FY 2013-2014 (Past-Chancellor Ana M. Ling, FUAP). The Achievers Book chaired now by Ar. Nina B. Arce, FUAP is finished now awaiting for publication.

The COF Officers and the Jury of Fellows for FY 2014-2015: Ramon S. Mendoza, FUAP as the
UAP Architects Attend AIA Convention in Chicago

By: Felicissimo Tejico, Jr., UAP

Immediate Past UAP National President Sonny Rosal, UAP, led a contingent of UAP members to attend the National Convention of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in Chicago, Illinois on June 26-28, 2014. The group, who are new members of AIA-Washington chapter, included brothers Raymond and Rene Richie Corcuera (Cavite); Carolyn Laurena and Richard Sison (Alabang); and Felicissimo Tejico, Jr. (Rizal-Kalayaan 100).

Similar to the UAP National Convention, the three-day event was packed with seminars, product exhibits, and fellowship dinners. Seminar topics, which ran every hour in McCormick Place, include design trends, professional practice, and mentoring. The AIA Convention was attended by more than 28,000 delegates who included architects and architecture students, industry partners, and non-architects.

Aside from the lectures, the UAP delegation joined architectural tours which included visit to the works and the home studio of American architect Frank Lloyd Wright; known heritage and high-rise structures of Chicago; and public spaces like the Millennium Park.

UAP Mt. Kanla-on Launches Corporate Social Responsibility

By: Jorge M. Mission Ph.D. UAP

The United Architects of the Philippines –Mt Kanla-on (UAP-MK) chapter launched its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) last July 26, 2014, as part of the Turn – Over Ceremony for the outgoing officers to the incoming ones of the chapter. The activity was held at Business Inn Hotel at 7:00 o’clock PM as Arch. Felipe Jocson, Immediate Past President handed over the Documents and Records of the organization to incoming President Arch Jico C. Monte with other officers – VP – Operations – Hugo Flores III, VP – Programs – Nil de Oca, Secretary – Andrew Peñalosa, Treasurer – Conie Lesar Ybut, Auditor – Matel Alonsab, and Directors Rolando Romante, Gin Alfonocia Cabañug, Marv Rally Abunda, Rommel Laporno, Vincent Alovera Ph D, and Argie Gapulman.

The UAP-MK CSR covers three areas of responsibilities with first, PEOPLE- to include colleagues, clients, suppliers, contractors, students, and the community; second, ENVIRONMENT which include materials, compostable waste, ecology, water air, hygiene and sanitation; and third, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. Design will involve conformity, culture and heritage, and total quality. Construction will take total quality management, human resource and labor relations, legal observance, technology and innovation, and safety, health and wellness.

A Declaration of Commitment was pledged by the chapter members to affirm their pursuit according the intent of organization’s Corporate Social Responsibility. New incoming members were introduced during the said event.

The guest speaker was Rogelio M. Diaz Ph.D. UAP, incoming District C-2 Director who gave the inspirational message. Invited guests were Architects Alfonso Gamboa UAP, Immediate Past Vice-President for Area C, Ariel Tatoy UAP, Immediate Past District C-2 Director, and former District Directors Arch Generoso Mascacio and Arch Gil Jueza Jr.